



# Highlights

## Division for Internationalisation



### Message from the Senior Director

A key focus for the current period was our engagement with diplomatic missions. The discussions aim to identify mobility programmes for students and staff, mutually beneficial joint projects and further funding opportunities. The division met with the Ambassador of Sweden to South Africa, Mr. Hakan Juholt as well as the Ambassador of Bulgaria to South Africa, Dr. Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova.

The division hosted a webinar in August in partnership with Leading Like Mandela and the Thembekile Mandela Foundation. The theme of the webinar was "LEADING AFRICA TO RISE ABOVE THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC AND TO UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE 21ST CENTURY". A second webinar was hosted in August to celebrate "Women's month". The discussion focused on "Women in Higher Education".

Due to the challenges experienced by international students because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we reinforced mechanisms and processes to assist and support international students. A further emphasis has been placed on leveraging of our networks by advertising opportunities and supporting students and staff to participate in programmes offered by Universitas 21 (U21), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA).

The onset of the pandemic forced us to change the way we work and engage. The importance of the virtual environment cannot be understated and will become ever more important. As we reach the 2022 academic year with an easing of lockdown regulations and increased numbers of staff and students returning to campus, both the teaching and learning model will transform into an effective hybrid model which will also apply to the various types of engagements that will take place on the four campuses. It is thus imperative that we continuously seek to further embrace but also better understand the virtual space so we may optimise the platforms and tools we use.

### Study Abroad programmes

The focus of this term was to continue to support the Faculties and Institutes to increase their virtual mobility activities to meet the agreed-upon targets. At the end of this reporting period, the total virtual mobility numbers are, Inbound – 4710 and Outbound – 7887. The attained engagements exceed the agreed-upon institutional targets of Inbound – 1500 and Outbound – 3000. The unit facilitates virtual mobilities centrally through traditional partners and network partners like U21 and ASIM and started mobility nominations for 2022. A presentation on the readiness to host ASIM scholars was delivered to all ASIM partners. We continue to assist the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment to manage the nomination and transition into UJ of these scholars.

A group of students from the Faculty of Education participated in the Africa By Bus programme which visited Namibia. Following the success of this programme, the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment and Academic Development Centre have expressed interest to offer Africa by Bus programmes before the end of 2021. Together with the UJ Sports Division, three additional physical mobility programmes will be offered in October and November 2021.



The unit offers immigration support to students, post-doctoral research fellows and staff by providing visa application advice, visa support letters and follow-ups on application outcomes. Due to changes in visa adjudication practice at the Department of Home Affairs, the unit issued a new immigration advisory for PDRFs. PDRFs are now advised and supported to apply for a Visitor's Visa (Research) instead of a Critical Skills Visa.

The unit works with the International Student Admissions unit to prepare newly admitted students for entry in 2022. One town hall was concluded with international students in this period, and the second one, focusing mainly on freshly admitted students, will be delivered in October.

Several support mechanisms were either created or enhanced for both Study Abroad and degree-seeking students:

- The outbound online study abroad application system was completed and handed over and is fully operational,
- Development of a virtual orientation programme for all new international students entering in 2022 in progress
- The virtual tours and the instructional videos will also form part of the virtual orientation programme to be completed and deployed by the end of the third quarter of 2021.

The unit hosted a virtual book discussion with Dr Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh to discuss his latest book, *The New Apartheid*. The discussion was a collaborative effort between Internationalisation's World Café Series and the Vice-Chancellor's Reading Club. We have also participated in a number of international engagements in aid of the internationalisation project, these includes and are not limited to participation in the IEASA conference, serving on the conference planning committee for the FORUM on Education Abroad 2022, participating in the U21 Virtual Mobility Definitions Project and sitting on the Selection Panel of the Universities Canada Mobilities Grant.

## INVITATION

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg, Professor Tshilidzi Marwala in partnership with the Division for Internationalisation's World Café series and the UJ Library, invite you to a virtual discussion with **Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh**, author of the book

### THE NEW APARTHEID

*"Provocative, yet necessary. A layered and nuanced snapshot of South Africa, and why we are not okay, The New Apartheid stirs up deep thought and reflection". Qaanitah Hunter*

DATE • Friday, 13 August 2021

TIME • 15:00 – 16:30 (SAST)

Click on <https://zoom.us/j/98686428284> to join the discussion.



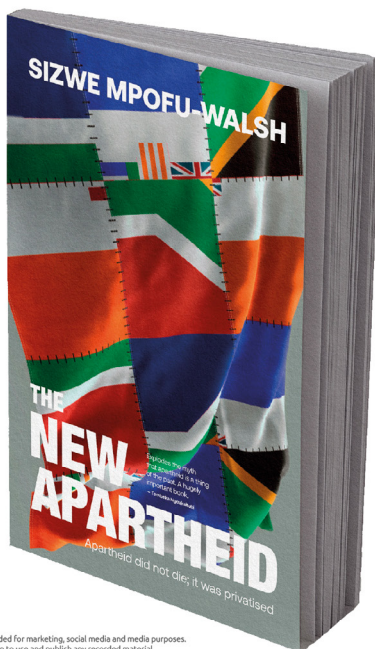
Prof Tshilidzi Marwala



Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh  
(Photo: James Fox)



Mr Sandile Moloi



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## Academic Services

The Academic Services unit is striving to improve the support provided to academics in their internationalization efforts have developed a staff intranet page and sharepoint site which holds key partnership data. This also includes an interactive partnerships map that is also available on the UJ website. This has significantly added to the visibility of the Academic Services Unit across the university.

Academic Services continues to work closely with faculties, colleges, institutes and other entities and is in the process of establishing an I-DAIR Digital Health hub at UJ, led by Prof Babu Paul, Dr Wesley Doorsamy of the IIS and Prof Noorbhai of the FMHS. We are also working closely with the Faculty of Humanities to establish a Centre for Palestine-Africa Studies and Centre for Qatar-South Africa cultural relations. As part of the proposed Centre for Palestine-Africa Studies, the Director for Academic Services co-delivered a conference session together with Dr Shahid Mathee and Dr Amir Khalil (Birzeit) at the annual IEASA conference. Under this theme of Partnerships for Social Justice, the Academic Services Unit also arranged an information session with the Scholars at Risk Network and with Hamburg University, Germany in order to explore themes of academic freedom and advocacy for scholars at risk.

During the period July to September the Academic Services Division processed and completed nine International collaboration agreements, several other agreements are in the process of completion, including four Joint Degree Agreements. Virtual partner meetings were also held with various stakeholders.

## International Student Registration and UJELP

The 2022 application process increased steadily and based on historical data, we have seen an increase in the number of applicants for the academic year 2022 (7834) compared to 2021 (6952).

### **Positive status (as of 28 September 2021)**

Undergraduate: 2743: Postgraduate: 741: **Total 3484**

Our international recruitment activities in 2021 started in the first half of the year and included virtual information sessions with 4 schools in Lesotho and Botswana. We followed this up with virtual student engagements that have taken place with our partners BMI, the last of these 4 engagements taking place in August with the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Health Sciences. In the period August/September we concluded a digital web banner campaign in 7 countries in Africa as follows:

- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Uganda
- Tanzania
- Zambia
- Namibia

The web banner campaign was followed by a newspaper print advert campaign in 6 countries on the continent.



## Fundraising and Administration

The Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Johannesburg Business School in partnership with The Institute for Employment Research at the Warwick University, (UK) received a grant of R1.1million from the British Council Innovative African Universities. The consortium will form part of a research and peer learning community of practise that aims to support the African entrepreneurship ecosystem. During this period the unit coordinated research funding calls with faculties and the following were shortlisted by IDRC Women in Science, British Council, African Union Innovating Education.

On the 8th September, the unit hosted an info session webinar on the Horizon Europe Africa Initiative Funding Calls. As a strategic partner, the EU seeks to enhance cooperation with Africa to promote actions targeted to finding locally adapted solutions to challenges that are global in nature, but which often hit Africa hardest. The programme will start from 2021-2027 with a total budget of €350 million.

On the 23rd September, the unit hosted an information session webinar regarding the French Scholarship Programme. The session focused on scholarship opportunities for South Africans to pursue their Masters and PhD studies at a university in France.

### INVITATION

The Division for Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg invites you to a **virtual information session** focusing on **Funding and Scholarship Opportunities**

**TITLE:** Horizon Europe Africa Initiative Calls

**DATE:** Wednesday, 08 September 2021

**TIME:** 14:00 – 15:00

**REGISTER TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL SESSION:**

<https://bit.ly/3zw3xeV>



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## INVITATION

The Division for Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg in partnership with the Embassy of France in South Africa and Campus France invites you to a virtual information session focusing on the

### French Scholarship Programme

**TITLE:** France - South Africa Scholarship Programme

**DATE:** Thursday, 23 September 2021

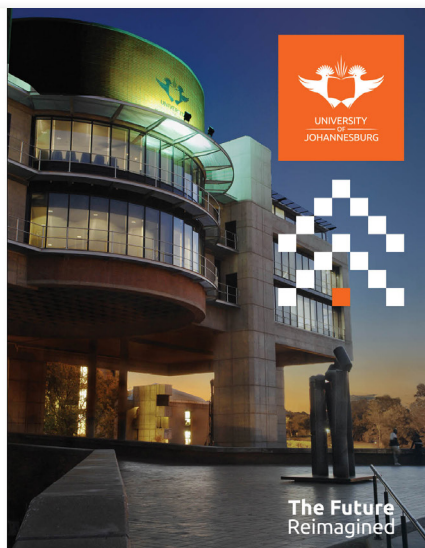
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## Communications and Marketing

- UJ's CBE hosts the International Conference in Accounting and Business (ICAB)  
[https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJs-CBE-hosts-the-International-Conference-in-Accounting-and-Business-\(ICAB\).aspx](https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJs-CBE-hosts-the-International-Conference-in-Accounting-and-Business-(ICAB).aspx)
- UJ Sport Physiotherapist Ndlovu wins 2021 COSAFA Cup with Bafana Bafana  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJ-Sport-Physiotherapist-Ndlovu-wins-2021-COSAFA-Cup-with-Bafana-Bafana.aspx>
- UJ hosts inaugural SA-China tourism cooperation webinar  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJ-hosts-inaugural-SA-China-tourism-cooperation-webinar-.aspx>
- Dr Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh unpacks 'The New Apartheid' at VC's Book Club  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/Dr-Sizwe-Mpofu-Walsh-unpacks-The-New-Apartheid-at-VCs-Book-Club.aspx>
- UJ's Dane Roets wins bronze at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJ%27s-Dane-Roets-wins-bronze-at-the-World-Athletics-U20-Championships-in-Nairobi.aspx>
- UJ graduate wins Falling Walls Lab Johannesburg  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJ-graduate-wins-Falling-Walls-Lab-Johannesburg.aspx>

## INVITATION

*"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it", Nelson Mandela*

### AFRICAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & DIALOGUE SERIES

BUILDING A UNITED, PROSPEROUS & PEACEFUL AFRICA

#### THEME

**LEADING AFRICA TO RISE ABOVE THE EFFECTS OF THE  
PANDEMIC AND TO UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES ARISING  
FROM THE 21ST CENTURY**

#### SPEAKERS

- **The Honourable Minister, Ms Lindiwe Zulu**, Minister of Social Development, Republic of South Africa
- **H.E. Ms Scholastica Kimaroyi**, Global Thought Leader on Governance, international Diplomacy & Development Cooperation; Founder & Chief Executive, Maadili Leadership Solutions and UN veteran
- **Prof. Tshildizi Marwala**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Johannesburg
- **Dr. Jerry Gule**, CEO, Institute of People Management
- **Prof. Bonang Mohale**, Chancellor, University of Free State and Former CEO of Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA)
- **Dr. Reuel Khoza**, Chairman: Public Investment Corporation (PIC)
- **Dr. Jasmine Pega**, Executive Director: PJS Global and UN Global Award Nominee

#### FACILITATOR

- **Dr. Liaquat Azam**, CEO: Leading Like Mandela

**DATE:** Tuesday, 3 August 2021

**TIME:** 14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://zoom.us/j/98715754181>



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## INVITATION

The Division for Internationalisation in partnership with the UJ Library, invite you to celebrate Women's Month by recognising the great strides that women have made in Higher Education.

*"If you educate a man,  
you educate an individual but if you  
educate a woman, you educate  
a whole nation". Dr. James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey*

#### THEME

### Women in Higher Education

**DATE** ■ Thursday, 26 August 2021

**TIME** ■ 12:30 – 14:00 (SAST)

**ZOOM LINK** ■ <https://zoom.us/j/96757729101>

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