

## Decolonizing the mind – Book Launch

The Centre for Gender and Africa Studies (CGAS), the Office for International Affairs, and the University of the Free State Library Services hosted a book launch on 22 May 2023 by Sandew Hira, titled *Decolonizing The Mind: A Guide to Theory and Practice*. Sandew Hira, pen name Dew Baboeram, is an independent scholar, activist, and decolonial thinker. Hira studied economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam in Holland. He is Secretary of the Decolonial International Network Foundation (DIN) and Director of the International Institute for Scientific Research (IISR) in The Hague. He has written 25 books on different topics related to history and race relations. The book attempts to offer a comprehensive, coherent, and integral theoretical framework that draws on different contributions in the resurgent and insurgent decolonial movement. Hira used the book launch to make a clarion call for a new world civilisation anchored in decolonisation of the mind. “If you practise knowledge without practical value, then it is of no use,” Hira said. The Director of the Office for International Affairs, Dr Cornelius Hagenmeier; the Deputy Director of LIS, Mr Larshan Naicker; the Dean of the Humanities, Prof Mogomme Masoga; the Global Director of DIN, Prof Mushonga; and the author of *Decolonizing the mind*, Prof Sandew Hira, were among those present.