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It seems quite surreal that another year is quickly coming to an end. Indeed, 2011 has been quite an exciting year starting with the North African Revolutions, the hotly contested local government elections of May 2011, the disciplinary hearing and increasing political contestation between the ANC and the ANCYL, and finally, the controversial Protection of State Information Bill passed recently. It has also been a very busy year for most of the de-

partments across the country. SAAPS again hosted a number of regional colloquia, and there are still a few more regional colloquia forthcoming early next year. Please encourage emerging scholars to attend as it creates a nice platform for new and emerging novice researchers to engage their academic community. We are happy to announce that the 2012 SAAPS Conference will be hosted by the Department of Political and Governmental Studies

at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University from 28 August–31 August 2012. Call for papers in this issue! Also in this issue, we highlight the many achievements of various departments across the country, forthcoming projects and events of SAAPS, and other conferences and workshops. Also, see our new “Student Successes” where we can highlight the many achievements of our best students. We wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Joleen Steyn Kotze

SAAPS Council Members—Correction

A new SAAPS Council was elected at the 2010 SAAPS Biennial Conference held at the University of Stellenbosch. The new SAAPS Council Members are:

President: Prof. Amanda Gouws, University of Stellenbosch

Vice President: Dr. Kristina Bentley, University of Cape Town

Treasurer: Prof. Dirk Kotze, Univer-

sity of South Africa

Ms. Jo-Ansie Van Wyk, UNISA

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Prof. Suzanne Fransis, University of KwaZulu Natal

Prof. Shireem Hassim, WITS

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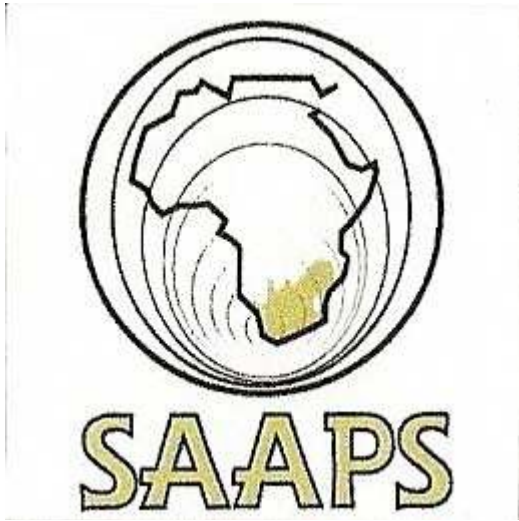
Prof. Clive Napier, University of South Africa

Prof. Pieter Labuschagne, University of South Africa

Prof. John Daniel, SIT

Prof. Heidi Hudson, University of Free State

Dr.. Joleen Steyn Kotze, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University



SAAPS 2012—Call for Papers

Boundaries, citizenship and political contestation in the 21st Century

In 1993 Samuel P. Huntington wrote the controversial and much debated *Clash of Civilisations*. In this piece he posits that the next challenge for the 21st century will be a clash of civilisations, where the inherent root of the conflict will be cultural in nature. In the last decade we have witnessed the birth of the War on Terror, saw a global economic recession comparable to the Great Depression of 1929, and the spread of liberal democracies in the most unlikely

regions of Africa’s predominantly Arab North. Internal to many states, the plight of migrants and foreigners has also come to the fore in some European and states in other regions of the world, and we have witnessed a strengthening of right-wing movements in Europe. Similarly gender contestation and gender mainstreaming has also grown. These events, amongst others, are generally underlined by political rhetoric of increased recognition, albeit for cultural identity, the growth of a patriotic nationalism in some states, discourse of fighting economic and political domination in the Latin American region, increased demands for democracy as a means to achieve prosperity, and greater gender equality, amongst others. Abstract submission in the following are welcomed:

Comparative Politics and Political institutions

Democracy and redistribution; conflict and peace processes; institutional innovation, electoral systems, elections, party systems, the liberal democratic peace; area studies; state building.

Gender, Religion and Identity

Gender equality, women’s representation, gender based violence, National Gender Machineries, citizenship, gender, security and peace, women and militarisation, women and human rights, feminist ethics of care, issues of multiculturalism; increased religious contestation; Islamic political development; religion and political systems.

International Political Economy

Political systems in an economic recession; future of the global economic system; recessions and the politics of bail-out programmes; sustainable economic development and COP 17; future of political economy, environmentalism as a new IPE paradigm.

International Relations

Migration, refugees, diaspora and democratisation in Africa; state failure, political instability and democracy in Africa; democratic domestic political structures and foreign policy in Africa; the transnational dimension of democracy in Africa; the political economy of democratisation in Africa; development and democracy in Africa; Sino-African relations and democracy in Africa; poverty, inequality and democracy in Africa; identity, conflict and democracy in Africa; intercontinental organizations and democracy in Africa; religion and democracy in Africa; constructing an African idea of democracy: transnational dimensions; the democratisation of global institutions, environmentalism as a new IR paradigm.

Political Behaviour

Survey research in Africa, public opinion polls, political culture, legitimacy, rule of law, perceptions of corruption and patronage, elite attitudes, perceptions of gender equality, human rights and economic policy.

Political Theory

Power, legitimacy, sovereignty and related issues; practices of terrorism, violence and anti-liberal politics; does political theory reflect current political realities; rethinking borders and power; sovereignty in the face of violence; nation-states and power configurations; new political communities; theological issues of power and resistance; Questions and theories of new war-technologies

Public Policy

Public policy-making, public policy implementation, public policy evaluation, policy change, public policy theory, public interpretations of democracy and the perspectives on the role of public policy processes, the nature of policy implementation and perceptions of democracy, the role of learning in public policy processes and the contribution of the “interpretive turn” to understanding public policy processes and other related themes, e-governance and the impact of ICT/social networking sites on governance and the democratic

African Politics

The liberal democratic peace in Africa; electoral contestation in African democracies; the AU and the defense of democracy in the 21st century; the role of democracy in Africa’s postconflict reconstruction efforts; democratic consolidation in Africa; political parties in Africa; appraisals of the utility of Africa’s Election Observer Missions; expanding indicators of quality assessment in African elections; citizenship in Africa’s democratisation processes; the political opposition in Africa; the dominant party system in Southern Africa; assessing the causes of failed states in Africa; the politics of lucrative international incentives for democratisation in Africa.

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University is proud to host the 2012 SAAPS Biennial Conference. Nestled in a nature reserve surrounded by the Indian Ocean, the NMMU will provide a rustic and peaceful environment for our conference. The conference will take place from 28 August—31 August 2012 at the NMMU Conference Centre, North Campus.

The 2012 Conference will also mark the 40 years of the former South African Political Studies Association (SAPSA). We will host a special panel on **Looking back—Looking forward** panel. Interested participants are invited to contact Prof. Clive Napier at Napiecj@unisa.ac.za.

Abstracts are due on 31 March 2012. Submission may be made to saaps2012@gmail.com

For further information please contact Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze at joleen.steynkotze@nmmu.ac.za.

Eastern Cape Regional Colloquium



Participants of the Eastern Cape SAAPS Regional Colloquium held at Rhodes University 19—20 October 2011.

Thank you to Rhodes University for hosting the 2011 Eastern Cape SAAPS Regional Colloquium. The colloquium was attended by predominantly Masters' students from Rhodes University and the University of Fort Hare under the theme of **The Role and Response (s) of the African Union to the North African Revolutions: Reflections and Recommendations**. Papers presented were:

Shingirai Maparura **Justice for Export : International Law praxis in Africa**

2. Nguhi Mwaura **The**

Democratic Peace Theory in Africa : An Analysis of the The Arab Spring

3. Lwazi Marawu **The role of global governance organisations in the African context.**

4. Danielle Bowler **Revolutionary Mindsets : Reflections on Fanon**

5. Audrey Kushamba **The end of Dictatorship : Reflections on the growth of democracy in Africa.**

7. Wandile Langa **The North African Revolutions: Roots and Repercussions - The Case of Libya**

8. Tristan Gevers **The**

rationality of Revolt

9. Ben Fogel **The Philosophy of Riots**

10. Michelle Zietsman **The North African Revolutions: Roots and Repercussions**

A special thank you to Mike Mavura and his team for arranging the conference. The colloquium yielded very nice papers and speaks to the high quality of work our emerging scholars in the Eastern Cape are engaged with.

Forthcoming in 2012 will be a special SAAPS book project on the African Union, so watch this space!

University of Pretoria

The International Conference on Regional Integration in Europe and Africa took place from 16 to 18 February 2011. This conference also served as a platform for the launch of the UP Research Unit for Euro-African Studies and the recently announced UNESCO Chair in Regional Integration, Migration and Free Movement of People, a joint initiative of the UN University and the University of Pretoria.

This year saw the third intake of students into the highly successful customised Master of

Diplomatic Studies programme. The new group comprises senior South African diplomats, senior officials from several other South African government departments, as well as diplomats from other SADC countries.

A group of 19 Master's students from George Mason University (Washington DC) spent a week at the Department during May as part of an annual GMU study tour to South Africa.

2011 saw the launch of a new Centre for Me-

diation in Africa, headed by Dr Laurie Nathan. The Centre is sponsored by a Belgian Government grant and is enabling the Department to build the institutional and academic capacity to support mediation efforts and to contribute to peace and stability in Africa and further afield.

On 13 October 2011, South African President Jacob Zuma delivered an address on South Africa's foreign policy to staff and students of the University of Pretoria, members of the diplomatic corps and the

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media. From 13 to 15 July 2011, the Department, together with the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the Embassy of Sweden, hosted a seminar on the “United Nations and Regional Challenges in Africa: 50 years after the death of Dag Hammarskjöld”. The event was opened by Ms Graça Machel.

In the course of 2011, two leading Australian universities (ANU and University of Queensland) invited the Department of Political Sciences for joint ventures in delivering diplomatic training courses for African diplomats. The training forms part of the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility, an official development aid programme for Africa funded by the Australian Government. The first such course, for 30 diplomats from three countries (Swaziland, Zambia and Tanzania) was hosted by the University of Pretoria during June/July 2011.

Free State University

Highlights

One of the highlights on the calendar of the past semester in the Department of Political Science was the hosting of the annual CR Swart memorial lecture, the oldest and probably most prestigious lecture on campus. On 25 August, veteran journalist Max du Preez delivered the 2011 lecture. The theme of his lecture was *Jacob, Julius, Jimmy and the Dancing Monkey*. An electronic copy of his interesting and thought-provoking lecture is available at <http://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/archive.aspx?ews=2080&cat=1>.

Another highlight was the department’s attendance of the regional colloquium of the SAAPS held on 30 September at the Vaal Triangle campus of the North West University. Several members presented papers on their current research projects. The following topics were covered: critical reflections on Indian foreign policy; South African foreign policy and the

Libyan issue; co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations in South Africa; reflections on theory in International Relations; and the gender consequences of linking security and development.

Name change

From January 2011 the department will be known as the Department of Political Studies and Governance following the incorporation of the single-standing Programme of Governance and Political Transformation into the Department of Political Science.

Staff movements

Mr Ambrose du Plessis, joined the Qwaqwa branch of the department as a temporary junior lecturer during the second half of 2011 after he completed a portion of his honours studies in IR as an exchange student at the Appalachian State University.

Conference organiser

Dr Alex Amtaika acted as the main conference organiser of

the Second International Conference on Local Government hosted in Durban from 26 to 28 October 2011.

Research outputs

As far as research outputs are concerned, the following were recently published or delivered by staff members:

Journals – accredited journals

Neethling, Theo, 2011, From MONUC to MONUSCO and Beyond: Prospects for Reconstruction, State-building and Security Governance in the DRC. *South African Journal of International Affairs*, 18, 1.

Neethling, Theo, 2011, The SANDF as an Instrument for Peacekeeping in Africa: A Critical Analysis, *Journal of Contemporary History*, 36, 2.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, Egypt: Between Pharaohs and Fundamentalists, *New Agenda: South African Journal of Social and Economic Policy*, 41, First Quarter.

Solomon, Hussein (with Sonja Theron – UP), 2011, Behind the Veil: India’s Relations with Apartheid South Africa, *Strategic Review for Southern Africa*, XXXIII, 1, May.

Solomon, Hussein (2011), The Globalisation of Terror: Hezbollah in Africa, *New Agenda: South African Journal of Social and Economic Policy*, 43, Third Quarter.

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Journals – non accredited

Neethling, Theo, 2011, Toward the End of UN Peacekeeping in the DRC, *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*, 18, 1.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, Between Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Southern Philippines, *Indian Journal for Asian Affairs*, June-Dec.

Conference papers

Amtaika, Alexius, 2011, Have the Spin-offs of the New World Order Eluded Africa? Africa in Global Focus, Africa Conference 2011, Austin, Texas, United States of America, 27 March 2011.

Choane, Mamokhosi and Smiles, Joseph, 2011, Revolt vs. Reform: Local Government in South Africa. 2nd International Conference on Local Government, Durban, 26-28 October 2011.

Coetzee, Eben, 2011, The

End of the Road for Democratic Peace Theory. SA Association of Political Studies Regional Colloquium, NWU Vanderbijlpark Campus, 30 September 2011.

Neethling, Theo, 2011, Towards the End of UN Peacekeeping in the DRC: Prospects for Peace and Reconstruction in a Troubled Country. 4th European Conference on African Studies, Nordic-Africa Institute, Uppsala, 15-18 June 2011.

Neethling, Theo, 2011, Reflections on Norm Dynamics in South African Foreign Policy with Special Reference to the No-fly Zone in Libya. SA Association of Political Studies Regional Colloquium, NWU Vanderbijlpark Campus, 30 September 2011.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, Opposition Political Parties in Southern Africa: A Conceptual Overview. Book Launch: Are Opposition Parties in South Africa in

Crisis?, KMMR Review Publishers and the Centre for African Studies, University of the Free State, 15 March 2011.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, The Jasmine Revolution in the Middle East: Between 1848 and 1989. Uprisings in the Arab World, Institute for Foreign and Comparative Law and the Institute for African Renaissance Studies, University of South Africa, Pretoria, 2 March 2011.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, Mediating in the Context of War Economies: The Case of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Mediation and Peacemaking in Southern Africa, Lusaka, Zambia, 23 September 2011.

Solomon, Hussein, 2011, Critical Reflections of Indian Foreign Policy: Between Kautilya and Ashoka. SA Association of Political Studies Regional Colloquium, NWU Vanderbijlpark Campus, 30 September 2011.



Pictured from the left are: Dr Herman van der Elst (main organiser of the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, NWU); Dr Tania Coetzee; Prof Hussein Solomon; Prof. Theo Neethling (HOD); and Prof Heidi Hudson (Centre for African Studies).

University of Johannesburg

Congratulations to Politics' Ms **Vicky Graham** who was one of 18 first year lecturers selected to receive a Faculty of Humanities' award that recognizes "Excellence in First-Year Teaching." Earlier this year the Humanities' Teaching and Learning Committee decided to invite the top first-year students in the Faculty to nominate a lecturer who had made a significant impression on them, and who they felt had contributed significantly to their success.

Dr Costa Georghiou received a Roll of Merit award from Advocate George Bizos in June at the SAHETI (Greek) School in Bedfordview, Johannesburg.

Prof. Yolanda Sadie was appointed for a second term of three years by the Minister of Science and Technology to the Council of the Africa Institute of South Africa where she is the Chair of the Research Committee. In addition to this, she is also a Board Member of the Femmes Congolaises en Action (FCA) – (Congolese Women in Action). Congratulations to Prof. Sadie for these well-deserved accomplishments!

Congratulations to **Prof. Lawrence Hamilton** on the following: He was

elected to the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF) and elected as Member of the Scientific Committee for II International Congress on Political Philosophy and Theory, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal. He was also elected as a Senate Representative on UJ's Institutional Forum Committee. He was furthermore rated as a B1 researcher by the National Research Foundation (NRF) and invited to be one of six lecturers for the Democracy and Diversity Institute, a Transregional Center for Democratic Studies (TDS), New School for Social Research (NSSR), New York and the University of Johannesburg, following a collaboration between NSSR and UJ. This course will be held at UJ from 6 January 2012 for two weeks. Finally, Prof. Hamilton together with Prof. Peter Vale, received a Blue Skies Award from the National Research Foundation for a large research project, entitled 'South Africa and Its Neighbours: State Formation, Political and Social Thought', the first major conference for will be held at UJ on 5 to 6

January 2012, entitled 'Empire and Economics', with 21 local and international speakers.

We welcomed three additional post-doctoral fellows to the department this year: **Dr Camilla Boisen, Dr Jérémie Barthas and Dr Chris Allsobrook**. Also welcome to Ms Candice Moore who is in the final stages of completing her PhD and who is currently lecturing International Political Economy at Honours level.

Conferences, Publications and Research

Prof. Chris Landsberg's book: *The Diplomacy of Transformation: South African Foreign Policy and Statecraft* was published earlier this year. He also co-edited the 2011 edition of *Government and Politics in South Africa* together with editor-in-chief, Albert Venter, who is Emeritus Professor of Politics.

Once again, Prof. Yolanda Sadie, wrote a chapter on "Political Parties and Elections" in *Government and Politics in South Africa* mentioned above.

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She also wrote a chapter on “Student perspectives on issues of governance in Southern African states: some implications for development” in Koff, H. (ed.), 2011. *Development, Poverty and Global Crises: Reinforcing Governance*. She furthermore published an article entitled “La perception de la démocratie et de la gouvernance par les étudiants en République du Congo/ The perceptions of students on democracy on issues of governance in the Democratic Republic of Congo” through the *French Institute of South Africa: Lesedi*, No 12, March 2011. During June 2011, she presented a paper on “Political Attitudes and Behaviour of University Students in a post-apartheid South Africa” at the Fourth European Conference on African Studies, in Uppsala, Sweden.

In the best tradition of ‘academic tourism’, **Prof. Deon Geldenhuys** endured unstable volcanos, melting glaciers and geysers spurting boiling water while doing intensive field research in Iceland in August this year. He took part in the annual conference of the European Consortium for Political Research held in Reykjavik, Iceland. The ever humble Prof. Geldenhuys said he did it all in the name of Science!

Prof. Lawrence Hamilton gave a keynote speech at the Sao Paulo Critical Theory Conference, Cebrap, at the University of Sao Paulo during October. He also published two journal articles: “Collective Unfreedom in South Africa” in *Contemporary Politics*, Vol. 17 (4) (December 2011) and “Ambassadors of the Humanities in South Africa” in *New Agenda: South African Journal of Social and Economic Policy*, Issue 41 (first quarter).

Ms Suzy Graham will have her article entitled “South Africa’s UN General Assembly Voting Record from 2003 to 2008: Comparing India, Brazil and South Africa” published in Volume 38(3) 2011 of the journal *Politikon*.

Dr James Furner wrote about “Marx and Schüts on Action” which was published in the *South African Journal of Philosophy*, Vol 30(2) 2011. Dr Chris All-

sobrook wrote an article entitled “True Ideology: Groundless Critique” in *Studies in Social and Political Thought*, Vol 18(2) 2011. Dr Camilla Boisen co-authored a chapter called “Hobbes and Subjecting International Relations to Law and Morality” in R Prokhovnik and G Slomp (eds.), 2011. *International Theory after Hobbes: Analysis, Interpretation and Orientation*.

Ms. Candice Moore together with a number of students from UJ attended the Global Next Leaders’ Forum (GNLF) Conference in Tokyo, Japan during September. They were hosted by students of the University of Tokyo, assisted by a number of students from all over Japan. Morocco, Tunisia, Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa were the African countries represented. Here Ms Moore presented two papers, “International Security and International Organisations”.



(Prof. Geldenhuys, Ms V Graham, Mr Mbeki, Prof. Venter, Prof. Khadiagala, Ms S Graham, Prof. Landsberg)

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and “Intermediate States and International Organisations.” According to Ms Moore, their hosts were very gracious and took them on trips to Edo-Tokyo National Museum, a Sumo stadium, various shrines, and the ancient capital, Kamakura. They also had the opportunity to meet the South African ambassador to Japan, Mr Gert Grobler and to be invited to the South African Embassy in Tokyo.

Bafana Ntuli, student assistant in the Politics Department, was nominated to participate as a student delegate at the International Student Festival in Trondheim (ISFiT) in Norway in February this year. The festival hosted 300 students from around the world and the conference theme was “Global Health.” He was also a delegate at the South American Business Forum (SABF) in Argentina in August. He was one of 100 students selected globally to participate in dialogues and workshop on the topic “Facing Exponential Times.” His selection as participant was based on a paper he authored entitled

“South American Regionalism: Policy Lessons in Socio-Economic Development and Income Redistribution.” Finally, Bafana also presented a workshop at the Golden Key Regional Summit at the University of the Free State in October entitled “Leading Across Diversity.” Well done, Bafana, the Politics Department is proud of you!

Moeletsi Mbeki impresses the UJ crowds

On the 20th September, the Department of Politics hosted a public lecture with keynote speaker Moeletsi Mbeki (brother of former president, Thabo Mbeki) on his latest offering, a book which he edited, entitled: “Advocates for Change: How to overcome Africa’s Challenges.” Mr Mbeki’s presentation was thoroughly entertaining and nuanced, including a digressing into the number of cattle farmed in South Africa, why we sell gold to the US just to import it back on cell phone Sim cards, and the very real problem of living in a consumption economy. Book contributor, Prof. Gilbert

Khadiagala, Jan Smuts Professor of International Relations at Wits, also presented a very interesting speech on the need for African democracies to sort out their own elections without the need for observer teams overseeing every move. The speakers stirred up significant debate amongst the Politics students, staff and interested members of public who packed the hall to capacity. Post-lecture questions also teased out Mr Mbeki’s musings over corruption in the country resulting in the revelation of Mr Mbeki’s real world experiences on the subject which left the audience amused and bemused.

Western Cape Regional Colloquium

The Western Cape SAAPS Colloquium was hosted by UCT on 7 October 2011. Papers were presented by colleagues from all 3 universities (UCT, UWC and Stellenbosch) in what was a very productive and enjoyable day. The papers represented a good mix of both experienced and more senior scholars, as well as emerging scholars and graduate students. The papers presented demonstrated both the quality and quantity of excellent research that is taking place.

Papers presented were:

Robert Mattes (UCT), Shaheen Mozaffar (Bridgewater State University) and Joel Barakan, (Centre for Strategic and International Studies and University of Iowa) - **Do Educated MPs Drive Legislative Reform? Evidence from 11 Sub-Saharan Parliaments.**

Robert Cameron (UCT), Per Strand (UCT), and Lauren Smith (UCT) - **Is HIV/AIDS Undermining Local Government Performance in South Africa?**

Gemma Oberth (UCT) - **Who Governs Public Health? The Spheres of Influence in Southern African HIV and AIDS Policy-Making.**

Laurence Piper (UWC) - **The Politics of 'Popular Incompetence': Failing Local Governments in South Africa and the Negative Dialectic of Liberal-Democracy and Liberation Nationalism.**

Cherrel Africa (UWC) - **Universal Suffrage? Achievements and Challenges in Widening Voter Access in Democratic South Africa.**

Derica Lambrechts (Stellenbosch University) - **The Criminalisation of the State at the Local Government Level – A study of Organised Crime on the Cape Flats and the City of Cape Town.**

Vinothan Naidoo (UCT) - **'Joining-Up' Development Programme Implementation in South Africa.**

Happy Kayuni (UWC) - **Public Housing Management Reform (in the context of NMP) and Political Interference: The Case of Malawi Housing Corporation.**

Joelien Pretorius (UWC) - **The Security Imaginary: Cultures and Psychologies of Insecurity.**

Suweon Kim (UWC) - **The Political Economy of Aid-Orientated Foreign Policy Change: Elite Perceptions on Mercantilism in Korea and Ghana.**

Eleyce Northcraft Kavli (UCT) - **Transnational Activism and the Global Politics of Access to Affordable ARVs.**

Laura Freeman (UCT) - **Development at the Department Level: A Case Study of Supplementary Tutorials for Under-Prepared First Year Politics Students.**

UNISA

From the desk of the Head of Department

The saying is that there is never a dull moment in politics and equally in the Department of Political Sciences this is certainly the case. The Department finds itself in a dynamic and fast changing Open and Distance Learning environment and simultaneously has to cope with increasing student numbers. However, the Department does not shy away from an environment of change and relating challenges ensuring that it maintains its relevance and importance within the broader university environment. The Department of Political Sciences is a growing department, not only in terms of student numbers, but also in staff members. The dynamic growth in Honours, Masters and Doctoral students has placed a tremendous burden on the available manpower to guide post-graduate students. However, this is a challenge that we will have to meet in a new and innovative manner. A welcome addition to the Department is the new Centre for Electoral Studies with its own Director. This provides a unique opportunity for Masters and Doctoral students who want to pursue research in electoral studies.

Departmental offerings increase

Apart from hosting Honours, Masters and Doctoral degrees in African Politics, Politics and International Politics, the Department offers the following undergraduate programme degrees:

- BA with specialization in Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- BA in Government, Administration and Development
- BA in International Relations and Diplomacy
- BA in Policy Studies
- BA in Political Leadership and Citizenship

Auschwitz revisited—Professor Anthony Court, an alumnus of the Department and currently a Senior Researcher at the *Unisa Primedia Holocaust and Genocide Unit*, presented a seminar in the Department in September 2011 on *Interpreting Auschwitz: A visual interpretation of the organizational patterns of forced labour, concentration and extermination*.



Featured staff member: Bernard Masutha

Neo Bernard Masutha is a former member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Unisa Student Council. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (International Relations & Diplomacy) from Unisa and currently enrolled for an Honours degree (International Politics) in the Department. He joined the Department in September 2011 as an Academic Assistant.



From left to right: Stephina Motlhoki, Clive Napier, Ahmed Jazhbay, Pieter Labuschagne, Betty Moses, Dirk Kotzé, Susan Botha, Thabisi Hoeane, Teboho Molete, Tendayi Sithole, Sarita Kant, Bernard Masutha, Farhana Paruk, Phil Mtimkulu, Solomon Mudau, Jo-Ansie van Wyk, Romain Francis, Murray Faure & Tersia van Heerden

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Professor **Pieter Labuschagne** was the top performer in 2011 with departmental research outputs. His publications for 2011 include:

Memorial complexity and political change: Paul Kruger's statute migration through space and time, *Journal of Arts History*, 27(4), 2011.

The political sociology of power in sport: a comparative analysis of the 1956 and 1981 Springbok rugby tours to New Zealand, *Journal for Contemporary History*, 26(1), 2011.

State instability in South Africa: a matter of an organic state trapped within a constitutional state? *Politeia*, 30(2), 2011.

Political communication and meaning in a climate of cultural contestation: a critical analysis of Zapiro's cartoon of the rape of Justicia, *Communicatio*, 37(3), 2011.

Farm schools as early centres for teaching and cultural development: excerpts from the minute book of the Paardenvallei Publieke Skool, 1908–1938, *Journal for Cultural History*, 25(2), 2011.

FIFA and the 2010 Soccer World Cup in South Africa: a developmental perspective, *Africanus*, 41(2), 2011.

The Aliwal North Concentration Camp during the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 – Glimpses from an anthology, *Journal for Cultural History*, 25(1), 2011.

Ms **Jo-Ansie van Wyk's** publications include:

Case study: Kamieskroon Bed & Breakfast', in Dimitri Tassiopoulos (Ed), *New tourism ventures: an entrepreneurial and managerial approach*. Juta: Cape Town. Second edition. 2011.

Lere Amusan & Jo-Ansie van Wyk. The complexities of bilateral relations: the Nigeria–South Africa relationship (2000–2006), *Politeia*, 30(1), 2011.

International and domestic conference attendance by members of the Department

Professor **Pieter Labuschagne** attended a conference in Athens, Greece from 29 to 30 June 2011. The title of the paper he read is A comparative analysis of the transition and peace-building in Southern Africa: the case of Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Professor **Clive Napier** will be attending the 34th conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) from 30 November to 2 December 2011 at Flinders University, South Australia. The title of his paper is *South African local government – new roles and challenges evaluated*.

Ms **Jo-Ansie van Wyk** was a member of the South African government delegation to the 54th Session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) which was held from 1 to 10 June 2011 in Vienna, Austria. Ms van Wyk co-prepared and read the South Africa statement on *Space and society*.

Ms van Wyk also attended the 62nd Interna-

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tional Astronomical Congress (IAC) from 3 to 7 October 2011 in Cape Town, South Africa. She presented a paper she co-authored with Advocate Lulekwa Makapela of the Department of Trade & Industry titled *The legal framework for South African space activities: an analysis of the legal rules governing the launching and operation of a satellite and applications by private actors*.

In October 2011, Ms van Wyk participated in a workshop of the Nuclear Proliferation History Project of the Washington-based Woodrow Wilson Centre International Center for Scholars in Prato, Italy.

Mr **Tendayi Sithole** presented a paper at the South African Development Studies Association Conference on Reshaping Development in the 21st Century at Unisa in Pretoria from 28 to 30 September 2011. The title of his paper was *The post-1994 black capitalist as an oxymoron: A Fanonian intervention*.

Mr Sithole will be attending the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa's (CODESRIA) General Assembly in Rabat, Morocco, from 5 to 9 December 2011. He will also read a paper titled *Fanon, Manichean structure and the challenges of coloniality in the post-1994*.

Departmental community service feature—Dr Phil Mtimkulu, Senior Lecturer in African Politics is a founding member of the Press Freedom Commission (PFC), which was established on 7 July 2011. The PCF was initiated by the South African print media industry to address the self regulation of print me-

dia in the country. Dr Mtimkulu has been involved in the South Africa media for more than 20 years. He cut his media teeth as a freelance sports reporter on the *Golden City Post*, followed by appointments at the *World* and *Weekend World*, *The Voice*, *Post*, *Sowetan* and *The Star*. Dr Mtimkulu was the secretary-general of the Union of Black Journalists (UBJ), which was banned with other Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) organisations in 1977. He was the first secretary of the Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWASA). He has also been a Board Member of Funda Centre, the Deputy Chairperson of the interim board of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), a regular television analyst and a columnist for *The Star*.

13th annual Africa Day conference in pictures



Professor Pieter Labuschagne and Dr Essop Pahad in conversation at the Department's 13th annual Africa Day conference



Ms Tersia van Heerden and Ms Betty Moses, members of the Department's Secretariat, at the registration desk



Professor Murray Faure in conversation with one of the Department's students

Forthcoming Departmental events for 2012

14th Africa Day Conference (May/June 2012). For more information, contact Professor Clive Napier at napiecj@unisa.ac.za

Honours Day for students enrolled for Honours degrees. For more information, contact Tendayi Sithole at sitholet@unisa.ac.za



Congratulations to Dr. Charles Nyambuga. The title of his thesis was *The role of Press in Political Conflicts in Kenya: A case study of the Nation and East Standard Newspapers*. Dr. Nyambuga was supervised by an interdisciplinary team with Prof. Peter Cunningham (Sociology), Dr. Joleen Steyn-Kotze (Political Science) and Ms. Bianca Wright (Media Studies).

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

It has indeed been a busy and productive year at the NMMU's Department of Political and Governmental Studies (encompassing Political Science, Public Administration, and Conflict Management and Transformation). This year saw a number of graduates across all three disciplines receive their degrees and diplomas at our April graduation. With three doctoral candidates having their doctoral degrees conferred, we also celebrated the graduation of 23 Master's students and six Honours students.

Research outputs for 2011

Dr. Lyn Snodgrass' outputs for the year include *Reintegrating former child soldiers into their communities in northern Uganda: A case study* a book chapter in **Africa in Focus: Governance in the 21st Century**, HSRC Press; *The interface between Human Needs and Environmental Protection: The Case of Thynspunt, South Africa* with Glynn Potts in *Africa Insight* Vol. 41 (1);

Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze published *Refugee perceptions of the Port Elizabeth Refugee Reception Centre* in *Africa Insight* Vol. 41 (1), in collaboration with Derek Taylor. Presently *Non-racialism, nation-building and democratic consolidation in South Africa* is under peer-review at Politeia.

Conference Attendance

Dr. Lyn Snodgrass attended the

11th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations. University of the Western Cape 20-22 June 2011 and presented a paper entitled: *Development and Diversity: Violence Prevention through Urban Renewal in Marginalised Communities in South Africa*.

Ms. Danielle Barnes also attended the 11th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations. University of the Western Cape 20-22 June 2011 and presented a paper entitled *Globalization and its effect on the acculturation of diverse cultures in South Africa*.

Staff Achievements

The Department wishes to congratulate **Joleen Steyn Kotze** on having her doctoral

degree conferred on 3 June 2011 at the East London UNISA graduation ceremony. The title of her thesis was *Theory Building and Democracy: An appraisal and analysis of the consolidation of democracy theory*. She was supervised by Prof. Dirk Kotze.

Internationalisation

Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze spent a week at the University of Osnabrueck, Osnabrueck, Germany facilitating a course on Democratic governance and civic engagement. This course forms part of a summerschool programme on Democratic governance and civic engagement and was presented in July. Students who participated in the course were from different countries, including Germany, Venezuela, Brazil, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, USA, Uganda, Ghana, and Costa Rica.



Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze with participants from the Democratic Governance and Civic Engagement Summerschool course at the University of Osnabrueck, Germany.

Seminar Series developing emerging scholars

An interdisciplinary Seminar Series commenced in May of 2011 at the NMMU with the aim of enhancing academic and scholarship attributes of the participants who attended.

Ms. Enaleen Draai, lecturer and doctoral candidate, was selected as a participant of this series. The themes of the sessions were diverse in nature, ranging from definitions and analysis of what is an intellectual, rewarding teaching and learning, as well as implications of multiculturalism and identity in South Africa.

Programme of Governance and Transformation—UFS

Another successful Research Seminar!

The Programme in Governance and Political Transformation at our university presented a two-day research seminar for our master's students currently busy with research for their mini-dissertations. Experts from various academic fields presented papers on, amongst others, scenario methodologies, the pitfalls of doing social research, conducting postgraduate research, and steps to achieve success in postgraduate research.

Presenters were Dr Pieter Fourie, Research Associate at Macquarie University (Australia) and Pretoria University; Prof. Hussein Solomon from our Department of Political Science; Dr Henriëtte van den Berg from our Department of Psychology; Dr Sethulego Matebesi from our Department of Sociology; Henk Boshoff, Head: Motheo Administrative Unit; Prof. Christo Heunis from our Centre for Health Systems Research and Development; and Dr Chitja Twala from our Department of History.

The programme is aimed at the advancement of political knowledge and the development of political, management-oriented skills in an environment of rapid change. It has been created to satisfy the need for institutional capacity building, leadership development and the promotion of a value system that complements good governance and forms the basis of democratic government. Dr Tania Coetzee, Programme Director of the in Programme Governance and Political Transformation, was a **guest lecturer** at the Department of Urban and Regional planning on the 27th of July 2011. Her topic dealt with Co-operative Governance and Intergovernmental

Relations.

The following **articles** were **published** in the Programme for 2011:

Liba, I.D. & Coetzee, T. 2011. **An assessment of municipal partnerships**. Journal of US-China Public Administration. 8(4):361-371

Swanepoel, M.P., Duvenhage, A. & Coetzee, T. 2011. **Vigilantism as a feature of political decay in the post-1994 South African dispensation**. Journal of Contemporary History. 36(1):114-133

The Free State Provincial Government (Premier's Office Mr Ramatiisa and Mr Albie van Rensburg) conducted a **focus group discussion** with Dr T. Coetzee, amongst others, regarding the **Free State Growth and Development Strategy**. The discussion viewed the governance process and the discussion paper of Prof. Kondlo. 14 July 2011.

Dr Coetzee presented a **paper at the Second International Conference on Local Government in Durban** from 26-28 October 2011. The topic was: *Intergovernmental relations at local government: legitimacy challenges*. The universities involved in the conference were the University of the Free State, Tshwane University of Technology and Walter Sisulu University.

Dr. Coetzee presented a paper on intergovernmental relations at the ***South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) Symposium***. Theme: Political dynamics in the developing world: towards durable peace security and sustainable development. Department Political Science, North West University



At the research seminar were, from the left: Prof. Hussein Solomon, Dr Henriëtte van den Berg, Dr Tania Coetzee from the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation, Henk Boshoff and Dr Pieter Fourie.

Vaal Triangle campus. Vanderbijlpark 30 Sept.



The second day of the Research Seminar consisted of group sessions where students gave short presentations about their research topics. Facilitators then gave the students feedback and advice as to how to improve their research to produce a high quality extensive mini-dissertation. The photo above was taken on the second day of the seminar and includes the students who attended as well as the facilitators that assisted the students.

Call for papers



announces

1st Annual *IFjP* Conference

August 2-4, 2012,

University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

“Leaving the Camp – Gender Analysis Across Real and Perceived Divides”

The aim of this conference is to serve as a forum for developing and discussing papers that *IFjP* hopes to publish. These can be on the conference theme or on other feminist IR-related questions.

Call for papers

The nature and quality of the insider-outsider feminist conversations with and about International Relations (IR) has captured the attention of many scholarly debates. However, it remains questionable as to whether the opening up of conversational spaces between Feminist IR and mainstream IR, and the perceived voice which may have been won, have indeed facilitated a questioning of IR's traditional roots. Similarly, in a fast-changing world where rhetoric and reality are conflated in the discourse of interconnectedness, so-called divides between feminist academics and gender policy makers are taken as a given and hence, sometimes become weakly conceptualised and under-theorised.

Against the backdrop of this brief outline of the problem, the conference seeks to bring scholars and practitioners together to critically consider the implications of erecting epistemological and empirical fences, and to explore ways in which gender analysis – as it intersects with the analysis of other identities such as race, class, ethnicity and sexual orientation – may be used to challenge preconceived ideas about camps, silos and borders. Perhaps answers are to be found in the shared assumptions of, for instance, feminist, queer and postcolonial activism and/or studying of global politics. ‘Gender’ as *the* dominant category of analysis for ‘borders work’ could therefore also be contested.

Sub-themes include the following:

Theorising the idea of borders and divides – myths and realities

Gender across the policy/donor/practitioner/academy divide

Gender across geographical divides (gendering transnational spaces)

Gender across institutional divides (gendering international organisation(s))

Gender across feminist divides

Gender across disciplinary and trans-disciplinary divides

We invite submissions for individual papers or pre-constituted panels on any topic pertaining to the conference theme and sub-themes. **We also welcome papers and panels that consider other feminist IR-related questions.**

Send abstracts (250 words) to: Heidi Hudson (HUDSONH@UFS.AC.ZA)

Deadline for submissions: March 30th, 2012

More information will be available on the *IFjP* website (www.ifjp.org) at a later stage.

In a globalising world, everywhere power is being reconfigured, creating opportunities for change:

- New players are emerging on the world stage, reflected in G-20, the 'BRICs' and in North-South relations.
- Climate change and the financial crisis have altered global dynamics.
- Transnational governance is taking on new forms, such as the reformed EU and Mercosur.
- Within states, there is increased devolution and the recognition of sub-identities.
- State functions are increasingly being shared with non-state actors such as corporations and non-governmental organisations and are affected by the dynamics of an international society.
- Substantial changes are taking place in social life including gender roles and the nature of the family.
- Religious cleavages refuse to disappear, and may be evolving into a major axis of political and social conflict.
- The Westphalian model of inter-state relations is not sufficient to cope with the challenges of global governance. This emphasises the importance of the dialogue between political science and international relations.

The nation-state remains the key crucible of power in terms of elections, public policy and in international negotiations, but it faces new challenges. Territory and power no longer align. Boundaries and borders are shifting.

Boundaries can be geographical, social, cultural, religious or economic. We need to understand how they are created and interpreted. Every boundary is an expression and exercise of power and this raises normative issues, particularly those relating to justice and the divisions between public and private and at the global level between North-South and South-South relations. The debate about the centrality of trust in social and political life has been reactivated.

How we frame these issues depends in part on our disciplinary assumptions and methodologies. We need to think again about how to conceptualise power, for example in terms of legitimacy, sovereignty or questions of global governance/locality. Boundaries within our discipline and with other disciplines are shifting. Space and scale are becoming increasingly important in the thinking of political science. What other tools or multi-method approaches do we need to respond to these changes? Political science can play an important role in informing the choices that come with the reshaping of power. The main congress themes are:

Comparative Politics and Political Institutions, Gender, Religion and Identity, International Political Economy, International Relations, Political Behaviour, Political Theory, and Public Policy.

We invite you to share your research on the reshaping of power and shifting boundaries at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, in Madrid 2012. Please visit <http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/madrid2012/congress-theme>.

Student Successes—Celebrating our future scholars

University of Johannesburg

Not only do our student assistants excel academically, they also give back to society. **Rose Palesa Nqambasa**, our other student assistant, is involved in the organisation ‘Youth Moving Up’ (YMU), a non-profit and non-governmental organisation which existence is inspired by the South African youth and especially the disadvantaged youth. YMU recently hosted a mentoring programme for women called ‘Mentor Me.’ According to Rose, “Society is divided and this has had disastrous effects over the years. The youth has been left to take their own initiative, and as a result teenage pregnancy, drug abuse and education decline have prevailed. Rose explained that the ‘Mentor Me’ event not only aimed to bring solidarity between the youth and elders in society, but also to expose the youth to respectable elders who can mentor them through life.

Arina Muresan, Honours student and research assistant to Prof. Deon Geldenhuys, published two articles for Consultancy Africa Intelligence (CAI): “A greater Arab spring: The case of Senegal” and “Piracy: Changing the symptoms of an epidemic.”

Mia Snyman and Mojalefa Dipholo (our tutors at the Soweto Campus and Honours students) went with Ms Moore to the Global Next Leaders’ Forum Conference in Tokyo, Japan. Both described their visit as the experience of a lifetime. Mojalefa especially wishes to thank Prof. Chris Landsberg, Prof. Deon Geldenhuys and the Graham sisters for making this trip possible. Highlights of the trip were the visit to Kamekuru where they learnt about Japanese history, tradition, customs, culture and religion as well as meeting the SA ambassador to Japan, Mr G Grobler and his first secretary, Mr F Cronje.

David Schild (former tutor) received his MA Degree earlier this year and **Denine Walters** (also a former tutor) is putting the finishing touches to her MA. Denine who is also the manager/editor for the Conflict and Terrorism Unit at Consultancy Africa Intelligence (CAI), is soon leaving for Europe and we wish her all the best for her overseas endeavours.

The following Politics third year students were all placed on the **Dean’s Honours List** this year due to their consistently high marks and overall effort. This is a very prestigious honour and our department is very proud of them! Congratulations to: **Daniel Sieber, Diilan Cohen and Palesa Rose Nqambaza**.

Student Successes—Celebrating our future scholars (continues)

UNISA

Alumni and students on the move

Mpumelelo Mkhabela, registered for a Masters degree in International Politics, has been appointed editor of the *Sowetan*. **Mandla Mabuza**, an alumnus of our Department has been promoted to the position of Acting Director General of the Department of Public Works.

Julius Malema, the incumbent ANC Youth League Leader, is currently enrolled in our Department.

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

Congratulations to our doctoral graduates of 2011:

Leinadu Adams was conferred a D.Phil in Public Administration with a thesis entitled *An investigation of the attitudes of South African Police Service Management with respect to the viability of computer assisted training in the Eastern Cape Province*. Her thesis explored the viability of implementing computer assisted training (CAT) within the Eastern Cape SAPS with specific emphasis on assessing the level of computer literacy of role players; access to appropriate computer facilities and infrastructure; as well as the attitudes of SAPS management officials in this respect. Through his extensive research, the candidate has outlined measures that need to be put in place to address the challenges associated with implementing computer-assisted training in the Eastern Cape SAPS and he has provided useful recommendations and a conceptual framework through which information technology can be applied to enhance learning within any organisation. Congratulations to the candidate and promoters **Prof. Heather Nel** and **Mr. Danie Venter**.

Never Mabuko was conferred a D.Phil in Conflict Management and Transformation with a thesis entitled *Conflict and sustainable development: The case of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, Southern Africa*. Using a grounded theoretical approach, this study has established reasons for the success of the approaches to conflict management used in the Makuleke case, as opposed to the less successful tactics associated with the Chitsa case. It emerges quite clearly that non-violent techniques such as negotiation and mediation in natural resource management can be effective tools in conflict resolution, making peace amongst protagonists and promoting collaboration. Inclusively all stages is an important principle, and basic human needs are a key variable. Congratulations to the candidate and promoter, **Dr. Gavin Bradshaw**.

Charles Ongadi Nyambuga was conferred a D.Phil in Media studies with a thesis entitled *The role of Press in political conflict in Kenya: A case study of the performance of the Nation and East African Standard newspapers*. The thesis explores the interaction between the press and ethnic conflict through an interdisciplinary study spanning political science, media studies and sociology and encompassing both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. His in-depth research resulted in a well-rounded, insight and thought-provoking analysis of the role of the media in a constitutional crisis. His work provides valuable insight into the role that the media plays in fragile democracies such as that in Kenya, linking this to the Kenyan socio-historical background. Rather than advocating an authoritarian approach that emphasises censorship and control, he puts forward the case for African democracies, particularly those characterised as weak liberal democracies, to embrace the role the media can play as a forum for democratic practice. Congratulations to the candidate and promoters, **Prof. Peter Cunningham**, **Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze** and **Ms. Bianca Wright**.

Forthcoming SAAPS Projects

There are a number of projects that SAAPS will undertake in 2012, and of course, we need your help.

A **State of the Discipline** project will commence early in 2012 with a survey going out to all departments. We do require departments to complete the questionnaire and your assistance with this matter will be greatly appreciated. A task team to deal with this has been set up and include, Prof. Amanda Gouws (Project Leader); Dr. Kristina Bentley, Prof. Yolanda Kemp Spies; and Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze.

We have also established a **Humanities Charter sub-committee** that will study and respond to the newly released Charter of Humanities. The sub-committee includes Prof. John Daniels (Project Leader); Prof. Clive Napier; Prof. Heidi Hudson; and Prof. Shireen Hassim.

We are also launching a book project in 2012....so be sure to watch this space early in 2012!

URGENT CALL

Please make sure your membership to SAAPS for 2011 is paid up. Failure to do so will result in you not receiving the latest copy of **Politikon**. Also, the membership form is available at www.saaps.org.za, and we welcome any new recruits! Banking details are:

Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Hatfield Branch
Branch code: 011545
Account number: 081990154
Swift code: SBZAZAJ

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Prof. Amanda Gouws has been on sabbatical for 2011 and has been a resident fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation's Centre in Bellagio, Italy from March to April. She is writing a book on the South African Women's Movement since 1994.

Prof. Susan Booysen has just published her new book entitled **The African National Congress and the Regeneration of Political Power: People, Party, Policy**.

Let's spread our news

We hope that you enjoyed the bumper issue of the November 2011 SAAPS Newsletter. If you have any items that you would like to include in the next edition, please email Dr. Joleen Steyn-Kotze at joleen.steynkotze@nmmu.ac.za. Please send a departmental representative's name to Dr. Joleen Steyn Kotze as a contact person for your Department's news items.