

**Professor Stephen Mutula, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor
and Head of the College of Humanities**

cordially invites you to

**The 2017 Annual John Langalibalele Dube
Memorial Lecture**

Guest Speaker – **Dr Maureen Tong**

Title

**VIOLENCE ON AND THROUGH THE LAND, VIOLENCE ON WOMEN'S
BODIES: EVOKING JOHN LANGALIBALELE DUBE'S VOICE IN
CONTEMPORARY DEBATES**



Date : Thursday, 14 September 2017

Time : 17h30 for 18h00

Venue : New Conference Centre, Edgewood Campus,
University of KwaZulu-Natal

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RSVP Essential : Friday, 8 September 2017

Refreshments will be served after the lecture



Dr Maureen Tong, CEO of Coach Companion South Africa

Dr Maureen Tong is an international lawyer, a published author; an academic and a business woman. She holds a PhD in international law from the Université de Strasbourg in France, where she successfully defended her thesis in French. Her academic interests include restitution, reparations, land rights, political self-determination, rights of indigenous people; gender and development. She has published in academic peer – reviewed publications on topics such as restitution of land rights in South Africa; decolonization and land reform; as well as the rights of the Chagossians to return home and to reparations after their displacement

to make way for a US military base on Diego Garcia, the largest island on the Chagos Archipelago. She served on the High-Level Land Research Panel at the John Langalibalele Dube Institute. Dr Tong established the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute (TMALI) and served as the Project Manager for the establishment of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL); both of which are partnerships between the Thabo Mbeki Foundation and Unisa.

A former senior civil servant, she served as the first Chief Operations Officer (COO) at the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform; as Chief of Staff at the Ministry for Agriculture and Land Affairs; and as Operations Manager at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She worked as Project Officer for Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa and Namibia at the African Management Services Company (AMSCO) a Project of the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the UNDP whose objective is to empower private companies in Africa to become globally competitive.

Dr Tong is the Chairwoman of the InvesTong Group; Executive Chairwoman of Kutlwelo Resources; and previously served was Chairperson of the Board of the Health Systems Trust (HST); and as the Founding Chairwoman of the Board of the Young Women Business Network Corporate Finance Institution (YWBN CFI), which is working towards becoming the first majority women-owned co-operative bank in South Africa. She served as Research Manager at the Women's Development Bank (WDB) Trust.

She is a sessional lecturer at Wits Business School where she teaches Leadership; Culture; Diversity; and Change Management. She is a leadership development expert who is passionate about helping others let their light shine and unleash their power within. Dr Tong is the CEO of CoachCompanion South Africa, a franchise of CoachCompanion Scandinavia AB which operates in Sweden and Finland and now South Africa. She has acquired the rights to run CoachCompanion in the rest of the African continent.