

UFS Governance Communiqué

Events in the Programme Governance and Political Transformation

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Postgraduate and Master's Degree Students attend their first year contact sessions on the main campus



Pictured on the left, an obviously excited group of new Postgraduate Diploma students eager to take on the qualification attended their contact session from 19 - 22 January 2015. A total of 25 students enrolled for the qualification this year.



The newly enrolled Master's Degree students in Governance and Political Transformation could not wait to get going! On the right they are pictured with Dr Tania Coetzee (first row, third from left) on the first day of their contact session held from 26 - 29 July 2015. There is a total of 46 registered Master's degree students currently registered.

Lecturers in the Programme Governance & Political Transformation

The Programme is privileged to have some of the top academics at the University of the Free State as lecturers. The following colleagues present modules in the

Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation:



Dr T. Coetzee
GOVP5814 The Political Environment
GOVO5824 Cooperative Government
GOVR5814/GOVR5824 Research Methodology



Mr W. Ellis
GOVT5814 Political Transformation & Management
GOVP5824 Political Change Management



Prof. J. de Wet
GOVC5814 Political Communication
Management



Dr L. du Plessis
GOVM5814 Municipal
Management



Dr M. Schimper
GOVG5824 Corporate Governance



Prof. A. Raath
GOVL5824 Law and Governance



Dr L. Swanepoel
GOVS5824 South African Governance
& Political Transformation

GRADUATION



The autumn graduation took place on 16 April 2015 on the main campus of the University of the Free State. The Programme Governance and Political Transformation was again well represented with 7 Postgraduate Diplomas and 19 BA Governance degrees awarded.

Pictured on the left are two of the Postgraduate Diploma students, nl. Ms R.P. Makoetje and Mr T.M. Makhube. Absent from the photo is Ms Z.V. Gora, Ms L.C. Herandien-Human, Ms N.F.S. Melane, Ms N.P. Mkhwanazi and Ms R.A. Walender.

The students who obtained their BA Governance degrees were:

V.A. Beukes
A.N. Gcolotela
N. Hoho
N.J. Keswa
K.J.A. Kosene
M.W. Macala
G.A. Matomi
K.Molapo
A.B. Moleleki
B.C. Moroosele
M.R. Mosea
T.P. Motshabi
B.A. Ngaleka

C.C. Nthala
K.V. Radebe
T.D. Ramokhele
L.G. Tshabalala
N.J. Xaba
A. Zondani

The Value of a qualification in Governance and Political Transformation

Compiled by Dr T. Coetzee

Governance is a specialist area in academia. The core ideas and concepts regarding Governance explain the **manner of governing and the actions and interactions of government**. It explains how government makes decisions, how the government acts in the interest of the people and the citizens and how the government in collaboration with other stakeholders (network and partnerships), governs the country. The focus falls on good governance practices for example, accountability, responsibility, transparency and public participation. As citizens of South Africa we are aware of the difficulties and the challenges facing this country. Issues such as corruption, mal-administration and poor governance (lack of accountability, responsibility and transparency) are hampering the successful and prosperous country we can be. The **BA, Post Graduate Diploma, Masters and Ph.D. Programmes in Governance and Political Transformation** have a specific niche and focus, namely **governance and political transformation**. With scientific knowledge, analytical skills, strategic management and general background of governance and political transformation students are prepared to work in a public and private sector.

The purpose of the **BA degree in Governance and Political Transformation** is to equip the learner with a broad knowledge base of theory and methodology within the disciplines of Political Science, Public Administration and Management and Communication Science. The student will be able to apply the theory, principles and skills in a career context in order to enhance good governance practices in the private and public spheres. The advancement of political expertise (political literacy and academic skills) and the development of political management orientated skills (such as political environment analysis, political risk assessment, scenario development,

policy analysis, political conflict analysis and management) in an environment of rapid change in order to comply with the needs in terms of institutional capacity building, leadership development, policy development, and the promotion of a value system which complements good governance and forms the basis of a democratic government.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation is multi- and interdisciplinary in nature. It strengthens and deepens the student's knowledge in Governance and Political Transformation. The qualification allows for working professionals to undertake advanced reflection and development by means of a systematic survey of current thinking, practice and research methods in the area of governance and political transformation. Especially for adult learners it provides an opportunity to gain attributes which include academic and professional competence, effective knowledgeable workers by doing scientific research and becoming leaders in communities. The purpose of the programme is to promote good governance practices in areas of law and governance, corporate governance, ethics and governance, conflict management, municipal governance and to establish a value system for good governance in South Africa. Such attributes are needed and applicable at all three spheres of government, namely national, provincial and local.

The **Masters Degree Students** are given the opportunity to investigate original problems and issues through scientific research methodology and fill the lack in knowledge to improve good governance practices in government institutions and other social institutions. Contributions to the epistemology are necessary to bring about new knowledge in the domain of governance and political transformation.

Postgraduate Supervision

The Programme is extremely privileged to have some of the top academics in the country as research supervisors for our Master's Degree students. They are, amongst others, from these highly respected departments and institutions:

Department of Philosophy, UNISA

Centre for Development Support, UFS

Department of Communication Science, UFS

Department of Government Management: CUT

Department of Political Science, UNISA

Department of Political Science, University of Pretoria

Department of Public Management and Leadership, NMMU

Department of Sociology, UFS

Department Politics, UJ

Politics Department, University of Johannesburg

School of Government Management, CUT

School of Social Science, Monash South Africa

Southern Africa Trust, Pretoria

Turfloop Graduate School of Leadership, University of Limpopo

On the 16th of April 2015 the prize for best achiever in the Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation for 2015, was awarded to Ms L.C. Herandien-Human at a prize giving ceremony held on the Main Campus of the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein.

Pictured below is Ms Herandien-Human with dr Tania Coetzee, Programme Director.



On the 17th of February 2015 Dr Tania Coetzee presented a training workshop on Governance to the management of the Free State Gambling and Liquor Authority



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The aims of the qualifications are the advancement of political knowledge and the development of political management-orientated skills in an environment of rapid change. This Programme was created to satisfy the need for institutional capacity building, leadership development and the promotion of a value system which complements good governance and forms the basis of a democratic government.

BA Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is 3 years full time on the Main Campus. Main disciplines are Political Science, Public Management and Communication Science.

Admission requirements: National Senior Certificate. Application Point (AP) of 30. Achievement level 4 (50%) for language of instruction.

Programme Director: Dr. T Coetzee. Governance and Political Transformation, University of the Free State

Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is one year, by completing eight (8) modules in areas that include, amongst others: Political Transformation and Management; Political Environment; Conflict Management; Cooperative Governance; Communication Management and Municipal Governance.

Admission requirements: B Degree or four-year National Diploma (NQF level 7). Average mark of 60% or higher will be considered. Closing date for applications: 3 November 2015.

Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation

Duration is one year, which includes examination on Research Methodology and the writing of an Extended Mini-dissertation.

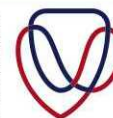
Admission requirements: Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation or Honours qualification (NQF level 8). Average mark of 60% or higher will be considered. Closing date for applications: 3 November 2015.

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