

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

#MandelaMonth tribute, student achievements, staff achievements, remote learning and news on the impact of COVID-19 in the African continent.



Masters graduates on the day of the UCT Summer graduation on 13 December 2019, picture taken at the Mandela School. PHOTO: Phumza Marumo



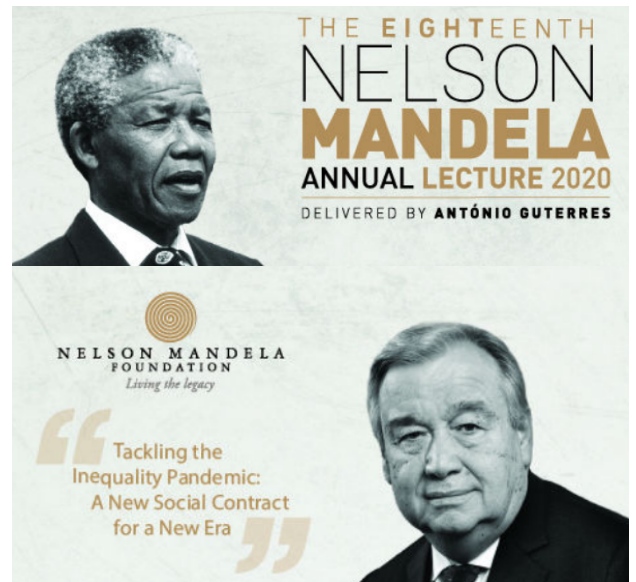
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#MANDELAMONTH 2020

For this year's Mandela Day, the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance joined the global community for the 18th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, themed: "Tackling the Inequality Pandemic: A New Social Contract for a New Era". The lecture was hosted by the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the keynote address was delivered by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

Guterres highlighted Madiba's resilience and his dedication in the fight against inequality. As the global community is faced with a pandemic that has changed the world as we knew it, more than ever, the world needs leaders who embody Madiba's values.

"He [Madiba] devoted his life to fighting the inequality that has reached crisis proportions around the world in recent decades – and that poses a growing threat to our future. COVID-19 is shining a spotlight on this injustice. Today, on Madiba's birthday, I will talk about how we can address the many mutually reinforcing strands and layers of inequality, before they destroy our economies and societies," said Guterres.



Infographic: the Nelson Mandela Foundation

[Watch the lecture here.](#)

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HIGHLIGHTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the Mandela School, July is special in twofold, we honour Madiba's birthday as well as the official launch of the School with its new name and new branding. The School was initially established as the Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice in 2011. It was then officially launched in a ceremony attended by Vice-Chancellor Mamokgethi Phakeng as the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town on 18 July 2018.

As this month ends, we anticipate the future and its prospects, in the same vein we reflect and celebrate the many achievements and successes at the Mandela School in the past year and current. We highlight some of the exciting programmes, events and seminars that bring the Mandela School to life.

We kicked off 2019 by showcasing the Mandela School's Building Bridges first 100+ fellows of the Leading in Public Life: Emerging African Leaders Programme (EALP). The campaign produced a digital magazine that profiled the EALP first 100+ fellows. [Read more.](#)



Some fellows from the Public Life: Emerging African Leaders Programme.

PHOTO: The Mandela School



In the same spirit of showcasing our students, we celebrate the Mandela School's postgraduate programmes that saw a total of 26 graduates walking the stage of the Sarah Baartman Hall in style during the 2019 autumn and summer graduation ceremonies respectively. Making this our biggest number of graduates as a School to date.

Here is a breakdown of our graduates in numbers: 14 Masters in Development Policy and Practice, 11 Master of Philosophy in Development Policy and Practice and 1 Postgraduate Diploma. In addition, eleven 2018 Masters students will graduate in 2020!

Through emergency remote teaching this year, the postgraduate team ran a successful 2019 cohort Masters semester 3 and 2020 cohort 2nd semester, consisting of 38 students that are spread across 12 African countries.

Last year the Mandela School held a successful first fulltime master's semester course, entitled the Practice of Policy Making and Implementation. The course brought together students from politics, economics, environmental humanities, philosophy, and sociology.

Countries represented include South Africa, Venezuela, China, Norway, and Nigeria. The course was convened by lecturer, Musa Nxele, and included Professor Brian Levy and Professor Alan Hirsch. The course has continued in 2020!



The Mandela School's Masters graduates on the day of the UCT Summer graduation, 13 December 2019.

PHOTO: Phumza Marumo



Professor Alan Hirsch and Musa Nxele with the Practice of Policy Making and Implementation class of 2019. PHOTO: The Mandela School



In September 2019, Senior Lecturer Dr Marianne Camerer attended the graduation ceremony in Paris of the 4th Cohort of LeAD Campus, the innovative leadership programme for social entrepreneurs, developed in partnership with the University of Cape Town's Mandela School, Sciences Po Executive Education, the ISM Groupe (Dakar) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). [Read more.](#)

The Mandela School's Building Bridges successfully hosted the Leading in Public Life: Women, Influence, and Power Programme. The inaugural 3-day residential programme took place in Cape Town, South Africa from 5th – 7th June, 2019 with 20 women leaders from six African countries (Botswana, Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe). The leadership fellowship for mid-career African women working in the rule of law sector, aimed to promote solidarity, ambition and ultimately enhance democracies with more women equipped with legal training in public leadership positions.

Pictured below: The Leading in Public Life: Women, Influence, and Power Programme participants in Cape Town, June 2019. PHOTO: Liam Cornell



4th Cohort of LeAD Campus at the Mandela School in Cape Town, 2019. PHOTO: Robyn Walker



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF & CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

The Mandela School was pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Faizel Ismail as the new director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance. Professor Ismail took the position as the director of the School in July 2019. [Read more about Professor Ismail's appointment here.](#)

As the Mandela School, we were pleased to celebrate the launch of Professor Carlos Lopes' book [Africa in Transformation: Economic Development in the Age of Doubt.](#) In 2019 Professor Lopes was appointed by the President of Namibia as member of the country's High Level Panel on the Economy. He was also designated '2019 Economist of the Year' by FiancialAfrik and one of 10 African personalities of the year 2019, by the largest Spanish daily EL PAIS. Professor Lopes further made the list of the [2020 100 Most Reputable Africans.](#)

On 13 December 2019, in his capacity as African Union High Representative for Partnerships with Europe, he held a strategy comprehensive meeting at the Mandela School, with full support from the School. Professor Faizel Ismail, the School Director, was the happy host having himself been a negotiator for most of his professional life. The team will keep expanding in order to support African countries for the busy 2020 negotiations.



Professor Faizel Ismail. PHOTO: UCT



Professor Faizel Ismail and Professor Carlos Lopes, during a meeting at the Mandela School, in December 2019.
PHOTO: Phumza Marumo



2019 held many more monumental moments, including Professor Alan Hirsch's appointment to serve in the Presidential Economic Advisory Council (PEAC). The establishment of the PEAC was announced during President Cyril Ramaphosa's State of the Nation Address. The unit aims to generate new ideas for economic growth, job creation and addressing poverty.

On 27 March 2019 we were pleased to announce the appointment of Advocate Vusi Pikoli and Dr Ian Goldman as Adjunct Professors, joined by Dr Maria Phalime, Dr Shanil Haricharan (now Academic Director at the Mandela School) and David Schmidt in their appointments as adjunct senior lecturers. [Read more.](#)



Advocate Vusi Pikoli.
PHOTO: The Mandela School

Pictured below: The Presidential Economic Advisory Council (PEAC). PHOTO: GCIS



The Mandela School had the great honour to celebrate Academic Director, Professor Brian Levy, who having reached the age of 65, stepped down from his position last year. [Read more.](#)

Pictured below: Professor Alan Hirsch, Professor Brian Levy and Ringisai Chikohomero. PHOTO: Liam Cornell



Professor Brian Levy at the Master's Gala Dinner in Cape Town.
PHOTO: Liam Cornell

Pictured below: Professor Brian Levy receiving words of gratitude from the 2019 Master's students at the Master's Gala Dinner in Cape Town. PHOTO: Liam Cornell



On 1 January 2020, the Mandela School announced the appointment of Dr Shanil Haricharan as the new Academic Director. Dr Haricharan started his career as a teacher, political activist, and development worker, joining the democratic government in 1995 as a Director of Development Planning: Policy Development and Implementation in the Gauteng Provincial Government. [Read more.](#)



The newly appointed Mandela School Academic Director, Dr Shanil Haricharan. Photo: Michael Hammond

Pictured below: Academic Director, Dr Shanil Haricharan, Postgraduate Programme Manager Elvina Moosa, Mandela School Director, Professor Faizel Ismail, Programme Coordinator Zikhona Sikota, and Lecturer Musa Nxele. Photo: Michael Hammond



BUILDING BRIDGES

The Mandela School held and co-hosted important and timely public lectures, seminars, book launches and brown bag lunch series in 2019. The School's commitment to knowledge sharing saw the development of partnerships with various organisations, such as the Kofi Annan Foundation, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), African Union's African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat (APRM), as well as the Auditor General - South Africa.

The Mandela School has continued with the same vision in 2020, due to COVID-19, the School has been hosting various webinars and masterclass series.

Updates on webinars and masterclass series are shared on the School's digital platforms.

The Mandela School further celebrates the Building Bridges Programme Manager, Mabel Sithole on being selected as finalist in the #Risingstar2020 Awards in the Service: Public/Private category.



Building Bridges Programme Manager, Mabel Sithole.
PHOTO: Mabel Sithole





Above: Lecturer Musa Nxele at the Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) discussion on “How politics, development and state effectiveness interact – main findings of a global research partnership”, the discussion was held on 28 March 2019.

PHOTO: The Mandela School

Pictured below: The Mandela School in partnership with the Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) held a discussion at the School on “How politics, development and state effectiveness interact – main findings of a global research partnership”, the discussion was held on 28 March 2019. PHOTO: The Mandela School





Delegates at the "Democracy in Central and Southern Africa: The Road Ahead" conference held in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation, with the support of the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), September 2019. PHOTO: Michael Hammond



Pictured below: Africa Month Public Symposium in May 2019 held in partnership with the APRM at the University of Cape Town. PHOTO: UCT





Delegates attending the “Transformation Industrialisation, the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and Global Governance Workshop” held in partnership with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in September 2019.
PHOTO: Phumza Marumo



Pictured below: Public Lecture on local government outcomes for the 2017-18 financial year at the Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, UCT, presented by the Auditor General SA, July 2019. PHOTO: The Mandela School





Above: Professor Alison Gillwald with Professor Tim Unwin, and Professor Wallace Chigona at the Mandela School on 17 July 2019. The Public Lecture discussed the Fourth Industrial Revolution and it was hosted in partnership with Research ICT Africa. PHOTO: The Mandela School

Pictured below: To commemorate #MandelaDay2019, the Mandela School partnered with Innovation Norway and Scatec Solar on 18 July 2019; and hosted a Breakfast and Panel Discussion. The purpose of the Mandela Day Breakfast and Panel Discussion was to share experiences about Corporate Social Responsibility and start a discussion about how this should be addressed to have a sustainable impact. Professor Faizel Ismail was a panellist. PHOTO: Michael Hammond



WEBINARS AND REMOTE LEARNING

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), in collaboration with the University of Cape Town (UCT) Convocation and the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance hosted the second African Month Public Symposium, under the theme: Africa's innovations in the global fight against COVID-19, from 27 May to 29 May 2020. Watch all the sessions as they happened.



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AFRICA MONTH VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM AFRICA'S INNOVATIONS AGAINST COVID-19



SPEAKERS

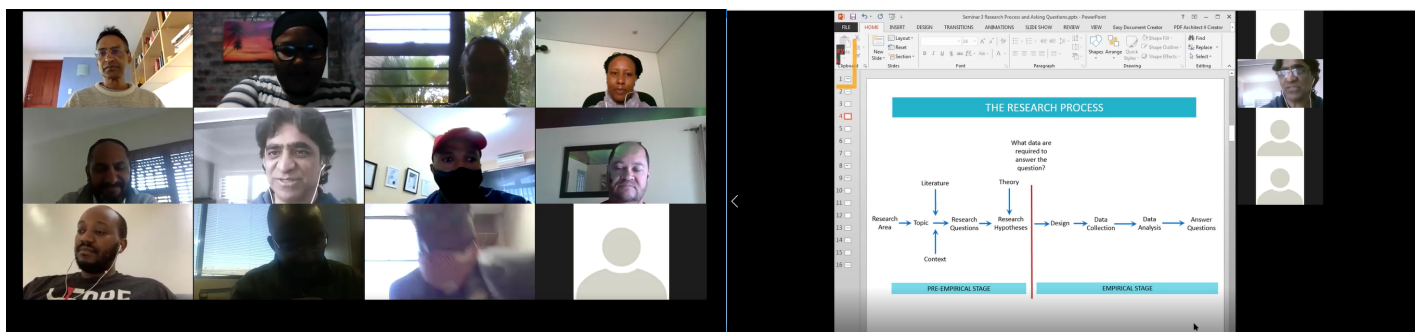


Session Title:

Opening Remarks: Introducing the Africa Month series

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2020

Pictured below: Professor Rajen Govender during a remote teaching session with Masters students.



NEWS & RESOURCES

The School's Professor Alan Hirsch, Professor Faizel Ismail and Professor Carlos Lopes have written articles on the impact of COVID-19 on the African continent. The articles are accessible here: www.mandelaschool.uct.ac.za/voices-academics

The UCT's Research magazine, Umthombo featured the Mandela School last year, Issue 3. Access the full publication here <http://www.uct.ac.za/main/research/publications/umthombo>

Find out more information about the programmes offered at the [Mandela School in a brochure](#).





#TeamMandelaSchool works to support and implement the mission of the UCT's Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, which is to promote and inspire strategic public leadership in Africa! The team is supported by the Vice-Chancellor Mamokgethi Phakeng and the UCT community at large. There are other staff members and partners who were not present when this photo was taken, they too assist in keeping the engine of the School running!

We still have exciting things planned for 2020 as the Mandela School, please connect with us on our digital platforms to keep abreast with the School's activities:

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"We should never forget those on whose shoulders we stand and those who paid the supreme price for freedom"— Nelson Mandela