



Abridged Biography | Prof Ruksana Osman



Ruksana Osman is a Professor of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand. She is the former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities also at the University of the Witwatersrand. Before she was appointed Dean, she was the Head of the Wits School of Eng and research experience in the field of higher education. She has an established reputation for impactful scholaducation. Currently, she is Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at the University of the Witwatersrand. In addition to significant management experience, Professor Osman holds the UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education for Diversity and Development and has established a global network to support the research and development work of the Chair.

She has extensive teachrly work in the broad areas of higher education policy, pedagogy and students lived experiences of equity and access to higher education. She has published her work internationally and locally in each area and a variety of journals and books. She is known for the connections she has made between research centred and research-led approaches to learning and teaching and the transformative practices of learning contexts likes schools and universities. Her research and teaching are fundamentally interconnected and draw from and build on three decades of experience in higher education.

She has received multiple competitive grants recognising the quality and relevance of her work in higher education as a teacher and researcher in pursuit of socially just education. She is also co-editor of *Research-led teacher education: Case studies of possibilities* (2012); *Large Class Pedagogy: Interdisciplinary perspectives for quality higher education* (2013); *Service Learning in South Africa* (2013); *Transforming Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Towards a Socially Just Pedagogy in a global context* (2017); *Teacher Education for Diversity: Conversations from the Global South* (2018). She is an elected member of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa (ASSaF).
