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4th Industrial Revolution, Emerging Technologies and Theology
29 - 30 July 2019

**Faculty of Theology and Religion University
of the Free State**

Chancellor's Room, Centenary Complex

Programme

Monday 29 July

14:00: Registration
Coffee and tea with refreshments

14:30: Opening - Prof (FW) Francis Petersen, Rector and Vice-Chancellor (UFS)

Clarifications and perspectives

14:45 How could the study of emerging technologies become a conversation partner for theology? - Prof Louis Fourie (CPUT)

15:25: What does the Fourth Industrial Revolution precisely entail and how does it relate to other 'namings of the present'? - Prof Ruard Ganzevoort (VU, Amsterdam)

16:05: Theologizing emerging technologies? - Prof Rian Venter (UFS)

16:45: Coffee and tea with refreshments

17:15: The Fourth Industrial Revolution: A case of misplaced Messianism?
- Prof Johann Rossouw (UFS)

Explorations and re-imaginings

17:55: How should one relate the discourse on human uniqueness to possibilities being created by newer technology, sp. human enhancement and the post-human? - Prof Danie Veldsman (UP)

18:35: What is the shape of future ethics – new challenge, new tasks, new approaches – and where does Christian Ethics fit in? - Prof Anton van Niekerk (US)

Tuesday 30 July

08:00 Coffee and tea

08:30: The impact of emerging technologies on liturgical practices. A thanatechnological exploration. - Prof Cas Wepener and Dr Nicolaas Matthee (UP)

Worlds of knowledge and of work

09:10: What would the University of the future look like, and how would the Fourth Industrial Revolution transform curricula and pedagogics? - Prof Francois Strydom and Mr Heinrich Prinsloo (UFS)

09:50: Should theological education be drastically re-imagined in light of a changing world? - Prof Marilyn Naidoo (UNISA)

10:30: Brunch

11:15: What new thinking on Christian leadership is necessitated by the radical social and technological new realities? - Prof Ian Nell (US)

11:55: Conclusion