

Neville Alexander

Profession: Educationalist: Lecturer at various institutes and universities

Present position: Director: Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA) at the University of Cape Town.

Qualifications

- 1955 Bachelor of Arts (Majors in German and History)
- 1956 B.A. Honours (German)
- 1957 Master of Arts (German: Thesis on the Silesia Baroque drama of Andreas Gryphius and Daniel Caspar von Lohenstein)
- 1958 Bachelor of Education 1

Professional

1958 - 1961: Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany)

1961 - 1963: Tutor in German language and literature at the **University of Cape Town** and teacher in German and History at **Livingstone High School** in Claremont, Cape Town

1963 - 1974: Political prisoner on **Robben Island**; teacher and lecturer to fellow prisoners

1974 - 1979: House arrest in **Lotus River**, Cape Town. Research in the field of political sociology eventuates in the publication of **One Azania, One Nation. The National Question in South Africa** (under pseudonym "No Sizwe")

1978 - 1979: Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the Military Archives in **Freiburg im Breisgau**, the Federal Archives at **Koblenz** and at various depositories in **Frankfurt am Main** and **Hamburg**. Subject of research: "primary resistance" against German colonial conquest and rule in Namibia. Partial publication of findings in **Three Essays on Namibian History** (1984)

1979 - 1986: Lecturer and Project Co-ordinator at the **South African Committee on Higher Education** (SACHED), from 1980 onwards as Director of the Cape Town Centre of SACHED

Part-time lecturer in Sociology and Educational Method (History) at the **University of Cape Town**

1987 - 1990: Executive Secretary of the **Health, Education and Welfare Society of South Africa** (HEWSSA Trust) in Cape Town

Co-ordinator of National Language Project, Cape Town

Part-time Lecturer in Educational Method, Adult Education at the **University of Cape Town**, Sociology at **Khanya College** (a project of the SACHED Trust) and in Political Studies at the **Peninsula Technikon**

February - June 1988 :Exploratory research on language question as a post-doctoral fellow in the School of Education of the **University of Cape Town**. Findings

published in part in **Language Policy and National Unity in South Africa/Azania** (1989)

March - June 1990: Visiting Professor at the **Institute for Pedagogy in the Third World** of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe- Universität, Frankfurt am Main

Sept. 1990 - June 1991 :Visiting Fellow in the **Southern African Research Program** at Yale University in New Haven, U.S.A.

1992 - Director, **Project for the Study of Alternative Education**, University of Cape Town

1995 - 1996: Chairperson - LANGTAG (Language Plan Task Group appointed by Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology)

May 1996 - March 1998 :Vice-Chairperson: **Pan South African Language Board**

March 1998 - Member of the Editorial Board of **Social Dynamics (UCT)**

January 1998 - Member of the Beirat of **Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft**

March 1999 - Member of the Western Cape Province Language Committee

Professional experience and areas of specialisation

- Political sociology of education, education policy and alternative educational conceptions in the context of modern movements for social transformation
- African history, politics and social science
- Comparative education
- Language planning and language policy
- Social structure, racial discrimination, ethnic studies and national identity

Publications

Monographs and essays in English, German and Afrikaans