

Bio: Dr Herculene Kotzé

Herculene Kotzé is appointed as a senior lecturer, teaching Language Practice at the North-West University. She is a trained interpreter with experience in educational, community and conference interpreting.

She is currently the Deputy Director of the School of Languages on the Potchefstroom campus, where she is involved in under- and postgraduate teaching.

Apart from bibliometric investigations, her research interests include interpreting, interpreter training and translation, specifically the role interpreters play. In this regard she has delivered various national and international conference presentations and publications.

Herculene is currently the Chairperson for SALALS (Southern African Linguistics and Applied Linguistics Society).

Summary

As the current Chairperson of SALALS, I have had a wonderful opportunity to be part of disseminating knowledge from African scholars by means of our annual conference and our local journal.

SALALS, launched in 2018 as a society for linguists, applied linguists and language practitioners, is broadly dedicated to promoting the disciplines of Linguistics, Applied Linguistics and Language Practice and to fostering research excellence in linguistics and language-related disciplines in the region and for all the languages of Southern Africa.

I am acutely aware of how important it is to showcase African language-related research with the world. I believe that serving on the ATISA board will afford a unique opportunity to develop a stronger network between southern African scholars and colleagues from the rest of the world. Should I be elected, my focus will be on exploring and building these networks to ensure growth and increased involvement of African scholars on an international platform.