

**Launch of Book - History's Schools: Past Struggles and Present Realities (UKZN Press, 2018) edited by Aziz Choudry and Salim Vally**

Date/Time: Monday, 26th November, 12:30 to 14:30pm

Venue: Conference Centre, Missionvale Campus

Speakers: Profs Enver Motala; Sylvan Blignaut; Salim Vally and Aziz Choudry

Hosted by the Centre for Integrated Post-School Education and Training (CIPSET) and the Faculty of Education. RSVP to [adelah.jeftha@mandela.ac.za](mailto:adelah.jeftha@mandela.ac.za) by 19th November.

Details about the book: <http://bit.ly/HistoriesSchools>

*'This book is a milestone in terms of connecting past and contemporary struggles. It is both an act of solidarity and about solidarity that crosses time and space, from South Africa and Argentina to Palestine, and from South Asian struggles in Britain to Black Power and the struggle for Third World studies in the U.S. This book is of profound importance for all who understand the necessity of social change in dread and destitute times.'*

**David Austin, author of Fear of a Black Nation: Race, Sex, and Security in Sixties Montreal**

*"This collection answers critical questions for anyone seeking progressive change: just how did social, civic, political and revolutionary movements succeed in different parts of the world, and at different times, to fight injustices? The relationship between knowledge production and political and social movements is traced to great effect here by bringing together case studies from South Africa to Palestine, Argentina to Iran. Education theorists, historians, campaigners and activists will find here an exciting, fascinating, and immensely useful book."*

**Professor Karma Nabulsi, Oxford University**

*'At a time of serious assault on education and reason, Aziz Choudry and Salim Vally have produced a crucial book of essays that are a protest against that attack and that offer the road towards expanding what we expect of our world. Studies of struggles help us recognize how essential they were in producing the few decent things that exist about our world. That's a spur to new struggles – and to new possibilities'.*

**Vijay Prashad, author of The Poorer Nations: a possible history of the Global South.**

*As we enter into one of the most precarious political moments in the history of the world, [this book] powerfully brings us back to an important realization: we cannot accurately comprehend human oppression nor how to effectively counter its destructive impact upon our societies without a committed materialist analysis of people's histories, social movements, and contemporary political processes. In response, Choudry and Vally have skillfully edited a set of outstanding essays by both new voices and seasoned scholars that offer thoughtful perspectives for understanding, resisting, and challenging the social and material mayhem of our time. Through unapologetic, anti-imperialist readings of South African struggles and other international examples, the book reinvigorates the socialist project in the face of growing despair, as it passionately offers new possibilities for educators and community activists to forge genuine liberatory participation and collective social action around the globe.*

**Antonia Darder, Endowed Leavey Chair of Moral and Ethical Leadership, Loyola Marymount University and Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg, author of 'Student guide to Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed'.**