

7th African Research Scholar Academy Presenter Session Plan Form

Thank you for contributing to the Academy! Please complete the form below to help us ensure a dynamic, engaging, and well-structured learning experience for participants.

1. Presenter Name(s):

Prof. Amasa Ndofirepi

2. Session Title:

Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Postgraduate Research

3. Date and Time of Session:

27 July 2026. 09:30 - 11:00

4. Content Overview

4.1. Learning Objectives (3 bullet points)

By the end of the session, participants should be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of **theory** and a **framework** in research.
2. Distinguish between **theoretical** and **conceptual** frameworks.
3. Identify the major **scholars** associated with each framework.
4. Select an **appropriate** theoretical framework for a research study.
5. Develop a **conceptual** framework from the literature.
6. Explain how frameworks **align** with the literature review, methodology, data analysis and interpretation.
7. Critically **evaluate** frameworks used in published research.

4.2. Tentative Structure / Flow of the Session:

(e.g., 10 mins intro, 20 mins activity, 15 mins discussion, etc.)

10 mins introduction
50 mins execution/ oral presentation
10 mins individual tasks
30 min class discussion /reflections

5. Engagement and Interaction

5.1 Planned Interactive Element(s)

Tick one or more or describe your own, please reach out if you would like more information on interactive tools

- ☐ Poll or quiz (menti, Kahoot, slido)
- ☐ Group discussion in breakout rooms
- ☐ Hands-on demo (e.g., live coding, annotation)
- ☐ Jamboard, Padlet, or whiteboard exercise
- ☒ Other: _____ Oral Presentation _____

5.2. How will you check if learning is taking place during the session?

(e.g., mini quiz, short reflection, live Q&A, feedback tool, etc.)

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6. Incorporation of AI

The Academy theme this year is "African Research Voices in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." Please indicate how you will incorporate a discussion of AI in your session. This may include a brief introduction, example, demonstration, or reflection of how AI tools are shaping research.

How do you plan to introduce, discuss, or demonstrate AI tools in your session?

Question-answer approach before execution of 2 slides on Implications of Using AI for Developing Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Postgraduate Research

Additional Materials

6.1 Pre-reading or Additional Resources:

Please list any articles, slides, videos, or tools participants should review before the session. Please send these to us by 20 July 2026

- Overlooking the conceptual framework
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14703290601081407?scroll=top&needAccess=true>
- Building a Conceptual Framework: Philosophy, Definitions, and Procedure
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/160940690900800406>
- Understanding_Selecting_and_Integrating

6.2. Software or Special Requirements:

Please list any software that participants will require e.g., STATA, Atlas.ti, Mendeley – and whether a free version is available

N/A