

“Education... is about attending to things, rather than acquiring the knowledge that absolves us of the need to do so; about exposure rather than immunisation. The task of the educator, then, is not to explicate knowledge for the benefit for those who are assumed, by default, to be ignorant, but to provide inspiration, guidance and criticism in the exemplary pursuit of truth” (Ingold, 2017:2).

Welcome to the Philosophy and Education Policy Studies discipline. This discipline is currently the academic home of three academic fields, namely Philosophy of Education, Policy Studies in Education, and Social Justice Education.

At undergraduate level, we are responsible for modules in the BEd programme that addresses issues of democracy, transformation, diversity and social justice in education. We aim to promote authentic learning, critical thinking and self-reflection in prospective educators.

At postgraduate level, we offer modules in the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and BEd (Honours) programmes. In these modules we aim to capacitate students with deep knowledge, critical thinking skills and focused research proficiencies.

We provide supervision for MEd and PhD candidates within the general fields of Philosophy of Education, Policy Studies in Education and Social Justice Education.

In our discipline, we strive towards innovative and fresh research. Specific areas of research interest include:

- Environmental humanities, postqualitative inquiry, posthumanist pedagogies, African philosophy of education and critical peace education (Frans Kruger)
- Whiteness studies, posthumanist pedagogies and ecojustice education (Adré le Roux)
- Community engagement, sustainable rural learning ecologies, urban-rural linkages (Cias Tsotetsi)

A list of [recent publications by members in our discipline](#), [conference papers delivered](#) as well as the [titles of recent PhD and MEd graduates](#) are available here.

The information above is limited. Please feel free to contact us via email or telephonically if you require any more information.

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