



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Schedule of Tuesday Lectures August to November 2026

Venue RJM Hall, Randjes Estate

6 Randjeslaagte Road, Highlands North 26.14S 28.09E

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U3A Lectures are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Tea and coffee are served from 9:20 – 9:50.

The lecture starts promptly at 10:00. The registration and attendance tables close at 9:50.

Guests are most welcome.

The U3A JO'BURG EAST 2026 AGM will be held prior to the start of the September lecture

DATE	Tuesday 11 August 2026
SPEAKER	Professor David Block
TOPIC	Our Universe – Accident or Design?

David Block became a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London at the age of 19 and published his first paper on relativity the following year. Now he is Emeritus Professor in the School of Computational Science and Applied Mathematics at Wits University. He is an astronomer, speaker and author who has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and many books. He is the only South African whose research has been featured twice on the cover of the prestigious scientific journal, *NATURE!* In his presentations all over the world, David urges people to 'look up!'

This presentation is both an intellectual and visual feast. Colour photographs show planets, nebulae, stars and galaxies - including some of the most distant objects discerned in the universe. Professor Block probes the meaning of their immensity and the complexity of the universe, and explores evidence for design.

Comments about ‘Our Universe: Accident or Design?’

‘Professor Block offers people a unique opportunity to weigh the evidence for themselves.’ Arno A Penzias, Nobel Prize winner in Physics.

‘I find [Professor Block’s] eloquent defence of a Divine Planner congenial and satisfying.’ The late Owen Gingerich, Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University.

DATE Tuesday 8 September 2026

SPEAKER Arthur Goldstuck

TOPIC The Hitchiker’s Guide to AI:
How anyone of any age can get the most out of AI

Arthur heads World Wide Worx, South Africa’s leading independent technology market research organization. He leads groundbreaking market research into how change is affecting business and society, and presents his findings and insights to audiences across the globe.

He is a former investigative journalist and news editor at the *Mail & Guardian* and one-time South African correspondent for *Billboard*. He publishes the online consumer technology magazine *Gadget.co.za*, and is author of 21 books.

DATE Tuesday 13 October 2026

SPEAKER Professor Philip Frankel

TOPIC Human Trafficking in South Africa –
Fact or fiction?

Philip Frankel has a Ph. D from Princeton University and is the previous head of the Department of Political Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. Some of the 14 books he has published have been on human trafficking, which has been his focus for the last 15 years. He has worked with the Department of Justice and the main civil society organisations concerned with counter-trafficking locally and abroad.

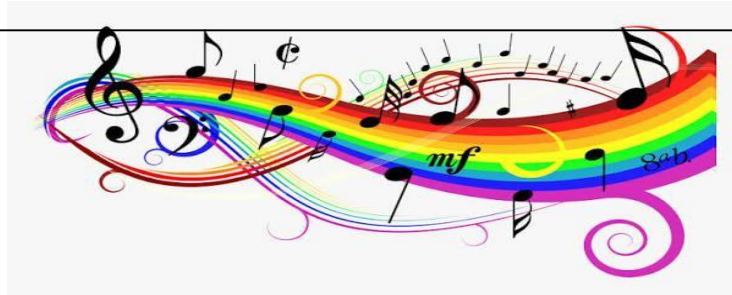
Professor Frankel will focus on what forms human trafficking takes in South Africa, and what makes the country especially susceptible to this form of criminality; he will describe what is being done to combat human trafficking, with what measure of success. He will turn attention to the perpetrators and the victims. There will be time for questions.

DATE

Tuesday 10 November 2026

SPEAKER

Sue Cock



MUSIC FUN

A TEAM GAME FOR EVERYONE WITH

SUE COCK

Release your inner child in a morning of
fun, laughter, singing and dancing. Be
part of a team. Contribute however you can
and you never know, your team may win.



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