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- Get the authentic UJ experience which includes a vibrant and dynamic pace and the energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg.
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This degree comprises two compulsory modules, an elective and a research dissertation.

The theory course focuses on trends, theories and their application in social policy and development. Real world case studies will be used for critical reflection, learning and action. The focus is on understanding the complexity of implementation and the gap between policy and implementation. The second course tackles advanced research methods in social policy and social interventions. The elective can be chosen from a range of Humanities courses on offer that are related to the central ideas of this degree. A blended learning methodology will be employed.

The research dissertation is a self-led individual research project undertaken with the guidance of an expert research supervisor. By the end of this degree, participants will be able to demonstrate an ability to design a social policy or social intervention, and conduct a research study that is ethically sound, contextually appropriate, outcome-oriented, and innovative in addressing the needs of particular populations.

A team of local and international academics will contribute to this course.

**Course coordinators and core teaching staff**

MEET THE PROFESSORS:

**Professor Leila Patel**

Leila Patel is the NRF South African Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development (UJ). She was South Africa’s first Director General of Social Welfare and was involved in the development of the country’s leading welfare policies such as the White Paper for Welfare, the Child Support Grant and legislation for the non-profit sector. She has experience in the public, private and development sectors including academia. Leila is an NRF rated researcher of international standing and is widely published.

**“At this stage of my career, I wish to focus my efforts on supporting and growing the leaders of the future.”**

**Associate Professor Lauren Graham**

Lauren Graham, a development sociologist with a Doctorate in Sociology from UJ, is the Director of the CSDA from January 2019. Her research interests are in the application and testing of social and development theories in practice with a focus on youth, children and people with disabilities and their agency in assessing human development outcomes. She has strong expertise in evaluation research and is skilled in the use of both quantitative and qualitative research approaches.

**“The course promises to equip professionals in the development field with the research skills that will assist them to design and test development interventions and therefore inform evidence-based policy and programme development.”**

**Associate Professor Tessa Hochfeld**

Tessa Hochfeld has a PhD in Development Studies from the University of the Witwatersrand. She also holds an MSc in Gender and Development from the University of London, and a BA in Social Work from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her work focuses on social justice issues, with a specific interest in social protection and gender.

**“The most rewarding part of my job is when I see how research findings can contribute directly to improving people’s lives”**

Other international partners will be guest lecturers or take part in class and seminar discussions, either in person or virtually. Our close partners include:

- **Prof. James Midgley**: University of California, Berkeley.
- **Prof. Gina Chowa**: Director of Global Social Development Innovations, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill USA.
- **Prof. Trudie Knijn**: Professor of Interdisciplinary Social Science at Utrecht University, the Netherlands.