

EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

Circular 5: Second Semester 2010

Faculty of the Humanities



Programme hosts second Research Seminar

On the 29th and 30th of July 2010 the Programme Governance and Political Transformation hosted their second Research Seminar on the main campus of the University of the Free State. The aim was to assist the Masters Degree students who are busy with research on their extensive mini-dissertations and focused mainly on research methodology. On the first day the following speakers highlighted different topics and aspects on research:

Prof. L.O.K. Lategan (Dean: Research Development and Innovation, CUT)

Topic: *The art of postgraduate supervision*

Prof. F.J.C. Swanepoel (Director: Research Development, UFS)

Topic: *The UFS research strategy*

Prof. A. Wessels (Senior Professor: Department of History, UFS)

Topic: *Publish! – or, How to assist the University of the Free State in becoming a truly great tertiary institution.*

Prof. J.G.L. Marais (Director: Centre for Development Support, UFS)

Topic: *Challenging conventional wisdom in research*

Dr P.F. Botha (Ph.D graduate: Programme Governance and Political Transformation, UFS)

Topic: *Democratization of Local Government in South Africa*

Dr M.P. Swanepoel (Ph.D graduate: Programme Governance and Political Transformation, UFS)

Topic: *Vigilantism as a feature of political decay in the post-1994 South African dispensation: A theoretical perspective*

Mrs N.A. Joannou (Masters Degree graduate: Programme Governance and Political Transformation, UFS)

Topic: *Dominant party tendencies in the Free State legislature*

Mr T.G. Lobe (Masters Degree graduate: Programme Governance and Political Transformation, UFS)

Topic: *An evaluation of ward committees in entrenching public participation within the Mangaung Local Municipality*

On the second day the students presented their research proposals. A panel of experts, namely Dr M.M. Oelofse (Department of History, UFS) and Dr P.A. Croucamp (Department Politics, University of Jhb) assessed the students' presentations and gave comments, insight and guidance to each student on how to improve on their research. The Seminar was very successful and the students benefitted a great deal from it. The feedback was very positive.

Pictured here from left: Prof. Lucius Botes, Dean: Faculty of the Humanities, Dr Tania Coetzee, Programme Director, and Prof. Laetus Lategan, Dean: Research Development and Innovation, Central University of Technology.

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SAAPS Conference held in Stellenbosch

The bi-annual conference of The South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) was hosted by the University of Stellenbosch this year. The theme of the conference was ***Democracy in the First Decade of the 21st Century***. Dr Tania Coetzee (Programme Director: Governance and Political Transformation) presented a paper with the theme: *Co-operative Governance and Intergovernmental Relations – Reality or Myth?*

ABSTRACT OF PAPER

The effective functioning and correct implementation of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations can be viewed as a myth. When public protests and instability are analysed, the main issue found at the heart of the problem is co-operation, implementation and co-ordination between the various spheres of government. Co-operation is needed to ensure satisfactory service delivery. The question can be asked if there is a direct relationship between the poor service delivery, public protests and co-operative governance and good governance.

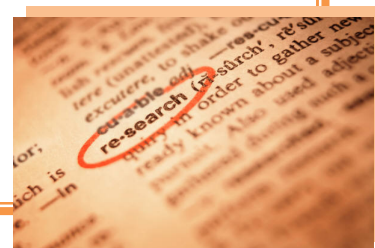
Dr. Tania Coetzee is responsible for the following modules in the Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation:

- Political Environment
- Co-operative Government
- Community Engagement and Service Learning
- Research Methodology and Research Proposal

She acts as supervisor for 15 Masters Degree students and 4 Ph.D. students.

Dr Tania Coetzee (Programme Director) published the following articles in 2010:

- Coetzee, T. 2010. Co-operative Governance and Good Governance: Reality or Myth. Journal for Contemporary History. 35 (2) September.
- Joannou, N.A. & Coetzee, T. 2010. Tendencies of a dominant party system in the Free State Legislature (1994 – 2008). Journal for Contemporary History. 35 (1) June.



September 2010 Graduation Ceremony

The following students obtained their Masters Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas during the September 2010 graduation ceremony:

Postgraduate Diplomas

Mr T.C. Itumeleng	Mr M.E. Mfanekiso
Mr T.M. Magomane	Mr L.D. Manyako
Mr S. Shilubane	Mr M. Sinyosi
Mr B.L. Mathae	Ms N. Velezantsi
Ms G.M. Koetaan	Mr S.H. Gqobana

Masters Degrees

Mr K.P. Hlasoa
Mr P.W. Oliphant





Modules presented in the Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation

Public Human Resource Management

The Political Environment

LAW AND GOVERNANCE

Political Transformation & Management

Comparative Analysis

Political Economy & Agriculture

CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNMENT

Public Financial Management

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION

Political Conflict Management

Political Change Management

LOCAL AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

