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Dr Samukezi Mrubula-Ngwenya is a political scientist, gender scholar and committed social-justice activist. Her work focuses on gender politics, African sexualities, gender-based violence, social movements, democracy and political activism, feminist foreign policy, and the lived experiences and rights of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer people in South Africa.

She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Limpopo and a Master's degree in Women and Gender Studies from San Francisco State University in the United States. She is also a former Fulbright scholar.

Before joining the University of South Africa, Dr Mrubula-Ngwenya served at the University of Limpopo, where she led the Department of Cultural and Political Studies and convened the Gender Studies Programme. She contributed to the development of a curriculum grounded in African feminism, Pan-Africanism and the realities of students studying within a historically disadvantaged rural university.

Dr Mrubula-Ngwenya has published in local and international academic journals and presented her research at national and international conferences. Her scholarship and advocacy are centred on challenging discrimination, promoting gender equality, recovering marginalised voices and advancing inclusive institutional cultures. This experience positions her well to address how effective Institutional Forums can promote equality, protect human dignity and drive meaningful transformation in higher education.