



CENTRE FOR
GENDER
AND AFRICA
STUDIES

Dr Stephanie Cawood



Director of CGAS (2020/2021)



Contact Details

Director:

Dr Stephanie Cawood

T: +27 (051) 401 2614

E: cawoods@ufs.ac.za

W: www.ufs.ac.za/humanities/centre-for-gender-and-africa-studies

Overview of 2020

The 2020 academic year was challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Staff had to adapt to new working models under difficult circumstances, keep research agendas active while still maintaining involvement in engaged scholarship and leadership and administration.

In learning and teaching news, the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies (CGAS) offered the BAHons (Gender Studies) for the first time, with a class of

13 students. The first contact sessions for both the Programmes for Africa Studies and Gender Studies successfully took place from late January to early February. Subsequently, the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, and South Africa went into lockdown with the consequence that, for the rest of 2020, no face-to-face contact sessions were held and our programmes went online in a low tech offering in accordance with guidelines.

CGAS also switched from sit-down exams to exam equivalent assignments (EEAs) for the end-of-year exams. Ultimately, through a flexible and supportive approach to learning and teaching, the academic year was successfully concluded in December 2020. For many students conducting Master's and Doctoral research, progress was delayed as fieldwork and data collection effectively ground to a halt.

Staff and research fellows continued with their research where possible and the CGAS delivered 11 journal articles, 22 chapters and two books for the 2020 cycle. CGAS staff members were quite active

in terms of engaged scholarship during 2020, with both the Africa Day Memorial Lecture and Heritage Day celebrations successfully transformed to online offerings and staff members participating in online events. The operations of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre were also halted from April to August 2020 and only resumed in September, adhering to COVID-19 prescriptions.

In terms of leadership and administration, staff adapted with innovation and creativity to modified university processes and continued to discharge their administrative duties and committee responsibilities.

Achievements

Staff Achievements

Dr Nadine Lake was very active in women's rights issues and was a panel member on Episode 13 of the online series 'Digitally Yours', which dealt with Gender-based violence (GBV) and held in solidarity with South African Women's Day on 5 August 2020. The panel discussion, which was organised by the embassies of the Netherlands and Sweden and supported by the European Union (EU), was moderated by Redi Thlabi and livestreamed on the Facebook pages of both embassies. Dr Lake was also interviewed on issues of GBV and women's rights for the SABC Womanity radio programme, aired on 17 September 2020 (<https://womanity.africa/2020/09/16/director-gender-studies-university-ofthe-free-state-dr-nadine-lake/>).

On 22 November 2020, **Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga**, gave a keynote address (via Zoom platform), titled 'Going (back) to the beginning: Lesotho–South Africa human entanglements and the crisis of living together in the 21st Century', to the Academic Forum for the Development of Lesotho (AFDeL).

Prof Henning Melber, CGAS Extraordinary Professor, delivered a lecture on 9 July 2020 titled 'In the Shadow of Genocide: German–Namibian relations between colonial amnesia and decolonization', as part of the 'Legacies of Colonialism in the World Series' at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.



Prof Henning Melber

Extraordinary Professor **Prof Tim Murithi** delivered a keynote address to a High-Level African Union Department of Political Affairs (DPA) Virtual Consultative Meeting titled 'The COVID-19 pandemic: The challenges and obstacles for transitional justice' on 4 June 2020. He also delivered the keynote address on 2 September, to the Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights) – a High-Level Dialogue on Devolution held virtually.

CGAS Extraordinary Professor, **Prof Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni**, delivered the keynote address on 'The politics of knowledge and the imperative of decolonization in Africa' at the Knowing Africa Seminar Series hosted by the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Canada, on 23 September 2020. He also delivered the keynote address at the Opening Conference of Global

Partnership Network (GPN), University of Kassel, Germany, on 30 October. The title of his paper was 'Coloniality and global partnership in the 21st Century'. In addition, he delivered the keynote address on 'The cognitive empire in Africa: Knowledge, consciousness and epistemic freedom' at the Africa Knows International Conference held in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 2 December.

Learning and Teaching

Various teaching/learning platforms were deployed to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns – Blackboard, narrated PowerPoint slides, emails, WhatsApp groups and Microsoft Teams – for different groups and levels of students (Honours, Masters and PhDs).

The Honours in Gender Studies was presented for the first time in 2020 with a first intake of 13 students.

CGAS re-accredited its Short Learning Programme (SLP) in Conflict Competency Development (ASCC15025). However, as this SLP is designed for face-to-face delivery, no SLPs were offered in 2020 due to the constraints surrounding the pandemic. Mr Willem Ellis, the SLP Coordinator, is exploring means for translating existing SLP offerings to online platforms without compromising the quality of engagement.

Research Projects

As part of the Newton Advanced Fellowship (British Academy/Newton Fund grant of £62 000 for 2016–2019), Dr Stephanie Cawood continued to be involved in the project titled 'Memorialising struggle – Dynamics of memory, space and power in post-liberation Africa'. Various memorial sites form part of the project, including, *inter alia*, Freedom Park on Salvokop in Tshwane/Pretoria, Mamelodi Memorial Wall at Solomon Mahlangu Square, the Hector Petersen Memorial in Soweto, the Women's Living Heritage Monument at Lilian Ngoyi Square in Tshwane/Pretoria, Walter Sisulu Square in Kliptown, Nobel Square in Cape Town, Liliesleaf Museum in Rivonia, Nelson Mandela Museum in Mthatha, Winnie Mandela's House in Brandfort, Independence Memorial Museum and Heroe's Acre in Windhoek and the monument to the National Resistance Movement (NRM) liberation war in Uganda. Data



Mike Nxumalo



Names of the victims of conflict in Mamelodi at the Mamelodi Memorial Wall, Solomon Mahlangu Square in Mamelodi, Tswhane/Pretoria
Photo credit: S Cawood



Heroes' Acre near Windhoek, Namibia
Photo credit: S Cawood



Mvezo birthplace of Nelson Mandela in Eastern Cape
Photo credit: S Cawood



Old 'Waaihoek' district where ANC was established on 8 January 1912
Photo credit: S Cawood

collection has been concluded, and the research output is in process, in collaboration with Dr Jonathan Fisher from the International Development Department from the University of Birmingham, UK.

Mr Mike Nxumalo has been coordinator of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre (IKSDC) since 2013 and Dr Cawood has been the Special Advisor / Project Manager since 2015. The IKSDC in the Free State – funded by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI [formerly the Department of Science and Technology]) since 2013 (total funding received to date is R3 622 120) – was established in April 2013 in response to the DSI call to establish the National Recordal System (NRS). Databases have been identified as a requisite for the recording of Indigenous Knowledge Systems

(IKS) in various communities through IKSDCs. The cataloguing of indigenous knowledge- (IK) holder information and IK recording in this context, is managed by the regional Free State IKSDC Office established by Dr Cawood and situated at CGAS. This IKS documentation project was established through a provincial node that manages the collection of IK-related information in communities for the purposes of preservation, protection, promotion and ultimately the development of IK.

In the financial year 2020/21, the IKSDC was allocated funding of R640 000 for its operations, including the documentation of IK in communities within the Free State and also hosting awareness campaigns. The IKSDC project is responsible for documenting IK in the following communities within the Xhariep



Examples of plant specimens harvested by the IKSDC in 2020

District, under the guidance of the Griqua Traditional Council: Bethulie, Koffiefontein, Philippolis, Bethane, Edenburg, Springfontein and Trompsburg.

Out of these communities, the IKSDC has to date only documented Bethulie, Koffiefontein and Philippolis; Trompsburg has been identified as the next in line to be documented. The IK data from these communities has been quality-assured and is ready to be synced from the IKSDC to the National Indigenous Knowledge Management System (NIKSMAS). Activities during 2020 entailed community engagements and recording of claims from IK-holders. Unfortunately, activities were severely curtailed as no fieldwork or community awareness activities could take place from March to August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In September, the IKSDC hosted two awareness sessions in Philippolis and Koffiefontein on the IK

Act, reaching approximately 70 participants. On 28 November 2020, the IKSDC coordinator was invited to the Provincial Executive annual meeting of the Griqua Traditional Leadership in Trompsburg to share knowledge on IK.

Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga commenced a project funded by the Mellon Foundation (R120 000) as part of the theme 'Unsettling paradigms: The decolonial turn in the Humanities curriculum at universities in South Africa'. The project is a study of 'The Humanities and the decolonial challenge: A comparative study of the University of the Free State, University of the Western Cape and Sol Plaatje University'.

Dr Mushonga was also involved in a project on 'The Border, the "Bantustan" and the Rainbow Nation: a contradictory mix of discreteness and continuity in the oral histories of the Joe Gqabi District in the Eastern

Cape Province of South Africa', an interdisciplinary research project funded by the UFS Faculty of the Humanities (R50 000). He also led a related project, funded by the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) (R493 005), under the 2020/2021 Working Groups Programme, titled 'The Border, the "Bantustans" and the Rainbow Nation: a contradictory mix of discreteness and continuity in the oral histories of transnational communities in the borderlands of Lesotho/South Africa'.

Dr Nadine Lake continued her project, 'Gender mainstreaming: Developing competencies in higher education for gender equality, peace-building, and gender-sensitive research coordinators', supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) from 2017 to 2022 to the value of approximately R14 295 912.



Dr Nadine Lake

Research Outputs

Articles

Goddard, S. & Goddard, K. 2020. Unhomely Homes: Trauma, Memory and the Loss of Home in Three South African Novels. *Current Writing: Text and Reception in Southern Africa* 32 (1): 24–32.

Højlund Madsen, D. & Hudson, H. 2020. Temporality and the discursive dynamics of the Rwandan National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security from 2009 and 2018. *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 22 (4): 550–571.

Madimu, T. 2020. Food Imports, Hunger and State Making in Zimbabwe, 2000–2009. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 55(1): 128–144.

Melber, H. 2020. Geingob 2.0. Namibia's new government. *Journal of Namibian Studies* 27: 101–121.

Melber, H. 2020. Germany and Namibia: Negotiating Genocide. *Journal of Genocide Research* 22 (4): 502–514.

Melber, H. 2020. In the Shadow of Apartheid: The Windhoek Old Location. *Southern Journal for Contemporary History* 45 (2): 33–58.

Melber, H. 2020. Namibia's parliamentary and presidential elections: the honeymoon is over. *The Round Table* 109 (1):13–22.

Mushonga, M. & Hudson, H. 2020. Power and Resistance: Struggles over Organisational Transformation and Restructuring at the National University of Lesotho in the 21st Century. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 46 (4): 655–672.

Okunade, S. & Ogunnubi, O. 2020. Insurgency in the border communities of North-Eastern Nigeria: security

responses and sustainable solutions. *The Round Table*, 109 (6): 684–700.

Themnér, A. & Karlén, N. 2020. Building a Safety Net: Explaining the Strength of Ex-Military Networks. *Security Studies*, 29 (2): 268–300.

Themnér, A. & Sjøstedt, R. 2020. Buying Them Off or Scaring Them Straight: Explaining Warlord Democrats' Electoral Rhetoric. *Security Studies* 29 (1): 1–33.

Chapters in edited volumes

Alufabi, M. & Ndinda, C. 2020. Struggle heroes and heroines' statues and monuments in Tshwane, South Africa. In: *Exchanging Symbols: Monuments and memorials in post-apartheid South Africa*. A. Nettleton & M. A. Fubah (Eds). Cape Town: African Sun Media. pp. 211–235.

Atanga, L.L. & Chibaka, F. 2020. Conclusion: Mentoring Young Professional Research Oriented Women: Experiences from Cameroon Professional Research Oriented Women Network (CaPROWN) In: *Cameroon Professional Women in Sciences a Trans-disciplinary Review Series 1*. E. Chibaka, L. Atanga & E. Samba (Eds). Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag. pp. 319–326.

Atanga, L.L. & Chibaka, F. 2020. Introduction: Gender and Transdisciplinarity: Towards Empowering Women in Science. In: *Cameroon Professional Women in Sciences A Trans-disciplinary Review Series 1*. E. Chibaka, L. Atanga & E. Samba (Eds). Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag. pp. 19–25.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Albie Sachs: A constitutional revolutionary. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 109–113.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Arthur Chaskalson: Leading the way. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 104-108.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Ben Turok: An exiled democrat. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 89-94.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Charlotte Maxeke: Mother of Black Freedom in South Africa. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 23-27.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Nelson Mandela 'The Troublemaker'. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 71-75.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Olive Shisana: Change through science. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 308-312.

Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Yvonne Mokgoro: A woman of substance. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 363-367.

Bohler-Muller, N., Sekyere, E., Gordon, S. & Pienaar, G. 2020. Is South Africa winning the war on poverty and inequality? What do the available statistics tell us? In: *Exploring the link between poverty and human rights in Africa*. E. Durojaye & G. Mirugi-Mukundi (Eds). Pretoria: Pretoria Law University Press (PULP). pp. 33-54.

Melber, H. 2020. Annäherungsversuche an "afrikanische Mittelklasse(n)". In: *Die Welt aus der Perspektive der Entwicklungssoziologie. Festschrift für Dieter Neubert*. A. Bogner, R. Kößler, R. Korff & H. Melber (Eds). Baden-Baden: Nomos. pp. 209-213.

Melber, H., Bogner, A., Kößler, R. & Korff, R. 2020. Dieter Neubert und eine Entwicklungssoziologie jenseits von Afrika. In: *Die Welt aus der Perspektive der Entwicklungssoziologie. Festschrift für Dieter Neubert*. A. Bogner, R. Kößler, R. Korff & H. Melber (Eds). Baden-Baden: Nomos. pp. 7-11.

Mushonga, M., Hazvineyi, L. & Nyakudya, M. 2020. Reminiscences of Zimbabwe's War Radio Broadcasters. In: *Guerrilla Radios in Southern Africa: Broadcasters, Technology, Propaganda Wars, and the Armed Struggle*. S.P. Lekgoathi, T. Moloi & A.R. Saúte Saúde (Eds). London: Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 121-135.

Mushonga, M., Hazvineyi, L. & Nyakudya, M. 2020. Zapu's "Voice of Revolution" and the Radicalization of the Nationalist Struggle. In: *Guerrilla Radios in Southern Africa: Broadcasters, Technology, Propaganda Wars, and*

the Armed Struggle. S.P. Lekgoathi, T. Moloi & A.R. Saúte Saúde (Eds). London: Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 105-120.

Ogunnubi, O.R. 2020. Soft Power: Nigeria's Emerging Strategy in Africa's Geopolitics. In: *Power Politics in African States: Perspectives on South Africa and Nigeria*. O. Ogunnubi & S. Oyewole (Eds). Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. pp. 203-228.

Ogunnubi, O.R. & Ogbonna, C.N. 2020. Nigeria's Creative Industry: From Soft Power Ideation to Instrument of Cultural Diplomacy. In: *Culture and Nigeria's Foreign Relations in A Globalizing World*. L.O. Eriomala & S. Wapmuk (Eds). Abuja: National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO). pp. 77-98.

Ogunnubi, O.R. & Oyewole, S. 2020. Concluding Thought: An Afrocentric Perspective on Regionalism, Hegemony, and Geopolitics. In: *Power Politics in African States: Perspectives on South Africa and Nigeria*. O. Ogunnubi & S. Oyewole (Eds). Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. pp. 254-262.

Ogunnubi, O.R. & Oyewole, S. 2020. Introduction to Africanism, Power Politics and International Relations in Africa. In: *Power Politics in African States: Perspectives on South Africa and Nigeria*. O. Ogunnubi & S. Oyewole (Eds). Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. pp. 1-7.

Steyn-Kotze, J. 2020. Bram Fischer: A defiant Afrikaner. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 43-48.

Steyn-Kotze, J. 2020. Nadine Gordimer: Writer with a conscience. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 173-177.

Steyn-Kotze, J. 2020. Zapiro: The sword of satire. In: *The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa*. V. Reddy, N. Bohler-Muller, G. Houston, M. Schoeman & H. Thuynsma (Eds). Cape Town: BestRed. pp. 347-351.

Books

Limb, P. & Saunders, C. 2020. *The Historical Dictionary of South Africa, Third Edition*. Pennsylvania: Rowman & Littlefield.

Sienaert, E. 2020. Marcel Jousse: Des récitatifs bibliques. Revenir à l'âge d'or de la pédagogie. Paris: Marcel Jousse Association.

Conference Papers/Posters

Hudson, H. 2020. *Temporality and the Discursive Dynamics of the Rwanda NAPs on 'Women, Peace and Security' from 2009 – 2018*. Paper delivered at the Gendering Peace and Security – African Perspectives on the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 Research Seminar, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. 9-10 March 2020.

Hudson, H. 2020. *Feminist border thinking as a means for understanding the gender-peacebuilding nexus in Africa*.



Invited to be part of a high-level roundtable on peace by peaceful means in borderlands' at the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) & People for Earth International conference, Development, Environment and Peace Nexus (Deepen): Peace-making in Borderlands, Cheorwon, Republic of Korea. 3-5 December 2020.

Hudson, H. 2020. *Who cares? Ubuntu feminism and taking collective responsibility for ending war and sustaining peace*. Paper delivered at the Gendering Peace and Security – African Perspectives on the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 Research Seminar, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. 9-10 March 2020.

Murithi, T. 2020. *Covid-19: A Wake-Up Call for Global Society* (Virtual presentation delivered at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation International Conference on A Post-Covid World: Creating a Global Society through a World Parliament, hosted by the Centre for United Nations

Constitutional Research, Brussels, Belgium and Democracy Without Borders, Berlin, Germany. 28 May 2020.

Murithi, T. 2020. *Africa, its Diaspora, Transitional Justice, and Global Democracy: Towards a U.N. Parliamentary Assembly*. Paper delivered at the conference with the theme: Should the Africana Diaspora Call for the United Nations Charter Review? A Discussion on Global Democracy in a Racialized World, by the Global Institute and Centre for African Studies, in collaboration with the Centre for United Nations Constitutional Research. Virtual. 17 November 2020.

Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S.J. 2020. *Decolonizing Development* Panel Presentation: Decolonizing Development Webinar University of Edinburgh, Scotland. 16 September 2020.

Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S.J. 2020. *The Cognitive Empire in Africa: Knowledge, Consciousness and Epistemic Freedom*. Keynote Address delivered at the Africa Knows International Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands. 2 December 2020.

Engaged Scholarship

In lieu of the Africa Day Memorial Lecture 2020, CGAS arranged and hosted two webinars – repackaged as the Africa Day and Heritage Day webinars.

The Africa Day webinar was hosted on 26 May, and was moderated by Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga. The main speaker was Prof Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Extraordinary Professor with CGAS, and Chair in Epistemologies of the Global South at the University of Bayreuth, Germany, who spoke on the topic 'Reflections on Africa amidst COVID-19'.

On 23 September, the Heritage Day webinar was held, moderated by Dr Stephanie Cawood. Prof Mongane Wally Serote presented on the topic 'Going back to basics – the Reconstruction and Development Program of the Source'.



Prof Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni



Mr Willem Ellis

Individual CGAS staff members were involved in a range of engaged scholarship activities, some of which are reported on in previous sections of this report.

During Africa Month (May), CGAS staff members wrote opinion pieces which were published on the UFS website – Dr Stephanie Cawood, on ‘Storytelling and resilience: Remembering the life and times of Vusamazulu Credo Mutwa’, and Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga on ‘From a pre-colonial to a COVID-19/post-university’.

Mr Willem Ellis made a presentation on the topic ‘Infrastructures for peace – Back to the future for South Africa’ for an online teaching seminar titled ‘Democratization and State-building in Post-Conflict Societies’, hosted by the University of Graz, Austria.

Dr Nadine Lake wrote an opinion piece, titled ‘GBV: Structural inequalities exacerbate our hidden pandemic of violence against women’, which was published in the *Daily Maverick* on 20 August. She wrote other opinion pieces on GBV which were published by News24 and the UFS website (August 2020). Dr Lake participated in the Sida annual planning meeting for programme activities

in 2020/21, and co-presented (with Prof Gabriele Griffin) a course on ‘Feminist research and interview methods’ for PhD students at the University of Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique. She also contributed to the curriculum development of the first MA in Gender Studies programme, that will be presented at that university in 2021.

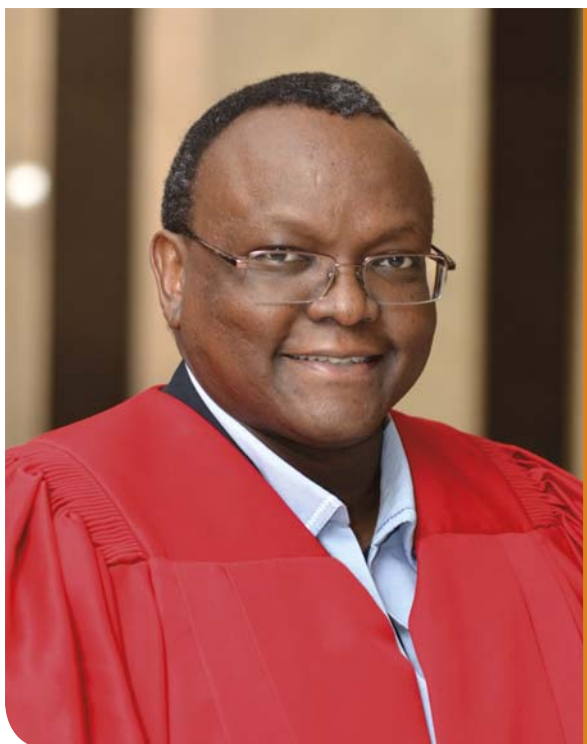
Prof Henning Melber organised and moderated a panel on 27 June at the annual conference of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) on ‘Ethical leadership in times of contested multilateralism’. He also participated in a panel on ‘Curing a hangover by removing monuments’ at the Gothenburg International Book Fair, on 26 September. Prof Melber also produced a raft of popular scientific articles:

- With Richard Goldstone: SA and the Death of Dag Hammarskjöld. In: *Mail & Guardian*, Johannesburg, 7 February 2020.
- South Africa Must Investigate the Death of Dag Hammarskjöld. *Daily Maverick*, 9 February 2020 <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-02-09-south-africa-must-investigate-the-death-of-dag-hammarskjold/>.
- With Barney Pitso, Probe into the death of UN boss 60 years ago needs South Africa’s help. *The Conversation*, 10 February 2020 <https://theconversation.com/probe-into-the-death-of-un-boss-60-years-ago-needs-south-africas-help-131313>.
- The mysterious death of a UN Secretary General. *Africa as a Country*, 14 February 2020 <https://africasacountry.com/2020/02/the-mysterious-death-of-a-un-secretary-general>.
- Namibia is showing wear and tear after 30 years under SWAPO rule. *The Conversation*, 17 March 2020 <https://theconversation.com/namibia-is-showing-wear-and-tear-after-30-years-under-swapo-rule-133703>.
- Thirty years down the road: A self-critical introspection. In: Namibia Media Holdings, *Supplement to Die Republikein, Namibian Sun and Allgemeine Zeitung*, Windhoek, “Independence Focus”, 17 March 2020.
- Dealing with genocide. In: *The Namibian*, Windhoek, 19 May 2020.
- With Reinhart Kössler: Colonial amnesia and Germany’s efforts to achieve ‘internal liberation. *The Conversation*, 19 May 2020 <https://theconversation.com/colonial-amnesia->



and-germanys-efforts-to-achieve-internal-liberation-138840.

- With Reinhart Kössler: Gegen Antisemitismus als Immunisierungsstrategie. In: *Politik und Kultur*, Berlin, June 2020.
- Mächtige Mentalitäten. In: *die tageszeitung*, Berlin, 26 June 2020.
- Overcoming Developmentalism, *EADI Blog*, 7 July 2020 (<http://www.developmentresearch.eu/?p=735>).
- Covid-19 im Südlichen Afrika, *Neue Debatte*, 8 July 2020 <https://neue-debatte.com/2020/07/08/covid-19-im-suedlichen-afrika/>.
- In the shadow of genocide: German colonial amnesia. *Talking Humanities*, School of Advanced Study/University of London 15 July 2020 <https://talkinghumanities.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2020/07/15/in-the-shadow-of-genocide-german-colonial-amnesia/>.
- Beyond Introspection. In: *The Namibian*, Windhoek, 17 July 2020.
- Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi: a reappraisal of his fight against apartheid. *The Conversation*, 27 August 2020 <https://theconversation.com/>
- mangosuthu-gatsha-buthelezi-a-reappraisal-of-his-fight-against-apartheid-144212.
- 'Not Every Shoe Fits Every Foot...'. In: *The Namibian*, Windhoek, 11 September 2020.
- #ShutItAllDown in Namibia – the fight against gender-based violence. *The Conversation*, 29 October 2020 <https://theconversation.com/shutitalldown-in-namibia-the-fight-against-gender-based-violence-148809>.
- Racism at DHPS – a Past Alive in the Present. In: *The Namibian*, Windhoek, 13 November 2020.
- Klima der Intoleranz. In: *die tageszeitung*, Berlin, 18 November 2020.
- Jenseits der SWAPO. Die Wählerschaft in Namibia formiert sich neu. In: *Neues Deutschland*, Berlin, 30 November 2020.
- Namibia's democracy enters new era as ruling Swapo continues to lose its lustre. *The Conversation*, 6 December 2020 <https://theconversation.com/namibias-democracy-enters-new-era-as-ruling-swapo-continues-to-lose-its-lustre-151238>.
- Democracy beyond Swapo in Namibia. *Democracy in Africa*, 21 December 2020 <http://>



Prof Tim Murithi

democracyinafrica.org/democracy-beyond-swapo-in-namibia/.

- A Harsh Year: Namibia's Economy 2020. In: *The Namibian*, Windhoek, 22 December 2020.

Prof Melber also continued to serve on many advisory and editorial boards during 2020:

- President of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI).
- Steering Committee of the Swedish Development Research Network.
- Academic Advisory Board of the Development and Peace Foundation (Stiftung Entwicklung und Frieden eV) in Bonn/Germany.
- International Advisory Committee for the Joint SDG Research Initiative by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research – Science for Global Development (NOW-WOTRO).
- Review Panel of the Norwegian Research Council in Oslo.
- International Advisory Board of *The Round Table* (The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs).
- Advisory Board of the *Journal for Namibian Studies*.

- Advisory Board of *Stichproben. Vienna Journal of African Studies*.
- Advisory Board of *WeltTrends. Das ausserpolitische*.
- Editorial Advisory Board of *afrique e orienti*.
- Advisory Board of *Peripherie. Zeitschrift für Politik und Ökonomie in der Dritten Welt*
- Advisory Board of *Matatu* (Journal for African Culture and Society).
- Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Academica*.
- International Advisory Board of the *Strategic Review for Southern Africa*.
- Editorial Board of the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*.

On 12 February 2020, Prof Tim Murithi made a presentation to the United Kingdom House of Lords, Select Committee on International Relations and Defence. The report, titled 'The UK and sub-Saharan Africa: Prosperity, peace and development co-operation', was published in July and is available at <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld5801/ldselect/ldintrel/88/88.pdf>. He also presented a paper on 'The response of the African Union and other African international organisations to the COVID-19 crisis' as part of the annual London School of Economics (LSE) Lecture Series on International Organisations in a Time of Crisis, on 27 July 2020.

Prof Murithi is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the African Union Leadership Academy (AULA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a member of the International Advisory Board of the *Brazilian Journal of African Studies* (CEBRAFRICA) and of the International Editorial Board of the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*.

Prof Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni served on the advisory boards and editorial boards of the following:

- Advisory Board Member of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa (NextGen) Programme, 2020-2023.
- Advisory Editorial Board Member for *Ubuntu Dialogues Project/ Collaboration between Michigan State University African Studies Centre and Stellenbosch University Museum, University of Stellenbosch funded by Andrew W Mellon Foundation*.
- Member of the Editorial Board of *International Politics Reviews* Published by Palgrave Macmillan.
- Deputy Chair of Editorial Board of HSRC Press.



- Member of International Advisory Board of *Third World Quarterly* published by Francis and Taylor in the United Kingdom (UK).
- Member of Editorial Board of *International Journal of Critical Diversity Studies* (IJCDS) published by Pluto Press in the UK.
- Member of Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Developing Societies* (JDS) published by Sage Publications.
- Member of Editorial Advisory Board of *Stichproben-Vienna Journal of African Studies* published by Vienna University in Austria.
- Member of Editorial Board of *Journal of African Humanities and Social Science* (JAHSS) published by the University of Texas in Austin and edited by Professor Toyin Falola.
- Member of Editorial Board of *Bandung: Journal of the Global South* published by Brill in the Netherlands.
- Member of Editorial Board of the *International Journal of African Renaissance Studies: Multi-, Inter-and Transdisciplinarity* published by University of South Africa Press & Francis and Taylor.
- Member of International Editorial Review Board of *Peer-Reviewed Global Critical Caribbean Thought Books Series* published by Caribbean Philosophical Association and Rowman & Littlefield International Publishers.
- Member of International Board of *Africa World Review* (AWR) Journal, University of Oxford.
- Member of International Editorial Board of *Peer-Reviewed Nationalisms Across the Globe Book Series* published by Peter Lang AG, International Academic Publishers, Oxford (UK) and Bern (Switzerland).
- Member of Advisory Board of *New Book Series in Sociology: Decolonial Options for Social Sciences* published by Lexington Books.
- Member of Editorial Review Board of the *Journal of Green Economy and Development*.

In 2020, Prof Hudson completed her four-year term as Advisory Board Member of the African Peacebuilding Network (APN), Social Science Research Council, New York. In August 2020, she participated in an online methods workshop where she mentored several APN fellows. She was also invited to join the Advisory Board of the 'Project on capacity development of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) Center of Excellence for Post-conflict Societies', hosted by the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of the Addis Ababa University.

National and International Collaboration

Dr Stephanie Cawood continued her collaboration with the University of Birmingham, as part of the Newton Advanced Fellowship and with the DSI on the IKSDC (see Research Projects). She also collaborated with the University of Ibadan on an initiative on xenophobia in Africa, started in 2020, which will be included as a special issue of *Acta Academica* in March/April 2022. This initiative was initially planned to take the form of a colloquium to be held around Africa Day in 2020, which was cancelled due to the global pandemic.

There is ongoing collaboration with UFS Department of Political Studies and Governance and the Centre for Africa Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi (India) as part of the UFS/JNU Doctoral Academy. This initiative forms part of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the UFS and JNU. The goal of the doctoral academy/workshop was trans-institutional doctoral student training in an intensive and directed workshop – alternating each year between JNU and UFS. To that end, there was an open call in the Faculty of the Humanities to nominate students to participate. Nominees were submitted to the Faculty Research Committee for adjudication. However, due to the pandemic, the workshop planned for 2020 at JNU was deferred to be potentially transformed into a webinar series planned during 2021.

CGAS collaborated with the national Department of Sports, Arts and Culture and the University of the Western Cape on the Heritage Day Webinar with Prof Mongane Wally Serote, on 23 September 2020.

Dr Nadine Lake continued collaborating with Uppsala University, Sweden, and Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique: as part of the Sida-supported project (see Research Projects). As a result of this collaboration, she has invited Prof Gabriele Griffin, from Uppsala University, to present the Biennial Humanities and Gendered Worlds Lecture to be held in August 2021. As a member of

the South African Association for Gender Studies (SAAGS), Dr Lake has participated in the planning meetings for the annual SAAGS conference to be held in August 2021.

During 2020, Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga collaborated with researchers from the University of the Western Cape and Sol Plaatje University on the Mellon Foundation research project, 'The Humanities and the decolonial challenge: A comparative study of the University of the Free State, University of the Western Cape and Sol Plaatje University' (see Research Projects). He also collaborated with Dr Carmen Ludwig, Dr Sean Maliehe and Dr Jürgen Schraten, who are running 'The Southern African Democracy and the Utopia of a Rainbow Nation' project.

Dr Ivo Ngade, the postdoctoral fellow hosted by CGAS, was the visiting Professor at Ghent University, Belgium, to teach a course on 'Anthropology and ethnography in Africa and Language, culture, and society in Africa'.



Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga



Postgraduate Students

In 2020, a total of 72 students were enrolled with CGAS for postgraduate studies:

- BAHons (Africa Studies): 7
- BAHons (Gender Studies): 11
- MPhil (Africa Studies) by dissertation: 8
- Structured MA (Gender Studies): 11
- PhD 36

Of the 36 PhD candidates, 10 were supervised by the International Studies Group (ISG) of Prof Ian Phimister, and the remaining 26 were supervised from within CGAS.

In 2020, one student graduated with the PGDip (Gender Studies) (programme discontinued from 2019) and one student graduated with the BAHons (Gender Studies), which was introduced in 2020. One other student graduated with the BAHons (Africa Studies).

At Master's level, two students graduated with the MA in Gender Studies (Ruvimbo Banda and Edfas Mkandawire) and Hloheloh Khalema graduated with the MPhil in Africa Studies (by dissertation). One student (Sizwe Nene) graduated with the Structured MA (Africa Studies) – a pipeline programme which has been discontinued. The structured MPhil in Africa Studies is yet to be activated.

Three students obtained the PhD with specialisation in Africa Studies, of whom two were affiliated with

the International Studies Group of Prof Ian Phimister. These were:

Chambwe, Tawanda Valentine (ISG)

Thesis: A history of African entrepreneurship in Southern Rhodesia, 1944 – 1979.

Supervisor: Dr C Masakure;

Co-supervisors: Dr I Mhike and Dr T Nyamunda

Chansa, Chibamba Jennifer (ISG)

Thesis: State, mining companies and communities: A history of environmental pollution in Zambia (1964 to the present).

Supervisor: Dr D Money;

Co-supervisor: Prof IR Phimister

Mazarire, Tichaona Trust

Thesis: Exploring economic reintegration in Namibia: Individual trajectories of PLAN ex-fighters and SWAPO exiles, 1989–2018.

Supervisor: Dr CA Williams;

Co-supervisor: Prof H Melber

Two of the seven BAHons (Africa Studies) students deferred the completion of their Honours Research Reports to 2021, while one student deferred an entire programme. One PhD student, who registered in 2015, discontinued due to lack of progress.

Staff (2020)

Director: Dr S Cawood

Academic Staff

Permanent

Dr S Cawood	Senior Lecturer
Dr N Lake	Senior Lecturer and Programme Director: Gender Studies
Dr M Mushonga	Senior Lecturer and Programme Director: Africa Studies

Support Staff

Ms A Bradfield	Senior Assistant Officer (Programme Coordinator)
Ms S Salman	Senior Assistant Officer (Office Administrator)

Affiliated staff

Dr M Alubafi	Research Fellow (Cameroon)
Prof LL Atanga	Research Fellow (Cameroon)
Dr S Basu	Research Fellow (India)
Prof N Bohler-Muller	Research Fellow (South Africa)
Mr W Ellis	Research Fellow and Short Learning Programme Coordinator
Dr J Fisher	Research Fellow (UK)
Dr K Goddard	Research Fellow (South Africa)
Dr S Goddard	Research Fellow (South Africa)
Dr D Højlund Madsen	Research Fellow (Sweden/Denmark)
Prof P Jackson	Research Fellow (UK)
Dr T Kamuti	Research Fellow (Zimbabwe)
Ms T Kraalshoek	IKSDC – Indigenous Knowledge Recorder
Prof P Limb	Research Fellow (UK)
Ms RM Loff	IKSDC – Indigenous Knowledge Recorder
Dr T Lyons	Research Fellow (Australia)
Dr S Maliehe	Research Fellow (Lesotho)
Prof H Melber	Extraordinary Professor (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation [Sweden/Namibia])
Prof T Murithi	Extraordinary Professor (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation [Kenya])
Dr W Mwatwara	Research Fellow (Zimbabwe)
Prof SJ Ndlovu-Gatsheni	Extraordinary Professor (University of Bayreuth [Zimbabwe])
Prof G Negash	Research Fellow (USA)
Prof P Nel	Research Fellow (South Africa)
Ms N Nkalitshane	IKSDC – Indigenous Knowledge Recorder
Dr S Ntewusu	Research Fellow (Ghana)
Mr M Nxumalo	IKSDC Coordinator
Prof Y Ofosu-Kusi	Research Fellow (Ghana)
Dr O Ogunnubi	Research Fellow (Nigeria)
Dr S Onwuegbuchulam	Research Fellow (Nigeria)
Prof E Sienaert	Research Fellow (Belgium/South Africa)
Dr C Sinha	Research Fellow (Bahrain/India)
Dr J Steyn-Kotze	Research Fellow (South Africa)
Prof M Thabane	Research Fellow (Lesotho)
Prof RA Themnér	Research Fellow (Sweden)