

Contact sessions held for Governance students

During the first and second semester of 2016, contact sessions were held for our Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree students. These sessions consisted of theory for their modules, giving guidelines on the writing of assignments and students receiving practical guidance on topics such as plagiarism. The feedback from these sessions are always extremely positive with students benefiting a lot from contact with the lecturers. Pictured on the right are the Postgraduate Diploma students (top) and Master's Degree students (bottom) who attended the sessions.



Research Seminar for Master's students once again a huge success



The Programme in Governance and Political Transformation at the UFS held a research seminar on 28 & 29 July for their Master's Degree students who are currently busy with research for the writing of their mini-dissertations. The seminar took place over two days. The first day various academics made presentations regarding research, with topics that included: how the knowledge of research methodology can be meaningfully applied in writing the mini-dissertation; the mechanics of community-engaged research; enhancing the quality of qualitative research; voicing memories: the dynamics of conducting interviews; the promise and pitfalls of theory and guidelines on writing the dissertation.

The presenters were Prof Sechaba Mahlomaholo, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the UFS; Dr Ina Gouws, senior lecturer of the Northwest University's Vaal Triangle campus; Dr Asta Rau, Director of the Centre for Health Systems Research and Development at the UFS; Dr Marietjie Oelofse, senior lecturer in the Department of History at the UFS; Mr Eben Coetzee, lecturer in the Department Political Studies and Governance at the UFS; and Dr Lyndon du Plessis, head of the Department Public Administration and Management at the UFS.

The second day took the format of a workshop where students received guidance from various facilitators regarding their topics and the different aspects on writing their mini-dissertations. The established programme in Governance and Political Transformation aims at the advancement of knowledge regarding governance and the development of political management-orientated skills in an environment of rapid change. Various highly skilled academics presented this multi-disciplinary programme to the students who consisted of, amongst others, politicians and government officials who enroll for this prestigious programme from all over the country. The programme was created to satisfy the need for institutional capacity building, the development of leadership and the promotion of good governance – which forms the basis of a healthy democracy.



From left:

Prof. Sechaba Mahlomaholo (Dean: Faculty of Education, UFS),
Dr Tania Coetzee (Programme Director: Governance and Political Transformation, & Dr Ina Gouws (Senior Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations, North-West University)



Students and facilitators during the workshop that took place on the second day of the Seminar.



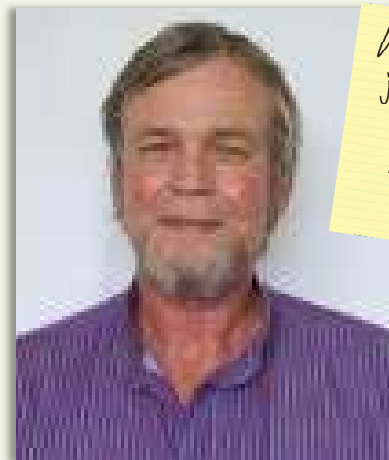
Dr Ina Gouws appointed as senior lecturer in the Programme



Dr Ina Gouws (left) has been appointed as senior lecturer in the Programme Governance and Political Transformation as from 1 November 2016. She obtained her MA in Public Management and Governance in May of 2003 and is currently lecturing in Political Science and International Relations. She obtained her PhD in 2010 and has been quoted as academic expert in local newspapers and does occasional radio commentary on issues relating to international politics. Her research Interests include International Relations with the focus on minority rights. We look forward to Dr Gouws joining the Governance-team!



We also bid a sad farewell to Prof. Johann de Wet (pictured on the right) this year, as he will be retiring. Prof. de Wet has been involved with the Programme for many years, presenting one of our elective modules, Political Communication Management and also serving on the Programme Directorate. He was loved amongst students, and his expertise in the field of Communication Science will be missed!



Wishing you much joy & happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Juanita Potgieter (right) and Mrs. Cathy de Lange (left) who took part in the UFS Generic Management NQF Level 4 course presented by Bathopele Training.

Mrs. Potgieter completed the course and Mrs. De Lange completed two modules.

Well done!

Dr Tania Coetzee attended the 13th National Conference of the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) at the University of the Western Cape from 31 August to 2 September 2016. The theme of the Conference was: Decolonisation after Democracy - Rethinking Politics into the 21st Century.

Dr Coetzee presented a paper with the title: ***Teaching Strategy - A Governance Approach.***

Pictured here is Dr Tania Coetzee (left) with Dr Nicola de Jager from the Department of Political Science, Stellenbosch University.



Lecturers in the Postgraduate Diploma in 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

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

Centre for Health Systems Research and Development, UFS

Department of Philosophy, UNISA

Department of Political Science, UNISA

Department Political Science, NMMU

Department Politics, UJ

Department Practical Theology, UFS

Law Faculty, Rhodes University

School of Education Studies, UFS

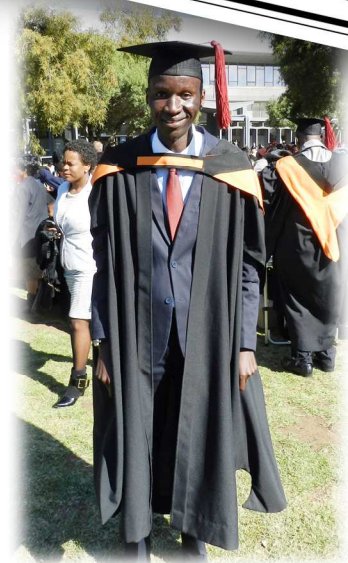
School of Government Management, CUT

School of Nursing, UFS

School of Social Science, Monash South Africa



WE DID IT!



We would like to convey a huge congratulations to our students who obtained their qualifications this year! A total of thirty-nine students obtained their BA in Governance and Political Transformation, nine students obtained their Postgraduate Diplomas and sixteen students obtained their Master's Degrees.

We are so proud of them!

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
GOVERNANCE
AND POLITICAL
TRANSFORMATION**

GXILISHE, Nthatuoa
KHATI, Lebohang Edwin
KHOLANYANE, Teboho Adam
LECWIDI, Sharon Lorato
MARITI, Lehlohonolo Nicolus
MASIBA, Themba Ishmael
MOHALE, Mikateko Sharon
MOHOANG, Khwezilokusa Earl
TAU, Toka Justice



**MASTER'S DEGREE IN GOVERNANCE AND
POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION**

CATHERINE, Fiona Clare
DE FREITAS, Stephanie Celeste
DLAMINI, Olgah Nobuhle
LAIRI, Moleboheng Gladys
LINDE, Dirk Cornelis
MADI, Themba Cecil
MASANGE, Hoitsimolimo
MAVUNDLA, Nhlanhla Bethold
MHUNDURU, Freeman Kwashirai
MOKHELE, Mosekama Osia
QWABE, Modudusi Gregory
SEALE, Geoffrey Robert
SEBEGO, Motale Daniel
SEKAUTU, Tsholele Nicodemus
THEKISO, Lehlohonolo Enoch
VUNDLA, Cherron Nonceba

The Prize for the best Postgraduate Student for 2016 went to Mr K.E. Mohoang (pictured left with Dr Tania Coetzee). The Prize for the best Master's Degree student went to Mr G.R Seale, who unfortunately could not attend the prize giving ceremony.

WELL DONE!





TOPICS OF MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS

Our Master's Degree students delivered excellent mini-dissertations with the following topics:

- ◇ EFFECTIVENESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF RURAL WOMAN
- ◇ THE CONCEPT OF DIRTY HANDS IN A WAR AGAINST TERROR AND LEGALIZING TORTURE TO CONTROL TERRORISM. A COMPARATIVE STUDY
- ◇ GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR KZN NGOS - SISONKE DISTRICT
- ◇ THE STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR EFFECTIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE: THE CASE OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN SOUTH AFRICA
- ◇ THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WATER USAGE IN EZAKHENI TOWNSHIP
- ◇ FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLES OF THE AFRICAN UNION
- ◇ EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LEADERSHIP GOVERNANCE
- ◇ THE COMPATIBILITY OF THE SHARIA LAW AND DEMOCRACY
- ◇ CRITERIA FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IN FREE STATE MUNICIPALITIES
- ◇ HOW IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMME DEVELOPMENT
- ◇ THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: A CASE STUDY OF GENDER EQUALITY
- ◇ HERVORMING VAN DIE VERENIGDE NASIES SE VEILIGHEIDSRaad: DIE ONTWIKKELING VAN 'n NUWE KONSEP VOORSTEL
- ◇ SERVICE DELIVERY AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
- ◇ THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT: NEWCASTLE (KZN) AS A CASE STUDY
- ◇ A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND
- ◇ THE CONTRIBUTION OF SABC RADIO STATIONS TO GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTH AFRICA: A CRITICAL EVALUATION

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- Ph.D in Governance and Political Transformation (NQF 10)

Focus areas

- * South African Governance.
- * Municipal Governance.
- * Cooperative Governance.
- * Political Transformation and Management
- * Law and Governance
- * Political Change Management
- * Ethics, Religion and Governance

Closing date for applications: 21 November 2016

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