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INVITATION

VIRTUAL PUBLIC SEMINAR

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Projectisation and the Revitalisation of Small Towns

You are invited to attend a Virtual Public Seminar, hosted by the Department of Engineering and Technology Management, Graduate School of Technology Management.

The decay of small towns in South Africa is alarming. Local authorities are increasingly failing to render basic services and support from provincial and national governments are all but present. The rebuilding of functional municipalities will require a new approach through projectisation. In this seminar the principles of projectisation will be discussed, how it can be applied to local government and how communities should participate as key stakeholders. A practical application of the principles will also be demonstrated.

Tuesday, 21 September 2021 | 12:00 - 13:30

PROGRAMME

- 11:55 Participants login – BBC (link will be provided to registered participants)
- 12:00 Welcome: Prof Elma van der Lingen, Chair: Technology Management
- 12:05 Keynote Presentation: Prof Giel Bekker
- 13:05 Discussions
- 13:30 Closing Remarks: Prof Elma van der Lingen



Giel is Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Technology Management at the University of Pretoria where he is heading the Project Management Programme. In 2009 he received an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship to teach on the Master in Strategic Project Management Programme at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland and in 2011 at Umea University in Sweden on the same programme. He is also a visiting scholar at the Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania.

He started his career in 1990 at Sasol Technologies, a petrochemical company. His duties included the mechanical design of chemical, water purification and petrochemical equipment and facilities. His career soon progressed into project and construction management and spent one year in Munich, Germany developing a new petrochemical plant.

Before leaving Sasol in July 2000, he managed a department of 20 project managers with a total project portfolio budget of USD 200million. Since 2000 he has overseen more than 200 projects on a consulting basis, mostly in the heavy industry, building and mining sectors.

During 1996 he established the Mpumalanga Branch of the Project Management Institute of South Africa (PMISA) and served as president for two years. He is co-founder and Director of the Construction Industry Institute (CII) Africa Chapter.

His education includes a B.Eng (Mechanical) from the University of Pretoria, M.Eng (Mechanical) from University of Johannesburg, a HBA and MBA from the University of Stellenbosch and PhD in Project Governance from the University of Pretoria. He is also a certified Professional Engineer. His research interests include project management capacity modeling, organizational aspects of project management, methodology development, and project governance. He authored / co-authored numerous articles and has supervised more than 100 Masters and PhD students between 2000 and 2020 in the field of project and quality management.

In 2003 he received the Project Management Excellence Award from PMSA for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Project Execution.

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