



# Events in the Programme Governance and Political Transformation

Circular 4: First Semester 2010

Faculty of the Humanities



## Postgraduate Diploma now offered in Governance and Political Transformation

We are proud to announce that the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation now also offers a Postgraduate Diploma. The qualifications presently offered in the Programme are:

- BA Governance and Political Transformation (3 years)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation (1 year)
- Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation (1 Year)
- PhD in Governance and Political Transformation

Masters Degree Students



Postgraduate Diploma Students



Pictured below are all the international students registered for the Masters Degree. They include students from Cameroon, Lesotho, Zambia and Kenya.



One of our prominent Masters Degree students is Ms. M.A. Tsopo, who is currently the Deputy Speaker of the Free State Legislature. Pictured here is Ms. Tsopo with Dr. Tania Coetzee (Programme Director). The photo was taken during the Masters Degree orientation session held from 27 – 29 January 2010 on the campus of the University of the Free State.



# May 2010 Graduation

The following students will be obtaining a Masters Degree or Postgraduate Diploma during the graduation ceremony in May

## MASTERS DEGREE

Mr. B.J. Cronje  
Ms. A.N. Eyth  
Ms. M.C. Lobe  
Mr. M.H. Matanga  
Mr. M.C.M. Mogorosi  
Ms. M.I.O. Motsamai  
Mr. P. Mudau  
Mr. E.R. Nko  
Mr. D.G. Ntanjana  
Ms. S. Tolmay



## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

Ms. M.Y. Botsheleng  
Mr. M.E. Kaibe  
Ms. T.P. Madlopha  
Mr. O.G. Madoda  
Mr. O.P. Makobo  
Mr. T.T. Malatjie  
Mr. M.D. Malema  
Mr. O.M. Maphatse  
Mr. J.T. Matitoane  
Mr. M.E. Mfanekiso  
Ms. B.J. Mkhwanane-Morobe  
Mr. J.A. Mngomezulu  
Mr. J.K. Moleko  
Mr. K.H. Sibisi  
Ms. K.P. Smith

## PRIZE WINNERS

During the Faculty of Humanities' yearly Academic Prize Giving Function the following students will receive prizes in the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation:



### **Mrs. M.C. Lobe (Merit Prize)**

*Awarded to the best second year student in the Masters Programme*

### **Mr. L.M. Tshabalala (Book Prize)**

*Awarded to the best first year student in the Masters Programme*

## ***The Programme is proud to present its third Ph.D graduate, Mr. Petrus Botha***

*With his thesis: THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW POLITICAL DISPENSATION IN SOUTH AFRICA the candidate makes a contribution to a subject which has already been under the spotlight for a considerable period of time. With this contribution, he attempts to address the phenomenon of system instability and functional inability on third tier government. In this way the gap is bridged between the process of political transformation within South Africa's constitutional development during the past 15 years and whether the new local government dispensation does indeed advance democracy or not. The positive results of this investigation add further substance to the ongoing debate on service delivery on local government level and create opportunity for further research, but also provides initiatives for politicians and public officials to address system instability and functional incapability.*

We are also very proud to announce that one of the PhD graduates of the Programme Governance and Political Transformation, **Dr. Mojalefa Koenane**, has been awarded the prestigious Golden Key Award.

Golden Key is the world's largest honour society, recognising outstanding academic achievement.

Dr. Koenane will receive the award on 21 August 2010. The award also includes a \$10 000 scholarship.



# Research Seminar to be held in July

*The Programme Governance and Political Transformation will host a research seminar again this year during 29 and 30 July 2010 on the campus of the University of the Free State. During the seminar distinguished guests, prominent speakers and experts will share their valuable knowledge on research and the importance of research. Guest speakers include, amongst others, Prof. Frans Swanepoel (Director: Research Development, UFS); Prof. Laetus Lategan (Dean: Research Division, CUT); Prof. André Wessels (Dept. History, UFS) and Prof. Lochner Marais (Centre for Development Support, UFS).*

*Postgraduate students who completed their PhD studies in the Programme will also present papers. We invite all students in Governance and Political Transformation, as well as all those interested, to attend this seminar. If the previous year's seminar is anything to go by, we are looking forward to a very successful event!*

## Community Service Learning

The Community Service Learning module (SDL322) was presented during the second semester of 2009. Approximately 35 third year students participated in the module. Students were involved in the communities of Bainsvlei, Turflaagte and Mangaung. The module focuses on analyzing the relationship between the ward councilors and the communities. Students engaged in different activities which included compiling a community profile, organizing workshops between the community members and the ward councilors, and initiating an action plan to address the challenges of the communities. Students had the opportunity to present their portfolios (evidence of learning through DVD and Powerpoint presentations) during a presentation session at the end of the year.



Pictured here are some of the students who participated in the Community Service Learning module. This photo was taken during the presentation session at the end of 2009.



# Establishment of an Alumni Association

The Programme in Governance and Political Transformation is in the process of establishing an Alumni Association. During the coming months we will invite all students who hold Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters Degrees or PhD qualifications in Governance and Political Transformation to become members of our Alumni Association.

## Supervisors in the Programme Governance and Political Transformation

The Programme is in the fortunate position of having 46 of the best academics across South Africa providing our students with study supervision. These supervisors are of the best in their field which provides our students with the best possible guidance to ensure good quality research and well written dissertations.

### DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE INCLUDE:

*Centre for Development Support*

*Constitutional Law*

*Comparative Education*

*Centre for Education Development*

*Sociology*

*Department of Political Science*

*Sign Language and Language Practice*

*Research Cluster on Sustainable Development*

*Department of History*

*Agricultural Economics*

*Centre for Business Dynamics*

### EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED

**CUT: FREE STATE** – School of Government Management, Public Administration, Division Law & Centre for E-learning

**UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND** – Department of Political Science

**UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG** – Department Politics

**NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY** – Department of Political Science and Political and Governmental Studies

**UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO** – Southern Business School, Department of Political Science & Turfloop Graduate School of Leadership

**WITS** – Department of Internal Relations

**UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE: QWA QWA CAMPUS** – Curriculum Studies

**UNISA** – Department of Political Science

**UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH** – Department of Political Science

We at Governance and Political Transformation are proud to have the following lecturers presenting modules in our Programme



Prof. André Wessels  
*Department of History*  
UFS



Prof. Johann de Wet  
*Communication Science*  
UFS



Mr. Willem Ellis  
*Centre for Development Support*  
UFS



Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk  
*Rector: North West University*  
*Potchefstroom Campus*



Prof. Hendri Kroukamp  
*Public Management*  
UFS



Mev. Gerda Du-Plessis Snyman  
*Legal Service Unit*  
CUT



Prof. Heidi Hudson  
*Centre for Africa Studies*  
UFS



Dr. Mike Schimper  
*Private / CUT*





## Postgraduate diploma in Governance and Political Transformation

*A well established Programme; an  
all inclusive one year diploma*

**First year modules include:**  
(among others)

- The Political Environment
- Political Transformation & Management
- Public Financial Management
- Law and Governance
- Cooperative Governance
- Political Conflict Management

**Career opportunities:**

- Government Departments / Foreign Affairs
- The Public Sector / Media
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Political Parties

**Admission requirements:**

A Baccalaurius Degree  
or  
Four Year National Diploma  
*(NQF Level 7 Qualification)*



## Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation



## Be Transformed!

**Coursework:**

- MGT761 (Research Methodology and Research Proposal)
- MGG791 (Extensive Mini-dissertation)

**Career opportunities:**

- Government Departments / Foreign Affairs
- The Public Sector / Media
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Political Parties

**Admission requirements:**

- Postgraduate Diploma in Governance & Political Transformation
- A Relevant Postgraduate Qualification (NQF Level 8)



## Programme Staff

*The team that makes it all happen. From left:*

*Dr. Tania Coetzee (Programme Director)*

*Mrs. Juanita Potgieter (Assistant Officer)*

*Mrs. Cathy de Lange (Officer)*

*Mrs. Yolandi Coetzee (Administrative Official)*

*-Newly Appointed-*

