

## **An overview of the significance and role of black consciousness**

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This presentation will outline the singular role that black consciousness played in the resuscitation of the liberation movement that ensued from from the late nineteen sixties in South Africa.

With Durban as a vortex of intellectual ferment, the peculiar extant spatial relationships influenced the genesis of a new breed of student and youth leadership. Such nascent leadership found itself playing roles in reshaping the form and content of the internal opposition to the Apartheid system and engendering a rise in militancy, particularly amongst university students, which impacted, *inter alia*, the bantustanisation of the country.

Relying on actual involvement, the presentation will conclude with the events that led to 'Black Wednesday' and the resurgence of the ANC political trajectory.