

**DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCES
NEWSLETTER
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Dear students,

This was an exceptionally busy semester, as is evident from the length of this newsletter. The Department hosted several foreign guests in the second semester and presented a range of interesting seminars and workshops. We thank you for your participation, as well as for your enthusiasm and support during this very busy second semester.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEMESTER

The public lecture on 15 October by **Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane**, the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation was undoubtedly a highlight. This lecture was delivered in the same week that South Africa was elected to a second term as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, for the period 2011-2012. **Ms Nkoana-Mashabane** briefed staff, students, members of the diplomatic community and the press on the implications of this foreign policy opportunity.

Another highlight was the visit to the University by His Excellency Mr **Steven Vanackere**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Institutional Reforms of the Kingdom of Belgium in November. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, **Prof Cheryl de la Rey**, welcomed the Minister and his high-level delegation and reiterated the University's commitment to the advancement of knowledge production and human development through strategic and sustained productive international collaborations.

In his address to our Political Science students, **Mr Vanackere** encouraged them to start "shaping tomorrow today by

being committed to their studies". **Mr Vanackere** also announced a Belgian Government grant of €300-000, (almost R3-million) to support a new Mediation Centre within our Department. He motivated this decision by saying that he "... was impressed by the objectives of the Centre, even more so since peace-building, especially in central Africa, has been one of the priorities of Belgium's foreign policy in the last decade. It is especially in this area that Belgium and South Africa find synergy on the African continent and that the cooperation between both countries has added value."

Prof Maxi Schoeman indicated that the funding will assist the Department to build the institutional and academic capacity to contribute to peace and stability in Africa and further afield. The Mediation Centre will enable staff and students to interact with fellow African scholars and international mediators to understand, and help resolve, conflict in Africa and, at the same time, advance the subject of mediation within the academic programmes of the University.

The seminar on Arab-African Relations, co-hosted by the South African Ministry of Arts and Culture, the Arab Diplomatic Corps and our Department, on behalf of the Executive of the University of Pretoria, was undoubtedly a highlight of the semester. This seminar formed part of the Arab Cultural Week.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

A career dedicated to the development of Political Science in South Africa culminated in **Prof Marie Muller** receiving the first South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was announced during the formal dinner of the SAAPS biennial conference in Stellenbosch in September. This is a great honour for **Prof Muller**, for our Department and for the University of

Pretoria. **Prof Muller's** nomination was supported not only by members of our Department, but also by international institutions and several local universities. She is a worthy recipient of this award which recognises the immense contribution she has made to Political Sciences in South Africa during her long and distinguished career at Unisa and the University of Pretoria. **Prof Muller** is a former president of SAAPS and of the well-known international Pugwash Conferences on Scientific and World Affairs, which was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996 for its efforts to promote nuclear disarmament.

Our farewell function for **Prof Albert Venter** (University of Johannesburg) was attended by colleagues from Unisa, UJ and Wits. **Prof Venter** formally retired in September after 31 years' service to the academic profession at our Department, Unisa and UJ. **Prof Venter** used this opportunity to reflect on his experiences of three decades' in the academy with an interesting discussion on "*Perspectives on the Contemporary Political Stage.*" "*(Perspektiewe op die hedendaagse politieke toneel.)*"

Prof Maxi Schoeman paid a research visit to the London School of Economics from 28 September to 11 October.

Prof Hussein Solomon visited Osaka University (Japan) and presented various papers during his stay. In July he presented two keynote papers to a seminar, co-hosted by the Global Collaboration Centre and the Conflict Studies Programme, Osaka University. "*Conflict Resolution in Africa: Lessons from the Field*" and "*Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Africa: Bridging the Divide between Theory and Practice.*"

"*Development Assistance to South Africa: Challenges and Prospects*", was the title of a paper presented by **Prof Solomon** in July at a seminar co-hosted by the Japan International Co-operation

Agency, the National Museum of Ethnology and the Global Collaboration Centre.

In August **Prof Solomon** presented a paper on "*The Delinkage between South Africa's Africa Policy and Prospects for Sustainable Peace in Africa*" to the South African Studies Forum, hosted by the Institute for Developing Economies in Tokyo. **Prof Solomon** presented a paper on "*Combating Islamist Radicalism in South Africa*" during his visit to the African Studies Centre at the University of Leiden, in the Netherland.

Dr Yolanda Spies lectured pupils at Pretoria Boys High School on "*The World of Diplomacy*" in August. She also attended the annual conference of the International Forum on Diplomatic Training in Malta, in September and was elected council member of SAAPS. Congratulations, Dr Spies.

Prof Maxi Schoeman, Prof Gerrit Olivier, Dr Lorenzo Fioramonti and **Ms Alida Kok** participated in a panel entitled "*EU Studies in South Africa*" at the SAAPS biennial conference in Stellenbosch in September. **Prof Schoeman** presented a paper on "*Conflict Resolution in Sudan: Multilateralism or Confused/confusing Approaches?*" **Prof Olivier's** contribution was on "*Africa and the European Union: A Quest for Effective Multilateralism*", while **Dr Fioramonti** asked "*Is there an African way to Multilateralism? Some Insights from the MERCURY Research Agenda*". **Ms Kok** presented a paper entitled "*The European Union, African Development and Multilateralism: The Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Southern Africa as Case Study.*"

Dr Spies presented a paper on "*Successes, failures and the future of the UN*", at a UNASA event at University of Pretoria to mark the UN's 65th anniversary. **Dr Spies** was also invited by the steering committee of the Annual Protocol Conference in Africa (APCA) to

deliver a presentation on "*Tuition Methodologies in the Subject of Diplomatic Protocol*", at their annual conference which took place in Pretoria.

Dr Gerhard Wolmarans attended an International Congress in Political Theory and Philosophy on the theme of Democracy. At the congress held in Braga, Portugal, in November, he presented a paper on "*Democracy and Imagination*."

Ms Kok and **Mr Julian Kitipov** undertook a field research trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September for MERCURY. The background for their research was their theme: "*Multilateralism and the European Union in the Contemporary Global Order*". Interviews were conducted with staff members of the African Union Commission, the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union Commission and private think-tanks.

On 2nd December **Ms Sonja Theron**, presented a paper (with **Prof Solomon**) entitled "*Behind the Veil: India's Secret Relations with Apartheid South Africa*" at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India. The paper was presented at the Conference on India-South Africa Relations co-hosted by the Centre for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and the African Studies Association of India.

VISITORS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

In August, **Dr Henning Melber** (Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Uppsala, (Sweden) asked the question: "*Normative Frameworks – Do they Matter?*" in his discussion on "*The United Nations, Global Governance, and the Relevance of Dag Hammarskjöld's Legacy*." **Dr Melber** was also the guest speaker at our Faculty of Humanities Seminar. The theme of this

seminar was "*Liberation Movements as Governments in Southern Africa – On the Limits of Emancipation*."

Prof Michael Latham, Dean and Professor of History at Fordham College (US), presented a seminar in August entitled: "*U.S. Foreign Policy and International Development: From the Crisis of Modernization to the Neoliberal Triumph*."

Dr Louise Olsson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University and researcher and project leader at Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, visited us in September. She was the guest speaker at a seminar entitled "*Operationalising UN Security Council Resolution 1325 of 2000*."

Our Department presented a roundtable seminar in October on "*The Will to Intervene (W2I) Project*", a research initiative that aims to operationalise the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) principles." The guest speaker was **Kyle Matthews**, lead researcher of Concordia University's Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS). The MIGS has indicated that it is interested in a research partnership with the Department of Political Sciences, in order to conduct a South Africa- based study, as it considers South Africa a pivotal state in operationalising the norms associated with R2P on the African continent.

Prof Balefi Tsie, visiting Professor and outgoing Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Botswana, presented a seminar in November, entitled "*Botswana's Developmental Democracy in a Global Context*."

Prof Stuart Kaufmann, from the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Delaware, USA, focussed on ethnic war in Sudan and Rwanda in his paper,

"*Symbolic Politics or Rational Choice? Testing Theories of Extreme Ethnic Violence.*" **Prof Kaufmann** is currently conducting research on "the intra-group politics of South Africa's transition from apartheid." He mainly focuses on how the NP leadership convinced its supporters to support the negotiated transition, and how the ANC leadership persuaded its supporters to do the same.

In August, **Dr Lorenzo Fioramonti** presented a guest lecture to the Jean Monnet European Studies group on "*The EU, Multilateral Negotiations to Fight Climate Change and the Quest for Sustainable Development.*"

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung sponsored a workshop hosted by the Department in August on "*Promoting Democracy: The State of Public Opinion and Political Behaviour in South Africa. Looking Ahead to the 2011 Local Government Elections.*" The keynote address was delivered by **HE Ambassador DW Haller** (Federal Republic of Germany). **Prof Siegmund Schmidt** (University of Koblenz-Landau) focused on "*Methods of Assessing Public Opinion and Voter Behaviour*" and **Dr Andre Du Pisanie** asked the question: "*What Role did Public Opinion Play in Campaign Communications and Media Coverage?*" **Dr Henning Melber** addressed the issue of "*How Does Public Opinion and Political Behaviour Assessments Influence Campaign Strategies?*" and **Mr Roland Henwood** concluded the discussion in his search for answers on the question "*What Lessons can Issue Advocacy Groups Learn from South Africa's Electoral Campaigns?*"

Mr Ward Wilson, senior fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and Director of the *Rethinking Nuclear Weapons* organisation in New York, delivered a presentation to our IPL 320 students in October, that demonstrated why he has been credited

by **Stephen Schwartz**, editor of *Nonproliferation Review*, as "well on his way to deconstructing the most fundamental beliefs about nuclear weapons."

Mr Philippe Orliange, Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy in Pretoria, presented a lecture on French foreign policy to the IPL 320 students in October. The proceedings were filmed by a French camera crew, as part of a public communications operation by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs aimed at showing "French diplomats in action" around the world. It will be published on the "*France Diplomatie*" website: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr.

Prof Stephen Ellis, Social Sciences, VU University, Amsterdam, visited us in October to do research for a book on the relationship between the ANC and the SACP before 1994.

AFRICA DIALOGUE LECTURE SERIES

Ambassador Kingsley Makhubela, Former Chief of State Protocol and now Director-General of the Department of Tourism, was the guest speaker at a lecture that was part of the Institute for Strategic and Political Affairs' (ISPA) ongoing Africa Dialogue Lecture Series. His topic was "*South Africa's Economic Development Challenges: Engaging the World through Tourism.*"

Ambassador Abdul Minty, Deputy Director-General and the Department of International Relations and Cooperation's Special Representative for Disarmament and Nepal, presented an Africa Dialogue Lecture on "*The 2010 Review Conference on the Non-Proliferation of the Nuclear Weapons Treaty (WPT)*" which was held in May at the UN Headquarters in New York.

BROWN BAG SEMINARS

Dr Geoffrey Allen Pigman, of the Department of Political Economy at

Bennington College in Vermont, US, visited the Department in August. His topic for the Brown Bag lunch was "*US Trade and the Big Emerging Economies*". He also addressed the Honours group on "*US Africa Policy under Obama*". **Dr Pigman** discussed "*Problems of Representation and Communication in Contemporary Diplomacy*" with our IPL 220 Foreign Policy students.

Prof Michael Latham, Dean and Professor of History at Fordham College, US, presented a paper in August on "*US Foreign Policy and International Development: From the Crisis of Modernisation to the Neoliberal Triumph*" at one of our Departmental seminars.

The Department held a seminar as part of its series on Mediation in Africa entitled "*South Africa's second term as a Non-Permanent Member of the Security Council*" presented by **Minister Maite Nkoana Mashabane**, the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.

EU FRAMEWORK VII MERCURY RESEARCH PROJECT ON EUROPEAN MULTILATERALISM

In September our Department held a roundtable discussion as part of its ongoing involvement in this project. The first topic under discussion was "*Green Regions? Comparing Civil Society Activism in NAFTA and the European Union*" by **Prof Mark Aspinwall**, Head of the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Edinburgh. **Dr Elisa Morgera**, Lecturer in European Environmental Law and Director of the LLM programme in Global Environment and Climate Change Law, University of Edinburgh, was the second speaker and she addressed the issue of "*Environmental Integration in EU External Relations: Beyond the Multilateral Dimension*."

UNIT ON EURO-AFRICA RELATIONS

The Unit on Euro-Africa Relations, which will be launched officially in the Department in February 2011, hosted a two day international seminar on "*Regional Integration in Europe, Africa and Asia: Comparative Perspectives and Future Prospects*." This seminar was funded by the Jean Monnet programme of the European Union and the South African Department of Science and Technology.

The seminar was organised by our research fellow, **Dr Lorenzo Fioramonti**, and speakers included international participants such as Jean Monnet **Prof Rajendra Jain**, from Nehru University in India, **Prof Tianjian Shi**, from Duke University in the US and scholars from India and China. **Prof Gerrit Olivier**, together with **Dr Francis Kornegay** from the Institute for Global Dialogue presented a paper entitled "*The State of Regional Integration in Africa and Europe*" and **Ms Alida Kok** presented a paper on "*The EU-Africa development relationship: the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Southern Africa and the Effects on and Realities of Regional Integration*." **Dr Mzukisi Qobo** of the South African Institute of International Affairs and **Prince Mashele** also participated. This two-day seminar has laid the ground for an international symposium on "*Regional Integration in Europe and Africa: Models, Practices and Comparative Perspectives*." which will take place in Pretoria in February 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Prof Maxi Schoeman co-authored a chapter on women and peacekeeping in the first volume of **New South African Review Development or Decline**, edited by **John Daniel** et al.

Prof Katabaro Miti's monograph: "*Somalia. The endless search for peace*." was published in June in the *Policy Brief*

(no. 25) of the Africa Institute of South Africa.

Prof Hussein Solomon co-edited a book entitled "*Comparative Migration Patterns in South East Asia and Southern Africa*" with **Prof Makoto Sato** and **Prof Yoichi Mine**, both from the Ritsumeikan University in Japan. "*Against all Odds: Opposition Politics in Southern Africa*", edited by **Prof Solomon**, was published by KMMR Publishers and the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). **Prof Solomon** is the author of "*Global Jihad- the South African Front*", to be published in 2011.

Prof Solomon contributed to "*Democracy and Democratization in the Gulf*" edited by **Gulshan Dietl**, with his chapter on "*Democratization: Some Theoretical and Methodological Considerations.*" **Prof Solomon** co-authored two articles. The first, "*The Impact of HIV/AIDS on Civil Society and a Growing Economy in Mozambique: Assessing Aspects of Democratic Consolidation*", was co-authored with **Nilza Pessane** and published in the June-December 2010 edition of *Insight on Africa*. The second article, "*From War Economies to Peace Economies in Africa*", co-authored with **Amelia Broodryk**, was published in the 2010 edition of *Scientia Militaria*.

Prof Solomon's article on "*South Africa in Africa: A Case of High Expectations*" was published in the August 2010 edition of the *South African Journal of International Affairs*. "*How Islamists betray Islam*", was the title of his contribution to the Middle East Institute's Occasional Paper no. 15/2010.

Prof Solomon also wrote a book review on *India's Israel Policy* (by PR Kumaraswamy) for the *South African Journal of International Affairs*. His article on South Africa's reactive response to terrorism will be published as an Africa

Policy Brief by the National Defense University in the US.

Dr Yolanda Spies co-authored, with **Mr Patrick Dzimiri**, an article on "A Conceptual Safari: Africa and the R2P" in *Regions and Cohesion* in the new journal of the *Université du Luxembourg*. She also contributed an article on "South Africa's Multilateralism in an Age of Polypolarity" to The International Spectator's special issue on global governance, (December 2010).

STRATEGIC REVIEW FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

The first *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* (Vol XXXII, No 1), under the leadership of ISPA, was published in June and comprises the following articles:

- "Getting the Job Done: Transformation in the South African Military" by **Dr A Esterhuysen**;
- "Women and Peace-building in the Democratic Republic of Congo" by **Prof Y Sadie**;
- "The Regional Impact of Political Risk: The Conflict in the Niger Delta and the Political Risk of the Gulf of Guinea" by **E Bischoff** and **D Lambrechts**;
- "War Veterans and Democracy in South Africa: 'A Wolf in Wolf's Clothing?'" by **Prof P Labuschagne**.

The following are articles in the second *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* (Vol XXXII no 2):

- "A House Built upon Sand: South African 'Imperialism' in a Region without Regionalism" by **Prof I Taylor**;
- "Regionalism in Africa: Cooperation without Integration?" by **Prof G Olivier**;
- "Europe and Africa – The Enduring Relationship" by **Prof J Cilliers**;
- "The South African Developmental Model: Hitting against the Limits" by **Prof R Southall**;
- "Donor Assistance for AIDS in South Africa: Many Actors, Multiple Agendas"

by **Dr P Fourie, D Perche** and **R Schoeman**;

- "*Contrivance with purpose? International Relations and the reconstitution of the International*" by **Prof P Bischoff**.

2ND ANNUAL GLOBAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA)

This conference, a simulation of a United Nations summit, addressed the theme: "*The Future of the Alliance of Civilisations.*" The aim was to bridge the gaps between cultures that exacerbate conflict. The goal of the conference was to reach total consensus, the occurrence of a vote essentially symbolising defeat. This year's Global MUN was successful in reaching this consensus between all 192 member states of the MUN, thanks to the hard work of more than 600 individual delegates.

Taking part in this simulation of international law-making were four South Africans, all from the University of Pretoria. From the law faculty (and also students of our Department) **Yolandi Meyer** (LLB III) and **Wesley Timm** (BA Law III; LLB III) represented Ireland and Russia respectively. They were joined by **Brendan Stott** (BEng I) and **Marlie Holtzhausen** (BAdmin II) representing Iraq and Italy respectively. Their trip was made possible by financial support from Nestle Malaysia as well as the United Nations Department of Public Information. Though a small delegation, they held their own, representing South Africa and the University of Pretoria well, by winning the Best Position Statement prize in the third committee (one of only four prizes awarded). For more information of the conference, visit www.un.org/gmun.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the 26 students who successfully completed their studies and received their degrees during

the Spring 2010 Graduation Ceremony. These include:

- Six students who received the BPolSci (International Studies) degree;
- Four students who received the BPolSci (Political Studies) degree;
- Two students who received the BA Honours (International Relations) degree, one of them, **Ms Ina-Mart Hugo**, a lecturer in this Department received her degree with distinction;
- Five students who received the BA Honours Political Science degree;
- Three students who received the Masters degree, one of them, **Mr Nico Olivier**, received his degree with distinction;
- Four students who received the Master of Diplomatic Studies (MDIPS) degree and
- One student who received the Master of Strategic Studies (MSS) degree.

Congratulations also to those students who were awarded other degrees, such as BA Journalism and BA. Well done! We are proud of you and wish you the best for the future.

RESEARCH FELLOW APPOINTMENTS

Our research fellow appointments for 2011: **Dr Henning Melber**, **Ambassador Abdul Minty**, **Dr Brendan Vickers** and **Mr Peter Draper**.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO...

Prof Hussein Solomon, who, after more than 10 years' service in the Department and more than 12 years at the University, is leaving us to take up the post of Senior Professor in the Department of Political Sciences at the University of the Free State.

Ms Alida Kok who has resigned as a full-time staff member of the Department to take up a position in 2011 as independent analyst in the fields of political behaviour and political psychology

for clients in the corporate and government sectors.

To **Hussein** and **Alida**, thank you for your huge contribution and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES FOR 2011

SENIOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Senior students must take note that quarterly modules (e.g. IPL 356 or STL 351) are no longer presented by this Department. Students will only be allowed to register for semester modules (e.g. IPL 310 or STL 310).

- **Monday 7 February 2011, 08:00 in HSB 4-1:** Registration of senior (non-first year) under-graduate BPolSci students. Please keep strictly to this date/time as no registration will be accepted or assistance provided before/after this date/time. Senior undergraduate students who do not attend this session will, thereafter, not be assisted with their registration by the package organisers (**Dr Wolmarans** and **Mr Henwood**). Latecomers have to report directly to and register through Faculty Administration, on 10 and 11 February 2011 at IT 2-9. Non-BPolSci students must consult the faculty circular on Senior Undergraduate Registration 2011 for particulars concerning their registration.

Senior students (non-first years) may also register through the UP website for approved fields of study (listed at <http://www.up.ac.za/registeronline>).

Students who register online are not required to attend the scheduled registration session. However, should they require the assistance of the package organisers, this assistance will only be provided during the scheduled registration session and not before or after.

BAdmin (International Relations) students register in accordance with the instructions of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (direct other academic enquiries to the programme manager: **School for Public Management EBS-building** and not **Dr G Wolmarans**).

Senior students repeating the PTO modules must be in the Roos Hall on Friday 11 February 2011 at 10:40. During this session the PTO 111 students will be subdivided into smaller groups and allocated to specific venues. Additional information concerning the presentation of this module will also be provided. **Senior students who still have to take (or repeat) PTO 111 must attend this session.**

- **Monday 14 February 2011:** First semester lectures commence.

2011 HONOURS STUDENTS

Students who wish to apply for the Honours programme, need a minimum of 65% average in their third year major, e.g. in International Relations or in Political Science. More information is obtainable from the department.

Thursday 10 February 2011, 17:00 (level 21 – Seminar room): first meeting of Honours students who have been admitted to the programme by the Head of the Political Sciences Department.

2011 MASTERS STUDIES

Students who have completed their Honours degrees and who are interested in pursuing research based Masters studies, need an average of at least 65% for their Honours studies and have to apply for admission. Guidelines on Masters studies and for the preparation of research proposals are obtainable from the secretary's office (HSB 21-14). Please note that there will not be an intake of

students for coursework Masters degrees (e.g. MDIPS and MSS) in 2011.

THE LAST WORD FROM SOME OF OUR FORMER STUDENTS...

George Katito: "I just wanted to say thank you so very much (again) for the help with the many recommendations for the various university applications. I have finally returned to my studies, and am settling into Sciences Po and Paris - and very happy to be here! Thank you so much for your kind help in getting recommendation letters through and on time - once again".

Kevin Town has been appointed as a Public Information Officer for the UN in Vienna. "... it is still in the same agency that I'm currently in (UN Office on Drugs and Crime) but at a headquarters level as an international staff member. The post is initially as a temporary six-month position with a likely extension".

We trust that you have enjoyed this year and we wish all a very happy and joyful festive season. We hope to see you back next year.

We hope that you found this newsletter informative and that you enjoyed reading it. Any contributions to future newsletters or suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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