

Workshop Invite

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Researching African Digital Humanities with AI: A Hands-On Workshop

How do you research African Digital Humanities in a world where knowledge is unevenly indexed, archived, and made visible? What happens when you introduce AI into that process? Join us for a practical, critical workshop where you'll learn how to use Elicit (AI research assistant) to explore, analyse, and structure academic literature—while questioning what AI reveals and what it leaves out.

In this interactive session, you will:

- Use Elicit to find and summarise academic papers
- Develop strong, focused research questions
- Build a mini literature review using AI tools
- Critically evaluate biases in AI-generated research outputs
- Identify gaps in how African scholarship is represented

Researching African Digital Humanities is not just about access to tools it's about:

- Whose knowledge is searchable
- Which voices are amplified
- What gets excluded from “the literature”

This workshop equips you with both the technical skills and the critical lens to navigate AI-assisted research responsibly.


Who Should Attend?


- Postgraduate students
- Early-career researchers
- Digital humanities scholars
- Anyone working on Africa-focused research


What Makes This Different?


- This is not a passive demo. You will actively:
- Work with real research questions
- Interact directly with AI tools
- Reflect on the politics of knowledge production

Dates

 **Dates** Wednesday, 15 April 2026

 **Time** 09h30 to 14h00

 **Venue** Unisa Parow Campus
15 Jean Simonis Street, Parow, Cape Town, Western Cape, 7500

 **Delivery** **Hybrid Session**

RSVP <https://bit.ly/41hyQtJ>

MS Teams Link

Join the session using the link below <https://bit.ly/4t9R6S1>

YouTube Live Stream

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Programme

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Workshop Programme

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Time	Topic	Activity
09:00	Registration	
09:30	Opening and Welcome	
09:45	Elicit for AI Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Elicit• Overview of AI-assisted literature reviews and research discovery.• Practical exploration of Elicit's features for refining research questions and synthesizing literature.• Strategies for combining qualitative and AI-assisted research methods.
11:15	Discussions	
12:30	Conclusion & Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback & evaluations
13:00	Closure and Thanks	