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## PROF KOBUS SCHOEMAN



Kobus Schoeman was born on 18 September 1959 in Vanderbijlpark and matriculated from the Amajuba High School in Newcastle. He enrolled for a B.A. in 1978 at the University of the Free State and completed an M.A. in Sociology of religion and DTh. in Practical Theology at the same university.

Kobus has been a full-time minister in the Dutch Reformed Church for 20 years. He was appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Practical Theology on 1 January 2009 and was Head of the Department from 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2019. He received a C3 rating from the NRF in 2018 and a C2 in 2024. He was appointed as a full Professor on 1 January 2019. Thirteen doctoral dissertations and thirty Master's mini dissertations were completed under his guidance as either supervisor or co-supervisor. He published more than fifty articles in peer-reviewed journals and chapters in books.

In 2015, he was the guest editor of *Acta Theologica Supplementum 22*, entitled *The exploration of congregations in South Africa: A practical theological perspective*. He was also the editor of volume 4 in the series *UFS Theological Explorations* titled *Churches in the Mirror. Developing contemporary ecclesiologies.* (2020). His collaboration with Prof Chris Hermans (Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands), led to the publication of two volumes in the series *International Practical Theology*. He was co-editor with him of Volume 21, titled *Theology in an Age of Contingency* (2019), and Volume 24, *Resilient Religion, Resilience and Heartbreaking Adversity* (2022).

His main research interest lies in congregational studies. He has been conducting the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) among congregations in South Africa since 2014, in collaboration with Prof Ruth Powell (Director of NCLS, Australia, and associate professor at the Charles Sturt University in Sydney). This research, currently, includes congregations and denominations in six countries in Southern Africa.

He is married to Heiletta, a music teacher.

Please join us:

14 November 17:30 – 20:30

Equitas Auditorium

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