

# EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME

## GOVERNANCE & POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

Circular 7: Second Semester 2011

Faculty of the Humanities

### 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.



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.



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.

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# SPRING GRADUATION CEREMONY

During the Spring Graduation Ceremony, which took place on 20 & 21 September 2011 at the University of the Free State, the following students were awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation:

Mr D. Chiloane  
Mr S.S. Mtshali  
Mr B.N. Nazo  
Mr M.W.A. Nthuping  
Mr G.M.P. Pholo  
Ms M.A. Pholosi-Thelejane



The Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation was awarded to the following students:

Ms N.E. Khemane  
Mr T.R. Matsoso  
Ms M.A. Tsopo



The deputy speaker of the Free State Provincial Legislature, Ms Ouma Tsopo, was amongst the students to receive her Masters degree in Governance and Political Transformation at the Spring Graduation Ceremony.

Photo: Ons Stad 22 Sep 2011

## Lectures

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.

## Articles

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

## CONSULTATIONS

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

## Supervision

Dr Tania Coetzee was co-supervisor for Dr Jozet Müller who obtained her D. Litt et Phil at the University of Johannesburg. The topic dealt with Social Capital.

## SAAPS REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Dr Tania Coetzee, Programme Director of the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation, presented a paper at the SAAPS Regional Symposium on Friday 30 September 2011. The symposium was held at the North West University's Vaal Triangle Campus. The theme for the day was: **POLITICAL DYNAMICS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: TOWARDS DURABLE PEACE, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

The topic of Dr Coetzee's paper was: **Co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations: A threat to legitimacy in South Africa.**



Pictured above are a few Political Science colleagues who attended the symposium.

From left: Dr H van der Elst, Dr T Coetzee, Prof. H Solomon, Prof. T Neethling en Prof. H Hudson.

## RESEARCH TOPICS DONE BY SOME OF THE 2011 MASTERS DEGREE GRADUATES IN THE PROGRAMME IN GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

*Electoral systems as tools to entrench democracy and promote political stability: Lesotho in perspective*  
Hon. M. Mahase-Moiloa (Lesotho)

**The impact of local government on governance and service delivery in Lesotho**  
Ms L.I.M. Molise (Lesotho)

*Political instability in municipalities: It's impact on service delivery*  
Mr S.N. Janda (East London)

Evaluating the role of Nigerian citizens in Nigeria's political transformation between 2007 – 2009  
Mr N.J. Okose (Abuja, Nigeria)

Nelson Mandela and the transformation of South Africa's political landscape: A historical perspective (1990 - 1999)  
Ms MA Tsopo (Bloemfontein, Free State)

*Democracy in Africa at the cross-roads – The case of Kenya and Zimbabwe*  
Mr A.J. Langa (Lusaka, Zambia)

The role of labour law in fostering transformation in the banking sector  
Mr B.B. Lubisi (White River, Mpumalanga)

# INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

**From 2012 the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation will be conjoined with the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of the Humanities, University of the Free State. The department will be known as the Department of Political Studies and Governance.**



## GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

### **The ideal qualification**

This well-established Programme successfully brings 21st century politics to politicians and decision makers of today – nationally and internationally.

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.

### **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: 4 November 2011.

### **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: 4 November 2011.

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