



# **Navigating the Horizon: Exploring the Future Trajectory of Social Sciences and Humanities**

**Dr. Zamokuhle Mbandlwa**

Durban University of Technology, Department of Public Administration, Senior Lecturer and researcher

## **Abstract**

This research delves into the evolving landscape of social sciences and humanities, forecasting the trajectory of these disciplines in the coming decades. As technological advancements, globalization, and societal transformations redefine the fabric of human existence, the study anticipates a paradigm shift in research methodologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the exploration of emerging fields. The future of social sciences and humanities is envisioned as a dynamic interplay between traditional theories and innovative approaches, fostering a deeper understanding of complex social phenomena. The integration of artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and cross-disciplinary frameworks is explored as key catalysts for transformative research. Emphasizing the ethical implications and societal impact of scholarly pursuits, this research aims to guide scholars, policymakers, and educators in adapting to a future where social sciences and humanities play a pivotal role in shaping a resilient and inclusive global society.

**Keywords:** Future Trajectory, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Technological Advancements  
Ethical Implications, Resilient Global Society