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What to expect from the 2021 Budget

Dr Seán Muller from the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, discussed the forthcoming Budget on Newzroom Afrika, focusing on issues such as public sector wages and Eskom.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjzWD3xUOIQ>

Making fiscal progress requires frank, not false, talk

Dr Seán Muller from the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, argues that both the Treasury and its critics have engaged, since the 1990s, in false talk around public finance issues. Until that is remedied it will not be possible to obtain the social compact necessary to make progress.

Fiscal consolidation had already resulted in what might be called 'austerity by stealth', while some of the key structural reforms proposed are not supported by the available evidence.

Read more here: <https://www.newframe.com/budget-needs-frank-talk-and-a-robust-social-compact/>



South Africa is in dire need of structural change: Can President Ramaphosa turn the economic development ship in a new direction?

Prof Daniel Meyer from the School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, stated that "the state of the nation address (SONA) on 11 February 2021 was a reminder of the crises regarding policy direction and structural change.

The national development plan of 2012 was never officially accepted by all stakeholders and therefore never implemented. Subsequently, we do not have an official national economic development plan. This shows in our current near "rock-bottom" economic environment".

Read more: <https://mg.co.za/opinion/2021-03-01-a-seven-point-plan-for-structural-change/>

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Money for water, roads 'merely a pretext' (Geld vir water, pad `eintlik net `n foefie')

Prof Daniel Meyer from the School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, commented in the Rapport newspaper that the government's plans to increase investment in infrastructures does not exist.

Read here: https://pclientclips.s3.af-south-1.amazonaws.com/20210214/20175455_177A02A5601.jpg

Minister of Finance announced an increase in the so-called sin taxes, as well as the fuel price taxes

Prof Daniel Meyer from the School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, commented on Kyknet Verslag.

View here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5epV3s-Fo4>

Webinar on the National Planning Commission' (NPC Review of Economic Progress towards the NDP's Vision for 2030: Recommendations for Course Correction

The event was co-hosted by the UJ College of Business and Economics, School of Economics and UJ Library. The presenter, Prof Miriam Altman is a Commissioner on the National Planning Commission in the SA Presidency and a Professor of 4IR Practice in the School of Economics.

Prof Danie Meyer from the School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg and Mr Kuben Naidoo, Deputy Governor and CEO of the Prudential Authority at the South African Reserve Bank were the discussants.

Prof Bonang Mohale, Professor of 4IR Practice: Johannesburg Business School, University of Johannesburg moderated the conversations.

Watch the conversation here: <https://www.facebook.com/UJLibrary/videos/809100449684620>



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Unpacking the latest Happiness Index under COVID-19

Well-being and development economics economists Professor Talita Greyling, from the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, and Dr. Stephanié Rossouw, from Auckland University of Technology, have shared the latest Happiness Index, which shows that President Cyril Ramaphosa's speech heightened emotions around the vaccine debate and added to the already high levels of negativity. Prof Talita Greyling spoke to Peter Ndoro of SA Today, SABC News.

View here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6naw3GTUMY>

COVID-19 in SA | Social behaviour changes during a pandemic

Prof Talita Greyling, from the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg and a researcher in the field of well-being economics and development economics, spoke with eNCA's Devan Murugan. Courtesy of #DStv403 eNCA.

View here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Efp4xClrxK8>



The Gross National Happiness Index has so far shown the roller-coaster emotions of South Africans

Prof Talita Greyling, from the School of Economics in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg, spoke briefly on SABC News.

View here: <http://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/wellbeing-economists-develop-gross-national-happiness-index/>

How an accounting teacher has transformed thousands of lives, empowering poor South Africans

Professor Amanda Dempsey was lauded as one of the pioneers who shaped the accounting profession in South Africa. SAICA's AccountancySA Magazine featured her as one of the people who have changed the profession, citing a passion for the industry that spurred her on to do all she could to ensure it is world class. In particular, she has been at the front of efforts to help empower individuals from poorer communities through education. In this interview, hear how Prof Dempsey has dedicated her life to using a subject that many regard as boring and, perhaps unglamorous, to uplift many South Africans – with the positive effects rippling through families.

Read here: <https://www.biznews.com/good-hope-project/2021/01/31/accounting-teacher> or Listen to podcast:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/6bsKgGmUG08B4Ulc0iG9Gx?si=0Gb5rDNySYi6pNVjlYP_6w



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#BudgetSpeech2021: A tax, economic review of Finmin Mboweni's 2021 budget

Muneer Hassan, Department of Accountancy, School of Accounting in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg spoke on CNBC Africa.

View here: <https://www.cnbc.com/africa/media/6234924269001/>

Webinar on the National Planning Commission' (NPC Review of Economic Progress towards the NDP's Vision for 2030: Recommendations for Course Correction

Deputy governor of the SA Reserve Bank Kuben Naidoo commented on the fact that South Africa does not have a large enough middle class to play a stabilising role in policymaking. The event was co-hosted by the UJ College of Business and Economics, School of Economics and UJ Library.

Read here: <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/economy/2021-03-02-competing-interests-hamper-structural-reforms-says-kuben-naidoo/>



Business skills (Besigheidsvaardighede)

Prof Adri Drotskie, Director: School of Management in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg spoke to Martelize Brink on RSG about business skills for the new world of work.

Listen to the potcast here: <https://www.rsg.co.za/rsg/potgooi-episode/?series=3952> (Besigheidsvaardighede: 3 Mrt/12PM/Driesestig)



The analysis for good governance in South Africa

Prof Shikha Vyas-Doorgapersad from School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg stated during the First International Webinar Series on Good Governance and Citizens, hosted by Lit-Web, India, that "at a country level, good governance is not enough. We need good enough governance. If we have anti-corruption and ethical measures in place, then we have a good governance.

But if we are able to implement these measures, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these measures, and assess the success rate of the implement of these measures, then we have good enough governance. South Africa in this regard, needs to institute ethics management, ethics audit and measures to evaluate ethics programmes to ensure there is good enough governance".

View here: <https://youtu.be/pPHJIT-dMq4>