



Drikus Kriek

Prof. Hendrik Sebastiaan (Drikus) Kriek is Director of the Leadership Development Centre and Associate Professor in Human Resource Management at the Wits Business School of the University of the Witwatersrand. Previously he had been Associate Professor in Organizational Behavior and Leadership at the Graduate School of Business Leadership (SBL) of the University of South Africa and is former Head of the Strategy and Leadership Area of the school.

He is a registered Clinical Psychologist and received his MA (Clin Psych) and MBA degrees both cum laude from the Rand Afrikaans University and the University of Stellenbosch respectively. Prof. Kriek received his Doctorate from the University of Pretoria and is a graduate from Yale University in the United States.

His research, publications and teaching focus mainly on teambuilding, leadership and change management and he has published in popular- and accredited academic journals and has presented his research to local and international forums. He was named Researcher of the Year for 2006 and 2007 at the SBL and his books are all related to teams and teaming.

He consults in the field of Organization Development and had been involved in team development, management education projects and leadership development programs to a variety of local and international organizations with projects in Namibia, Botswana, Australia, Ghana, the DRC and Eritrea. He is director of the Team and Leadership Development Centre that specializes in a variety of team solutions including unstructured groups, teambuilding initiatives and psychometric assessment. He was instrumental in the introduction and advancement of the Adventure Therapy industry in South Africa and has reported on his work in this industry at international academic conferences while simultaneously applying benefits of this approach to a variety of industries and enterprises.

He completed commissioned research on Sizwe Nxasana on his change leadership during his tenure as CEO of Telkom and completed a National Research Foundation-funded research project on African Change Leadership (linking life histories of leaders with change processes (internal and external)) with a colleague, Prof Stella Nkomo. Prior to his appointment at the SBL he practiced as a clinical psychologist and was CEO of Janus Data, the largest independent storage media company in South Africa.