



Highlights

Division for Internationalisation



Message from the Senior Director

The work within the division has focused mainly on re-imagining internationalisation in a post COVID context and the 'new normal'. Our emphasis on remote work and virtual engagements has continued and we have developed processes for online admissions and recruitment for both our degree programmes as well as short term mobility programmes.

We have finalised our 3D virtual campus tour which showcases our Auckland Park Campus. The 3D virtual campus tour has been embedded onto the Division for Internationalisation website and will also be embedded onto the Library and Arts Centre webpages.

In addition, work has continued on the Short Learning Programmes (SLP's) to be marketed to an international audience including planning ahead for new programmes and virtual mobility opportunities to be offered to UJ students as well as students from partner universities going forth.

Importantly, the last few months have seen the division reaching out to our faculties to discuss strategies for cooperation, marketing and student recruitment aligned to the post COVID context and the increased emphasis on the virtual.

Study Abroad programmes

The unit hosted a further 3 "World Café" conversations in October and November.

Mr Lebethe Malefo, Director: Study Abroad, attended the two-day virtual International Education Association of South Africa conference.

- As part of the conference, Mr Malefo hosted and facilitated a workshop on "Immigration and Medical Aid Developments Under Lockdown Level One" in partnership with the Department of Home Affairs and Medical Aid Companies.

The Study Abroad and Welfare team concluded a strategic planning workshop to feed into the divisional planning workshop.

Organised and facilitated a webinar for alumni and pre-alumni on the "Effective use of LinkedIn as a Communication and Networking tool" with the NUFFIC NESO Country Director, Ms Huba Boschoff.

Organised and facilitated a visa application

administration process in collaboration with VFS for new and returning students.

Provided a training workshop for Duke Kunshan University on a successful application for Federal Student Aid.

Participated on a panel at the World 100 Virtual Annual Conference. The World 100 focuses on improving and maintaining the reputation, communications, strategy, crisis, marketing, and international partnerships of the world's best universities.

Organized and facilitated a Study Abroad application advising session with participants of previous World Café conversations.

- Our current Inbound Student number is 3414
- Our current Outbound Student number is 7949

The statistics above were all conducted virtually and include students attending conferences, coursera, exchange students, short learning programmes, world café and international design studio.

Academic Services

The following agreements were finalised:

- Memorandum of Understanding between University of Johannesburg and the Shanghai University, China
- Memorandum of Understanding between University of Johannesburg and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, India
- Memorandum of Understanding between University of Johannesburg and Chandigarh University, India
- Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of South African Engineering Education Network, Consortium of Southern African Universities
- Student Exchange Agreement between University of Johannesburg and Shanghai University, China
- Memorandum of Agreement on Joint Higher Degree Programmes between University of Johannesburg and Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Nigeria

Signed Erasmus Plus agreements

- Politecnico di Torino, Italy (Inter-Institutional Agreement for Student and Staff mobility) 2020-2023
- University of Pisa (EU Student and Staff mobility)
- University of Tartu/Estonia
- University of Ljubljana (In progress)

International Recruitment

The COVID-19 pandemic has compelled the division to work differently and to utilise technology more effectively to meet certain objectives. For the period under review, the division mainly used the Keystone platform to advertise all UG and PG programmes, followed up on prospective applicants by email and kept in touch with Guidance Teachers from schools in SADC, East and West Africa for leads and information on applications and admissions.



International Student Registration Updates

As of the **30 November**, Undergraduate – **2524 (Headcount)** and Postgraduate – **1684 (Headcount)**

Fundraising and Administration

Prof Innocent Musonda, Centre of Applied Research and Innovation in the Built Environment (CARINBE), Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, received a grant of R24 million from The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, a joint initiative of the African Union and the European Union. Out of the 142 eligible applications, 7 have been selected for funding having scored 80/100 far above the 50/100 threshold.

University of Johannesburg is the lead partner in a project named Africa Sustainable Infrastructure Mobility (ASIM) and other partners include, the University of Malawi, Ardhi University, Covenant University, and EU Technical partner Leeds Beckett University. The project aims to develop education, training and research capacity for African professionals to enhance the delivery of Africa's sustainable infrastructure.

Communications and Marketing

- UJ ranked in top 400 in Best Global Universities Rankings and rises in subject rankings
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJ-ranked-in-world%E2%80%99s-top-400-in-Best-Global-Universities-Rankings-and-rises-in-subject-rankings.aspx>
- Register for Hackathon Challenge in collaboration with Technopreneurship Centre and PAICTA
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/Register-for-Hackathon-Challenge-in-collaboration-with-Technopreneurship-Centre-and-PAICTA.aspx>
- UJ's Prof Hassina Mouri elected as Vice President – and the first African female – for global scientific body
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/UJs-Prof-Hassina-Mouri-elected-as-Vice-President-and-the-first-African-female-for-global-scientific-body.aspx>
- Virtual world left out of policy on universities' international collaboration
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/Virtual-world-left-out-of-policy-on-universities-international-collaboration.aspx>
- UJ's Prof Saurabh Sinha receives highest distinction by world's largest technical professional body
<https://www.uj.ac.za/newandevents/Pages/Prof-Saurabh-Sinha-receives-highest-distinction.aspx>



Invitation

The Division for Internationalisation in partnership with the Library invites you to the fourth in a series of conversations titled

WORLD CAFÉ – the value of intercultural exchange and international travel

Theme - Universities without borders



DATE Thursday, 08 October 2020
TIME 16:00-17:30
RSVP Ismail Badrudin on ismailb@uj.ac.za
Once you have RSVP'ed, we will send you the event details

Speaker – Prof. Debra Meyer, Executive Dean Faculty of Science, University of Johannesburg
Facilitator – Mr Heinrich Dahms, UJ Study Abroad Alumni

Join us for an informative discussion

The Future Reimagined



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WORLD CAFÉ – the value of intercultural exchange and international travel

Theme - Communication during and post COVID-19 in relation to mobility and intercultural exchange



DATE Wednesday, 04 November 2020
TIME 16:00-17:00
RSVP Ismail Badrudin on ismailb@uj.ac.za
Once you have RSVP'ed, we will send you the webinar details

Speaker – Prof Yvonne Roddy-Gumede, Senior Director: Division for Internationalisation, University of Johannesburg
Facilitator – Mr Kevin Makara, UJ Study Abroad Alumni

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The Future Reimagined



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The Division for Internationalisation in partnership with the Library invites you to the sixth in a series of conversations titled

WORLD CAFÉ – the value of intercultural exchange and international travel

Theme - Opening the Way to Study Abroad



DATE Thursday, 19 November 2020
TIME 16:00-17:00
RSVP Ismail Badrudin on ismailb@uj.ac.za
Once you have RSVP'ed, we will send you the webinar details

Speaker – Dr John Lucas, President and CEO: ISEP (International Student Exchange Programs)
Facilitator – Ms Lisle Du Plessis, Manager: Study Abroad, Division for Internationalisation, UJ

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