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Profiles of honorary graduands

Dr Saleem Badat

Dr Saleem Badat is an alumnus of the University of York, where he received a DPhil in Sociology. He has worked to further progressive education in South Africa for much of his eminent career. Now Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, his most recent book is *Black Student Politics, Higher Education and Apartheid*, and he was also an editor of *Apartheid Education and Popular Struggles in South Africa*.

In 1996 Dr Badat became the first Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Higher Education, which advises the South African government on education issues. He is also a trustee of the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust, which fosters engagement between government, academia and civil society. In his spare time, he enjoys golf and soccer, and he still holds an FA coaching qualification from his time at York.

Sir Mark Tully

Sir Mark Tully worked for 22 years as the BBC's India correspondent, reporting from across South Asia. Born in the subcontinent, he came to Britain at the age of ten, later studying history and theology at Cambridge before returning to India with the BBC in 1964.

Since his departure from the BBC in 1997, Sir Mark's broadcasting output has focused on religion and spirituality, presenting *The Lives of Jesus* and the Radio 4 programme *Something Understood*. He was made OBE in 1985 and knighted in 2002. He is also one of few non-Indian nationals to be awarded the Padma Shri for his distinguished contribution to Indian public life.