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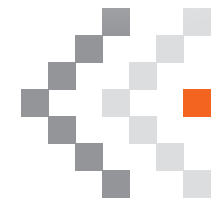
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Economics@UJ Students -Winners of the 2020/21 Annual National Budget Speech Competition



The students of the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at UJ walked away victorious at the annual Nedbank and Old Mutual Budget Speech Competition. The event was hosted virtually in February 2021. Ms Suvira Singh won third prize in the undergraduate category and Ms Felicia Mashimbye won first prize in the postgraduate category. Despite challenges in 2020, students were devoted and continued to make their mark at this prestigious national competition.

Suvira's undergraduate essay argued that the implementation of land expropriation without compensation could easily dampen South Africa's economy and such a drastic measure for faster land reform ultimately has dire repercussions. Read her essay synopsis here: <https://budgetspeechcompetition.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Suvira-Singh-UG.pdf>

Felicia's postgraduate essay argued that to ensure the success of economic reforms in South Africa, the ANC needs to address factions within the party, accelerate the pace of structural reform, clarify policies that continue to create uncertainty in the economy, and improve the ease of doing business. Read her full essay synopsis here: <https://budgetspeechcompetition.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Essay-synopsis-Felicia-Mashimbye.pdf>

Mr Zola Thamaga and Mr Sisonke PHEME were also UJ finalists for the competition. The Economics@UJ Budget Speech Team was dedicated and focussed in preparing the students for the competition. The 2020/21 team members were Ms Naiefa Rashied, Mr. Gorton Wilmans, Dr Marinda Pretorius, Ms Bonolo Thobejane, Ms Rumbidzai Sithole, Ms Liza Volschenk and Mr Dumiso Chakhumbira. Finalists for 2020.2021 were mentored by previous winners, finalists and speakers at the annual Motivational Indabas.



Suvira Singh



Felicia Mashimbye



Zola Thamaga



Sisonke PHEME