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Short biographical

Dr Molefe Coper Joseph, from Botswana, is a Lecturer at the University of Swaziland in the Department of Geography, Environmental Science and Planning. He is teaching and supervising undergraduate and graduate students. He is as an urban and social development planner with research interests ranging across a variety of interrelated areas within the field of development, which include gender and intergenerational relationships, poverty and livelihoods, social exclusion and inclusion, civil society and development. His current research is on men, gender and development in the context of Botswana.

Molefe holds a PhD in International and Rural Development (Youth livelihoods, gender and development) from the University of Reading under the financial support of a UK Commonwealth Scholarship. He also holds an MPhil in Urban Planning (with a research focus on urban street vending) and a BSc in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Botswana. His MPhil was supported by the Government of Denmark under the Southern African Consortium for Environment and Development – Industry & Urban Areas Programme (SACUDE-I&UA) and his BSc degree by the Government of Botswana.

Prior to joining the University of Swaziland in April 2015, Molefe held a prestigious three year Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh in the Centre of African Studies. Prior to that he worked for the University of Johannesburg as a Lecturer in the Department of Town and Regional Planning where he was teaching undergraduate courses. Prior to pursuing his PhD in 2006, Molefe worked for two years at the University of Botswana in the Department of Architecture and Planning as a Teaching Assistant.