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Deputy Vice-Chancellors of Research & Innovation
Humanities & Social Sciences Deans
Public Universities in South Africa

Dear Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Deans,

RE: INVITATION TO REGIONAL EVENTS TO PROMOTE DIGITAL/COMPUTATIONAL RESEARCH IN HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND RELATED DISCIPLINES IN SOUTH AFRICA

We are excited to announce DH-IGNITE, a regional event to bring together humanities, social sciences and computational stakeholders, including students, researchers, lecturers, libraries, related service departments, and management. DH-IGNITE will be hosted in six regionally accessible locations between August 2022 - May 2023.

The event will introduce concepts related to digital humanities and computational social sciences, showcase opportunities and resources and provide opportunities for participants to connect. Participants can exhibit their work through interactive poster sessions and lightning talks. We invite universities to showcase how they support their faculties in adopting digital and computational methodologies and interdisciplinary approaches in HSS. DH-IGNITE will run as a hybrid event to allow participants to join in person or virtually. Lead collaborators will be encouraged to host one or more workshops directly before or after DH-IGNITE to bring more learning and networking opportunities to their institutions.

DH-IGNITE DATES

- Region 1: KwaZulu Natal - 29 & 30 August 2022 (MUT, DUT, UNIZULU, UKZN)
- Region 2: Northern region - 31 October & 1 November 2022 (UL, UNIVEN, UMP)
- Region 3: Gauteng - 21 & 22 November 2022 (UP, UNISA, TUT, VUT, SMU, WITS, UJ)
- Region 4: Western Cape - 20 & 21 Feb 2023 (UWC, UCT, SU, CPUT)
- Region 5: Eastern Cape - 17 & 18 April 2023 (WSU, RU, NMU, UFH)
- Region 6: North-western region - 29 & 30 May 2023 (UFS, CUT, NWU, SPU)

DH-IGNITE is organised by [SADiLaR](#), a national research infrastructure (RI) established by the Department of Science and Innovation as part of its South African Research Infrastructure Roadmap programme (SARIR). In 2020, SADiLaR launched [ESCALATOR](#) to help researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) enhance their digital and computational skills. DH-IGNITE will form part of the ESCALATOR programme.

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