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The Development and Application of the SACMEQ HIV-AIDS Knowledge Test (HAKT) for Pupils at the Upper Primary School level in 15 African countries

Presented by Kenneth N. Ross, Professorial Fellow at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Education.

Thursday 2 September
6.30pm-7.30pm

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The HIV-AIDS pandemic represents a major challenge for social and economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa. The World Health Organisation has estimated that in this region there are more than 20 million people infected with the HIV virus, and that around 10 percent of these people are below the age of 15 years.

In 2005, the 15 African Ministers of Education that govern the Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium for Monitoring Educational Quality (SACMEQ) asked UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) to coordinate a large-scale cross-national study to provide objective indicators that could be used to guide an informed debate about the effectiveness of HIV-AIDS prevention education programmes. SACMEQ research teams responded to this challenge by developing an HIV-AIDS Knowledge Test (known as the HAKT) that was suitable for administration to Grade 6 pupils (aged around 13.5 years on average in the SACMEQ countries) and their teachers.

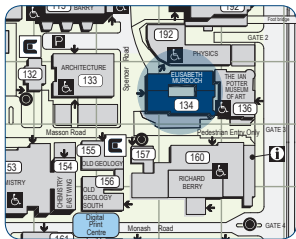
This lecture will describe the steps taken to construct the HAKT and will present some initial research results that evaluate HIV-AIDS knowledge levels among Grade 6 pupils and their teachers across the SACMEQ countries.

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