

# School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy



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*We are passionate about our continent's sustainability and are pioneers in South Africa in offering undergraduate and postgraduate modules in sustainable development.*



Prof Christelle Auriacombe  
Director

### OVERVIEW

The School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy has footprints on the Auckland Park and Soweto campuses of the University of Johannesburg. We are highly rated on a national level as well as on the African continent and is gaining international recognition. The School continuously builds on best practices to improve governance, public policy and management capacity. The School established and strengthened important and mutual beneficial continental and international partnerships and relationships.

It has a comprehensive range of study opportunities in public management and governance and public leadership and governance, including certificates, undergraduate degrees, an advanced diploma, and honours, master's and PhD degrees in the Department and two Centres. The School delivers well-balanced graduates ready for work with well-developed soft skills, including critical analysis and problem-solving skills within a fast-changing environment. Our focus is on all aspects of public management, service delivery, policy development, leadership, good governance, sustainable development, regional economic development and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). Students are encouraged to engage in sustainable development projects and the School's outreach projects are directly linked to the 17 goals of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs-2030).

As the development process in Africa accelerates, more local authorities are empowered. Because of local communities' demand for more and better services, participation and accountability, partnership cooperation should improve and local governance and sustainable development must increase.





The School houses two centres:

## Centre for Public Management and Governance

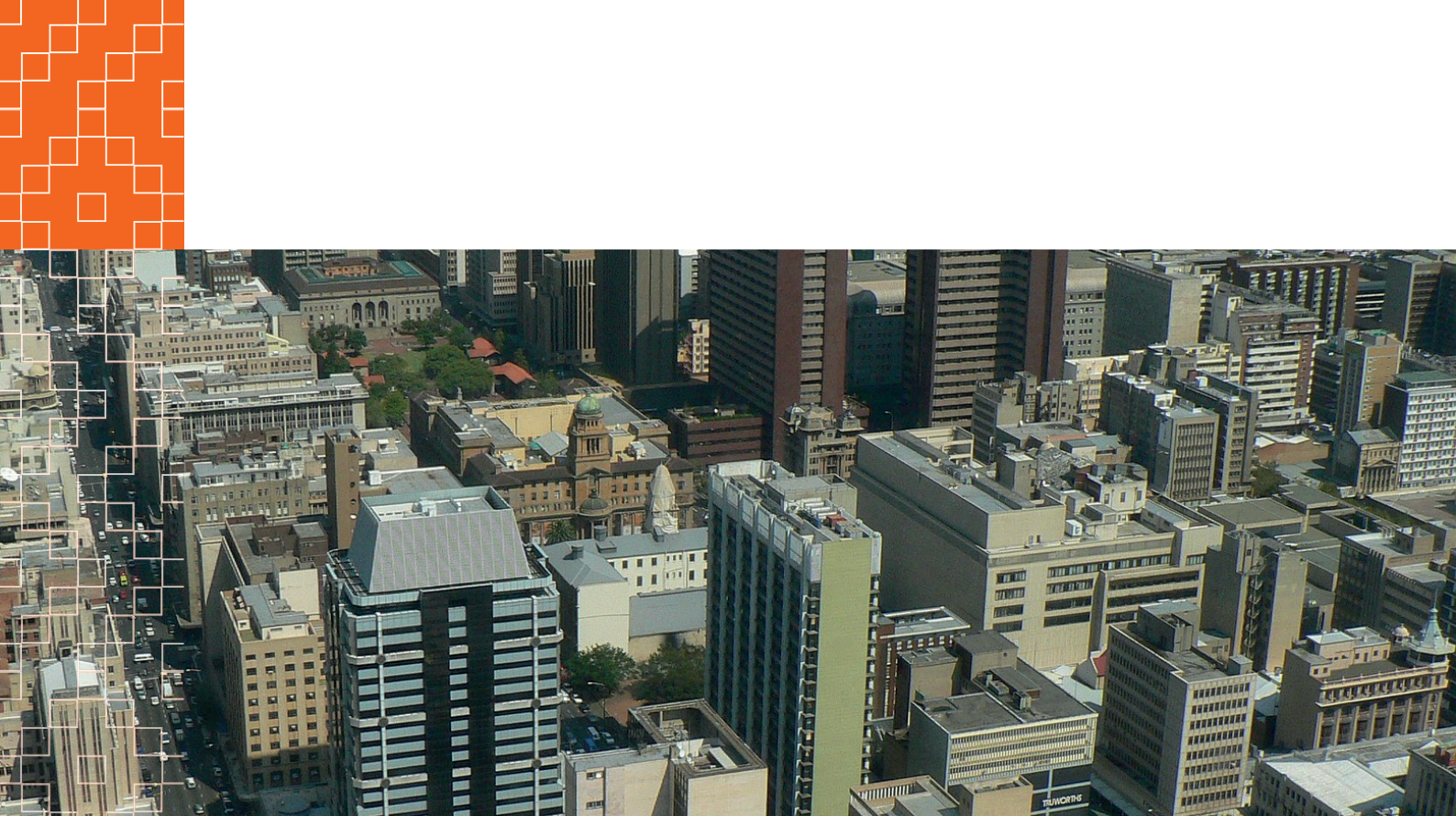


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Director: Centre for  
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In 2020, the Centre for Public Management and Governance offered two flagship distance education programmes, the 120 credits, NQF Level 5, Higher Certificate in Local Governance for 152 students and the 120 credits, NQF Level 6, Advanced Certificate in Local Governance and Management for 169 students. These programmes are integrated academic and professional distance education programmes designed for students, working professionals and elected local political leaders. The programmes are offered through online technology-enhanced distance learning.

There are challenges to overcome, such as, a viable fees model without the benefit of subsidies for students and forging an excellent reputation in the CEP space which takes time and a solid track record. However, the advantages are many, such as, the articulation of our CEPs to the second year of the subsidised BA degree and our reputation in the local government sector in terms of capacitating employees and facilitating employment for politicians after the expiry of an elected five-year term in rural areas.





## Centre for Public Policy and African Studies



Dr Sydney Mufamadi  
Director: Centre for Public  
Policy and African Studies

Previously known as the School of Leadership, the Centre for Public Policy and African Studies is a hub of teaching and learning targeted at recruiting public-spirited students who are involved or aspire to be involved in policymaking, policy implementation or policy research. The Centre offers two Continuous Education Programmes (CEP) namely, Research Awareness for Leaders and Public Policy and African Studies. These serve as a bridging programme towards a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy and African Studies (PGDip). The programmes consist of a compulsory research module (Research Practice for Leaders) and three elective modules (Industrial Policy, Strategic Diplomacy and Transitional Justice). Lectures are offered via blended learning and ongoing online interaction with students. All registered students, apart from four Zimbabwean parliamentarians, concluded their academic year studies in 2020.

## NEW STAFF APPOINTED IN 2020

Professor Danie Meyer was appointed as Professor: School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics, operative from 1 November 2020. Danie has, over the past 30 years, specialised and consulted in development economics, public management and governance, and policy development across all levels of government. His contribution to public policy improvement is reflected in over 100 accredited articles since 2013, 820 citations and an h-index of 14. His research focus is on the formulation and application of tools to measure regional and local economic development. Before he joined UJ, Prof Meyer was a full professor at NWU in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences where he was Director: TRADE Research Entity, and chaired the Scientific Committee, served on the Faculty Board Executive Committee and Senate Research and Innovation Committee.



Prof Danie Meyer



Dr Sydney Mufamadi



Prof Mohamed Jahed



Dr Shana Mavee

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr Sydney Mufamadi was appointed by President Cyril Ramaphosa's as Envoy to Zimbabwe for State deliberations. He was also appointed at UJ as the Chairman of the Board of the Public and Environmental Economics Research Centre (PEERC).
- Dr Sydney Mufamadi as former Chairperson of the High-Level Panel of an Inquiry to the State Security Agency (SSA). He provided expert testimony to the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture.
- Prof Danie Meyer was appointed on the review panel of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education. The purpose of the review panel is to assess the accreditation of all universities in Slovakia.
- Prof Mohamed Jahed served as a board member of the NEPAD Business Foundation (NBF). The NBF is an independent non-profit organisation that coordinates private sector efforts aimed at Africa's economic growth and development in alignment with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) thematic areas.
- Two staff members, Dr Shana Mavee and Dr Tasneem Majam obtained their PhDs in 2020.



Dr Tasneem Majam

## 4IR FOOTPRINT AND PUBLICATIONS

In the academic programmes the honours research essay topics as well as the MA and PhD topics contextually focusses on 4IR and the transformation and change these have on leading, managing and governing today's public sector institutions.

The following 4IR articles and a book chapter were published by a postdoctoral research fellow, a post-graduate student and staff members:

- Mbukanma, I., Chukwuere, J.E & Enwereji, P.C. 2020. A conceptual interface between electronic banking and knowledge of bank products and services. *Gender and Behaviour*. 18(1).
- Ramakgolo, M.A., and Ukwandu, D.C. 2020. The Fourth Industrial Revolution and its Implications for World Order. *Administratio Publica*. 28(4).
- Jarbandhan, D.B. 2020. The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Human Resource Management. In *Human Resource Management in Government: A South African perspective on theories, politics and processes*. (2nd Ed.). Edited by Van der Westhuizen, E.J. Juta: Kenwyn. (Chapter 4)

## ONLINE WEBINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Prof Jahed served as a panel member with respect to a topic on national and provincial audit outcomes at the online Auditor-General Public lecture on 2 March 2020, that was hosted by the CBE School of Accounting.
- Dr Prince Enwereji, a PDRF under the supervision of Prof Dominique Uwizeyimana, facilitated two online webinars on 16 September 2020 and 29 October 2020 for municipal managers and elected leaders, financial accountants, revenue managers, the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in the North West Province. These webinars focused on enhancing the payment culture for municipal services and strategic leadership.
- Prof Danie Meyer as Associate Editor for the Africa region for the *Journal of Eastern European and Central Asian Research (JEECAR)* was involved in the organisation and acted as Chairperson for a session of an online International Business Conference on 15 and 16 December 2020 with a focus on the Transformation and Sustainable Development of Eurasian Emerging Economies for the 21st Century.
- Prof Vain Jarbandhan served as Director of the Centre of Public Management and Governance at the Meeting on the Moral Rejuvenation Movement (relaunch), hosted by the City of Joburg that was held on 27 July 2020.



## INDUSTRY AND PAN-AFRICAN RELATIONSHIPS

Establishing good international networks has been key to developing an international perspective, hence the School continued to develop their strong ties with partners in Africa in 2020 with partners. Collaboration with these institutions opens up new perspectives on one's own activities and offers us a chance to develop and find new ways of meeting needs and problems at home.

Though training local government officials and politicians for better service delivery is not the only solution to poor service delivery, lack of municipal capacity, corruption, protests and unrest, it is believed to be a step in the right direction. It is important to continue with the relatively successful balance between industry recognition and professional training in public management, governance and public policy that have characterised the School's activities so far, in order to cater optimally for the public sector in this regard.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The future is looking bright for the School of Public Management and Public Policy and the School is uniquely positioned to address these issues and fast developments.