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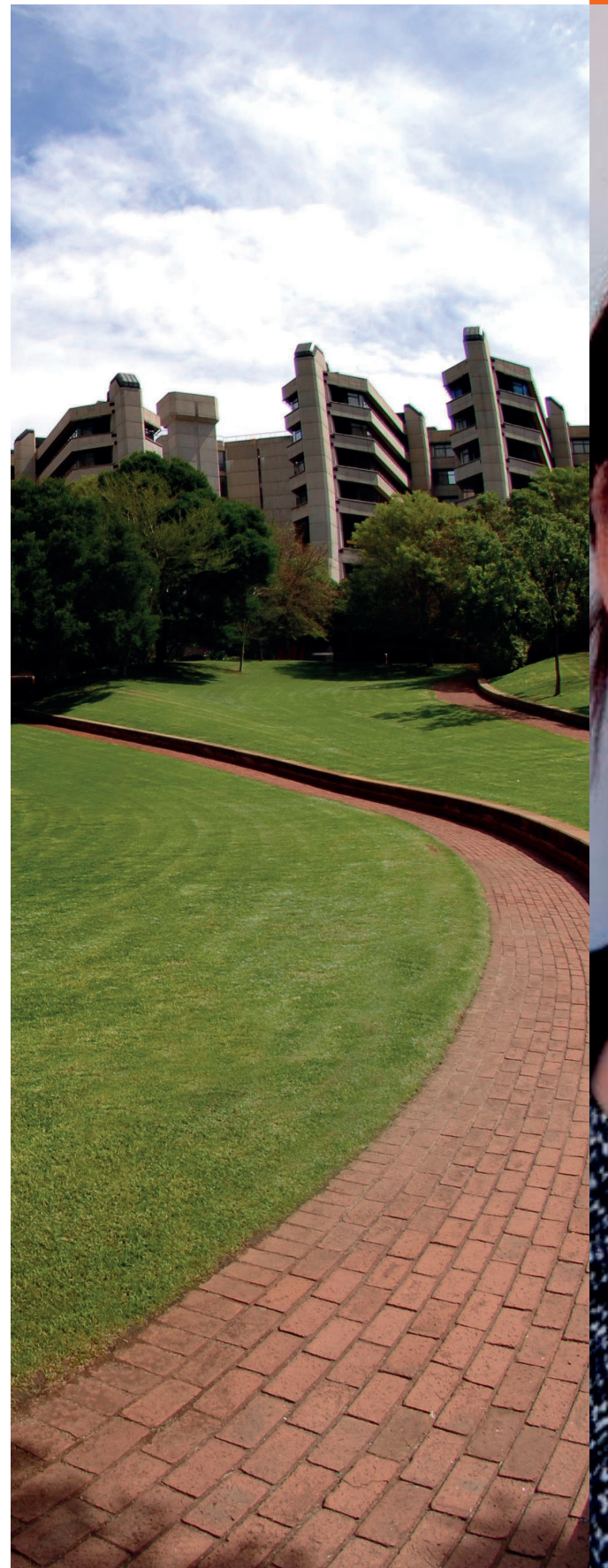


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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

I was appointed as Head of the Department of Politics and International Relations in January 2014. I was fortunate to be able to build on a history of academic excellence carefully nurtured by former heads of department. Politics and International Relations ranked among the five subjects at the university to be listed in the QS World University Ranking for 2014 reflecting our global and national stature for teaching and learning in the discipline.

The pages of this annual report highlight the calibre of the staff and students in the department, our niche areas, networks and activities. It also reveals an outstanding, productive and engaged year for the department. We have created a space in which intellectual debate can flourish, research can burgeon, throughputs rise and in which our students are an intrinsic part of the growth of the department as a whole. These accomplishments are due to team effort, passion and dedication.

Worth noting is that the department held 12 seminars, 5 jointly hosted seminars and 2 panel discussions covering a wide range of topics from elections in South Africa to race and politics in Fiji. Departmental members attended 11 international conferences and we hosted three international visiting scholars: Prof David Boucher, Cardiff University, England; Prof Ian Spears, Guelph University, Canada and Prof Stephanie Lawson, Macquarie University, Australia. Professors Vale and Venter won the Lifetime Achiever's Award of the South African Political Science Association. Departmental members and research associates collectively published 17 articles, 3 book chapters and 4 books. Students produced their own newsletter, Political Animal, and attended and presented at the South African Political Science Association (SAAPS) and Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) conferences. We were also able to substantially increase our undergraduate throughput rates by revisiting our learning material and teaching methodologies and we have attracted postgraduate students from a number of African countries.

This is a department that is realigning itself to meet the challenges and expectations of a new generation of students, to be at the centre of advancing African political perspectives and to interact and collaborate with our counterparts on the global level.

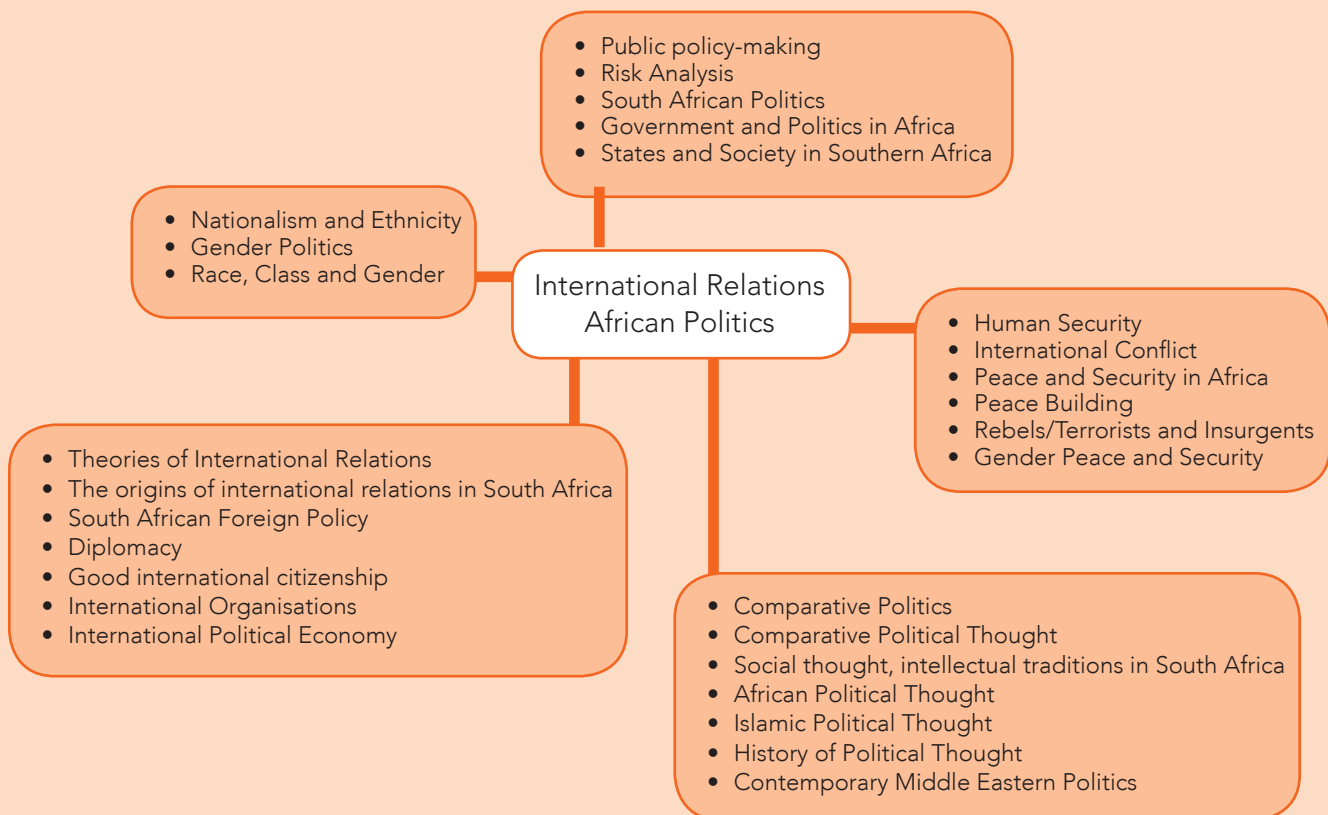
Enjoy the Report!

Prof Cheryl Hendricks

DEPARTMENTAL VISION

A leading Politics and International Relations Department, anchored in Africa, producing cutting edge local, national, regional and internationally oriented research; delivering high calibre students who will rethink and reshape the political landscape; creating expertise and engagement on African and world politics, consolidating strategic partnerships that will stimulate intellectual growth and facilitate global reach.

Departmental Areas of Expertise



Staff

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Front row: Prof. Peter Vale, Prof. Cheryl Hendricks, Prof. Deon Geldenhuys. Back Row: Ms Rae Israel (secretary), Dr Costa Georghiou, Ms Palesa Nqambaza, Dr Suzy Graham, Dr Piet Croucamp, Ms Ayesha Omar, Mr Thapelo Tselapedi (In absentia: Prof Yolanda Sadie (below bottom))

In 2014 the department appointed two assistant lecturers, Mr Thapelo Tselapedi (a doctoral candidate, (below, right top)) and Ms Palesa Nqambaza (studying for her Masters degree (below, middle)).



Previous Heads of Department since 2005 - when UJ was born



Emeritus Prof. Albert Venter



Prof Yolanda Sadie



Prof Pieter Fourie



Prof Chris Landsberg

List of Publications for 2014

Politics

Croucamp, P., 2014. 'The Quantification of Risk and Tourism', *African Journal of Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure*. Vol. 3(2).

Hamilton, L., 2014. *Are South Africans Free?* London: Bloomsbury.

Sadie, Y.S., 2014. 'The State of Comparative Politics in South Africa' in Vale, P and P. Fourie (eds.), *Political Science in South Africa: The Last Forty Years*. New York: Routledge.

Sadie, Y., 2014. 'Gender Policy and Legislation during the first 20 years of democracy', *Strategic Review for South Africa*, Vol. 36(2). pp. 111-125.

International Relations

Geldenhuys, D., 2014. 'The Prohibition of Persecution: A Regime-Based Analytical Framework' in *Addressing Integration and Exclusion: Democracy, Human rights and Humanitarian Intervention*. Athens Institute for Education and Research. pp. 31-47.

Geldenhuys, D.G. 2014. 'The African Union, Responsible Sovereignty and Contested states', *Global Responsibility to Protect*, Vol. 6(3), pp. 350-374.

Georghiou, C., 2014. 'Unexpected Convergence: The Huntington/ Fukuyama debate', *ACTA Academica*, Vol. 46(2). pp. 35-51.

Graham, S., 2014. 'Advancing African Interests at the UN: South Africa's Voting Behaviour', *Africa Insight*, Vol. 43(4). pp. 18-37.

Landsberg, C., 2014. 'The Concentric circles of South Africa's Foreign Policy under Jacob Zuma', *India Quarterly: a Journal of International Affairs*, Vol 70(2). pp. 153-172.

Vale, P., 2014. 'Home and away: the international and its publics', *Acta Academica*.

Seven articles authored by our research associates were also published in 2014. Several staff articles and chapters in books were also submitted in 2014 and are forthcoming in 2015.

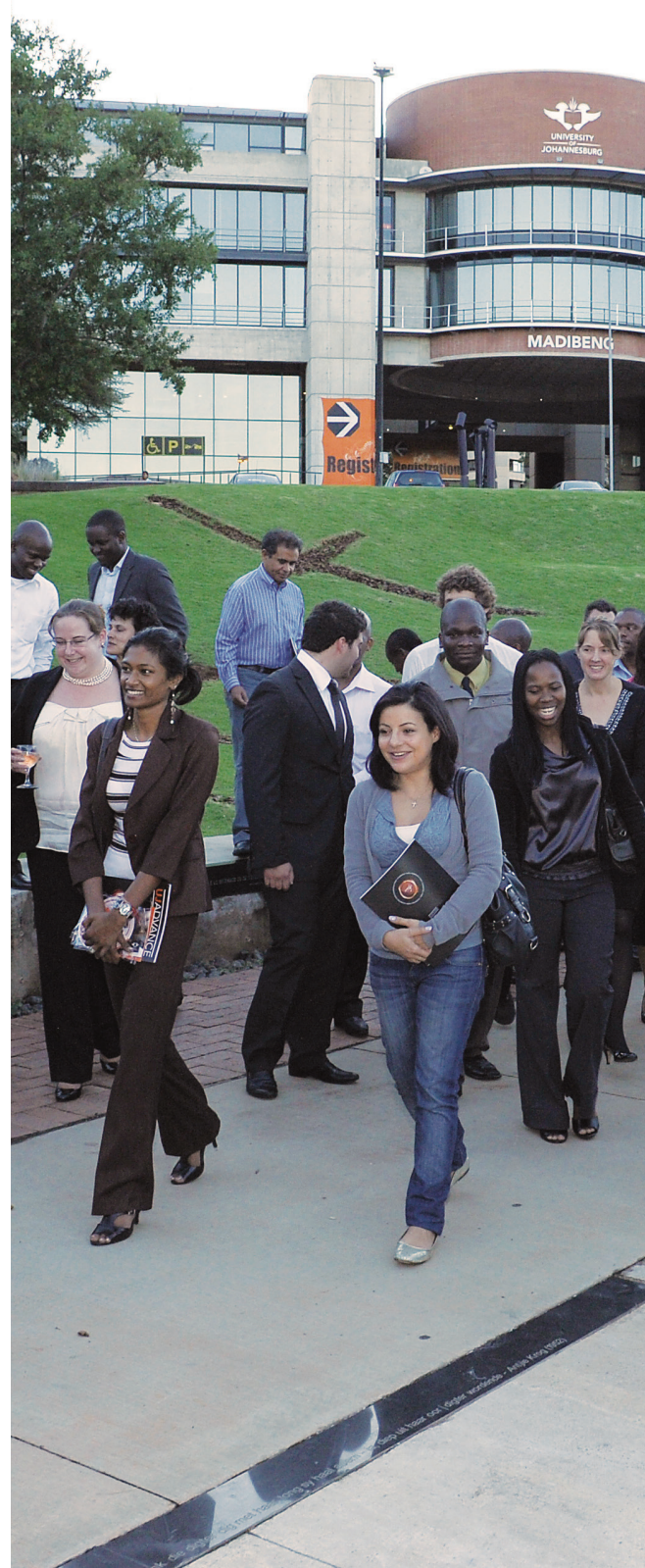
Staff Achievements

Prof. Peter Vale and Emeritus Prof. Albert Venter were both awarded the SAAPS Lifetime Achievement Award at the SAAPS Biennial Conference in September 2014.

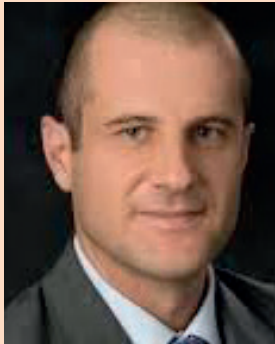
Dr Suzy Graham was nominated for best undergraduate lecturer (first year) in the Humanities in 2014.

Dr Suzy Graham and Dr Costa Georghiou were elected onto the SAAPS Council for the period 2014-2016.

Departmental Research Associate Dr V Graham's PhD thesis entitled, *"Assessing the Quality of Democracy in South Africa, 1999-2012"*, was awarded the Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC) 2014 Stephen P. Koff Prize on 29th October, 2014.



Research Associates and Visiting Professors



Dr Benjamin Isakhan is an Australian Research Council (DECRA) Senior Research Fellow with the Centre for Citizenship and with the Centre for Comparative Social Research at Deakin University, Australia. He is an expert on Iraqi politics. Dr Isakhan presented a seminar at the department in 2014.



Dr Mcebisi Ndletyana is head of the Political Economy Faculty at the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection. His research interest includes the history of African Intellectualism, memory and identity, nationalism and electoral politics. Dr Ndletyana was part of our panel discussion on Parliament matters in 2014.



Dr Vincent Maphai retired in 2014. Since March 2009 up until his retirement he was the Executive Director of Corporate Affairs and Transformation at SAB Limited. Previously he was Chairman of BHP Billiton Southern Africa. In 2010, he was appointed as one of the Commissioners on the National Planning Commission. He was also previously head of the Politics Department at UWC and chairperson of the South African Political Science Association.

Prof Ian Spears is in Political Science and Development Studies at the University of Guelph in Canada. His research interests are on conflict resolution and state formation. He was a visiting professor in the department in 2014.



Prof Denis Venter From August 2010 to June 2011 he was the Nelson Mandela Chair Professor in the Centre for African Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He founded the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. He was the founder President of the African Studies Association of South Africa (ASASA) and he has previously served as Vice-Chairman of the International African Institute (IAI).



Dr Fillipo Del Lucchese is a Marie Curie Fellow at Occidental College, Los Angeles, USA and Université de Picardie 'Jules Verne', Amiens, France. His research focus is the history of political thought.



Prof David Boucher is a Professor of Modern Political Theory and Assistant Head of School at Cardiff University. He is also Adjunct Professor of International Relations at the University of the Sunshine Coast and the Director of the Collingwood and British Idealism Centre. He was a visiting professor in our department in 2014.



Research Associates and Visiting Professors



Dr Knight

is a Lecturer in Political Theory at the University of Glasgow. His research interests are on distributive justice, global justice and cosmopolitanism.

Professor Mervyn Frost

is a member of the Department of War Studies at King's College London. He held lectureships at the University of Cape Town and at Rhodes University before being appointed to the Chair of Politics and Head of Department at the University of Natal in Durban. In 1996 he was appointed Professor of International Relations at the University of Kent in Canterbury. He is a former President of the South African Political Studies Association and editor of its journal *Politikon*.



Stephanie Lawson

is Professor of Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. Her research interests encompass issues concerning culture, nationalism and democracy and combine comparative and normative approaches to the study of regional and world politics. She has particular expertise in Pacific Islands politics. She was a visiting professor in the department in 2014.



Dr Victoria Graham

is a Senior Lecturer in the International Studies Department in the School of Social Science at Monash South Africa. Her research interests include the quality of democracy; democracy in South Africa; land reform; comparative politics; and foreign policy (with a focus on quiet diplomacy).



Overview of Staff Engagement in 2014

Staff attended 11 international and 6 local conferences in 2014.

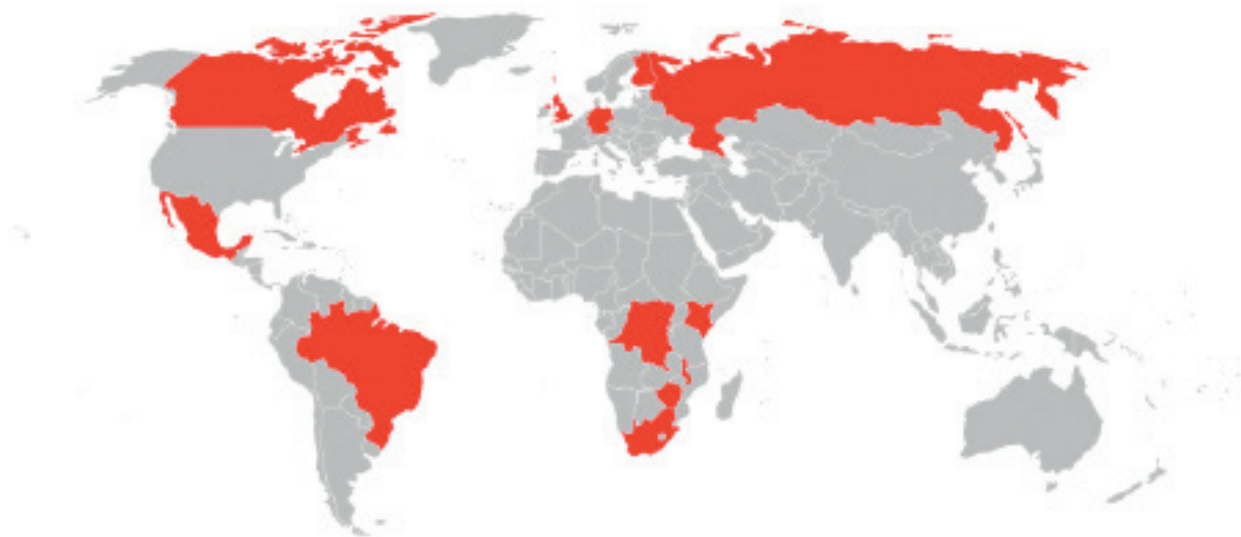
International Conferences Attended:

British Political Science Association (Manchester)
 Institute for Inclusive Security (Nairobi)
 African Leadership Centre (Nairobi)
 SADC CNGO (Harare)
 South Africa-Russia Dialogue Forum (Russia)
 International Journal of Arts and Science Conference (Malta)
 RISC (Helsinki)
 Cardiff University (UK)
 International Human Rights Network (Germany)
 International Studies Association (Canada)
 South Atlantic Cooperation (Brazil)

Local Conferences

South African Association of Political Studies (Pretoria)
 Africa Institute of South Africa (UJ)
 Institute for Security Studies (Pretoria)
 Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (Pretoria)
 SARDF (Pretoria)
 CSIR (Pretoria)

Places where we attended conferences and conducted research in 2014 visually represented



Teaching and Learning

The Department of Politics offers two flagship programmes: BA Politics and BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics (BA PPE). BA Politics offers students in-depth insight into political subjects and international relations modules in order to allow for a well-rounded student knowledgeable in both sub-disciplines to emerge. BA PPE is a niche degree that offers students

the best of three related disciplines so important for all students interested in becoming knowledge workers. Both degrees aim to equip students with the necessary tools with which to join the working world and to play a positive and effective role in the functioning of political society - in South Africa, Africa and the world.

Undergraduates

In 2014 the Department was home to 600 first year students; 580 second year students and just over 200 third year students. Over the course of the two semesters our throughputs increased in large part

due to a deeper reflection on our course content and teaching methodology and the commitment of our staff and tutors.

Tutorial Programme

The Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Johannesburg offers additional academic support to its students. Whilst formal lectures cover the curriculum, students, especially in their first year, need supplementary clarification, not only regarding in-depth understanding of political fundamentals, but also in terms of adapting to tertiary academic requirements. The Tutor Programme provides for this need. Tutors are selected from top academic achievers at PhD, Masters, and Honours levels. These tutors conduct compulsory weekly tutorials which focus on aspects such as: developing students' academic writing skills; providing a more thorough understanding of core issues broadly addressed during lectures; identifying students who need extra assistance, and building academic self-confidence. The UJ Department of Politics and International Relations considers the Tutor Programme to be a vital and useful support mechanism.

The tutors in the Politics and International Relations Department in 2014 were: Head Tutor – Willemien Strydom (PhD student), Senior tutor – Sharlene Barnard (Masters student), Francois Janse Van Rensburg (Masters student), Nezo Sobekwa (Honours student), Simon Gray (Honours Student), Sithembiso Ngobese (Honours student), Matlala Sethlogile (Honours student), Busisiwe Mabuza (Honours student), Yinlaifa Cocodia (Honours student), Princess Ncube (Honours student), Grace Bingoto (Honours student) and Larissa Georghiou (third year student).

Top Achievers

The Department of Politics and International Relations would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent academic achievements in Politics in 2014. At first year level: Fathima Mayet; Pamela Rabosiwane; Siobhan Zeiler; Candice Bonner and T Ramodibe; at second year level: Dudu Dhladhla; CH Hsu; and William Mkhuma; and at third year level: AD Dlakavu: Jessica Du Plessis; NS Manzini and Larissa Georghiou.



One of our Head tutors in 2014, Sharlene Barnard.

Politics and IR Top Third Year Achievers:
NZ Manzini (left) and J Du Plessis (right).





Politics 3A Group 2014, Becoming diplomats for a day.



Honours students taking the course on Peace and Security in Africa

From left: Noxolo Gwala and Grace Bingoto-Mandoko



Freedom of Religion or Belief

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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights defines the freedom of religion or belief as a human right. This topic set the agenda for the fifth annual PTS3A11 Model UN Debate held in the UJ Library level 6 seminar room on Friday 16 May. Congratulations to the 15 students chosen to represent their countries' positions on freedom of religion or belief. UN Ambassador to South Africa (Resident Co-ordinator), Dr. Agostinho Zacarias, and SARCHI Chair in African diplomacy, Prof Landsberg adjudicated the event. L. de Nobrega, representing Saudi Arabia, won best overall delegate. Best position paper and best speaker went to L. Georghiou, representing France.

Postgraduates

In 2014 the Department had 41 registered Honours students, 10 registered Masters students and 17 registered PhD students. Our BA Honours in Politics and International Relations offers students a wide choice of specialization modules within the fields of Politics and IR. Our MA and PhD students come to our Department from across South Africa and Africa, including Botswana, Cameroon, the DRC, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Dissertation and theses topics range in diversity, however, proving popular are titles in democracy studies, security studies and African politics.

Student Activities

This year nine of the Department of Politics and International Relations' postgraduate students attended the SAAPS Biennial conference, hosted by UNISA from 10-12 September. The conference theme was South Africa's democracy at 20 years: diagnosis and prognosis. Earlier in the year, the Department's Honours students won positions to present at the 8th Annual African Institute of South Africa (AISA) Young Graduates and Scholars (AYGS) Conference, hosted by the UJ Arts Centre from 16-19 February 2014. As part of the conference 15 students from across South Africa competed in a Model UN debate challenge, entitled, Going Green: Eco-awareness or eco-unwillingness. Three UJ Politics Honours students competed in the debate and presented their country's position on the topic: Noxolo Gwala (Azerbaijan); Grace Bingoto-Mandoko (France) and Simon Gray (the Russian Federation). Congratulations to Noxolo Gwala and Simon Gray who won first and second place respectively in the debate!



Political Animal Editor Nezo Sobekwa

The Political Animal

In 2014 the Department of Politics and International Relations launched its official Student newsletter, the *Political Animal*. The mission of the Political Animal is to engage young people in discussing politics and to inspire and intrigue active citizenship. Three editions have been brought out so far. The aim is to produce one issue per quarter in 2015. The Editor is an Honours student in 2014, Nezo Sobekwa. The assistants are undergraduate students Matsie Molohe, Luanda Mpungose, Samukelo Nkabinde and Thato Moganedi. In the interests of engaging with students through multi-media platforms, the *Political Animal* has a twitter handle: @Pol_animalUJ. Students are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter as long as the topics are related to Politics and IR. The newsletter also reports on the Department's weekly seminars, contentious topics, career advice, student opportunities and contemporary debates.

NEPAD visit

In May 2014, NEPAD invited UJ students to its Africa Day celebrations. Students were introduced to NEPAD agency CEO Dr Ibrahim Assane as well as some of the leaders of the agency's flagship programmes (Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme CAADP and the Gender programme) and talk Youth, Africa and Future. The role of the youth in the future of Africa surfaced as a dominant theme in the discussions that followed.

Departmental Seminars and Panel Discussions

Discussion and debate is integral to the fields of Politics and International Relations. Not only is the presentation of research findings to students and staff necessary for extending networks and creating awareness, but it also generates thinking and learning about a broad range of topics:

19 February, 'South African Futures 2030 or, how Bafana Bafana made Mandela Magic', presented by Dr Jakkie Cilliers.

5 March, 'The Life Story of Rick Turner', presented by Billy Keniston.

10 March, Panel discussion on: 'Why Parliament Matters', presented by Frene Ginwala, Former Speaker of the National Assembly; Aubrey Matshiqi, Research Fellow, Helen Suzman Foundation; Lawrence Hamilton, Professor of Political Theory, Wits; and Steven Friedman, Director, Centre for the Study of Democracy.

8 April, 'Analysing Politics in Zimbabwe: From Historical Materialism to Magical Realism', presented by Prof. David Moore.

16 April, (in association with UJ Library) Panel discussion on: '20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY', presented by Mr Pravin Gordhan – Minister of Finance, Prof Steven Friedman – Director: Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg and facilitated by Prof Tinyiko Maluleke – Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

5 May, 'Surveying the Elections: 7th May 2014', presented by Mari Harris.

13 May, 'Enhancing South Africa's post-conflict development role within the African Union' hosted jointly with UP and the ISS and presented by Amanda Lucey.

20 May, 'The Politics of Persecution', presented by Prof Deon Geldenhuys.

27 May, 'Election 2014: Representation, Citizenship and Party Politics', presented by Prof Laurence Piper.

28 May, 'Voting Behaviour of Poor People', jointly presented by Prof Y. Sadie and the Centre for Social Development in Africa.

22 July, 'The sources of Violent Conflict and the Banality of Conflict resolution', presented by Prof Ian spears.

5 August, 'The prospects for Democracy in Iraq', presented by Dr Benjamin Isakhan.

12 August, 'Election 2014 South Africa', jointly presented by Dr Piet Croucamp.

14 August, Panel discussion hosted jointly with the SARChI Chair in African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy: 'New thinking on Peace and Security in Africa', presented by Dr Funmi Olonisakin of Kings College, London; Dr Godwin Murunga, African Leadership Centre/University of Nairobi; Dr Awino Okech an independent analyst, Dr Cyril Obi, African Peacebuilding Network, Mr. Nicasius Check, HSRC and Prof Chris Landsberg, SARChI

30 September, 'Poverty and Regional Integration', presented by Erica Penfold.

14 October, 'Race and Politics in Fiji: Perspectives on the 2014 Elections', presented by Prof Stephanie Lawson.

22 October, 'Humanizing the Textile and Apparel Provision of the US African Growth and Opportunity Act', hosted jointly with the IGD and presented by Prof. Margaret C Lee.

29 October, 'Steve Biko: The existential conception of death', presented by Tendayi Sithole.

26 November, 'The idea of Barbarism in International Relations: Theory and Practice', presented by David Boucher.

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Deputy Minister of State Security ENN Molekane (right of centre) and Director-General of the SSA, Ambassador Sonto Kudjoe (left of centre) present to UJ students in a visit organised by Prof. Chris Landsberg and Dr Lesley Masters of SARChI - African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy and the Dept. of Politics and IR.

Prof Margaret Lee and Mrs Zanele Mbeki



2015: Things To Look Forward To

Panel Series on:

- Conversations on Critical Thinking in International Relations (jointly hosted with UJ's Institute for Advanced Study).
- Conversations on the State and Society in South Africa.
- High Profile Lectures for a week on prominent issues/topics making headlines.

Our Department will be hosting the 2015 SAAPS one day regional colloquium, this will happen in conjunction with another one day regional conference incorporating our SADC academic partners.

More Panel discussions and Seminars

Strategic Plan 2015-2017

Our key objectives for this three year period are:

- Increasing Our Public Profile: Being World Class and Pan African
- Building and Consolidating Strategic Partnerships
- Increasing Student In-Take and Enhancing the Student Experience
- Resource Mobilisation



Success is liking yourself,
liking what you do, and
liking how you do it.

Maya Angelo

Progress is impossible
without change,
and those who cannot
change their minds
cannot change anything.

George Bernard Shaw

Leadership is not about the
next election, it's about the
next generation.

Simon Sinek