

Themes for MA Theses 2019

Prof Amanda Gouws (ag1@sun.ac.za)

- Democratisation
- Any gender related topic including citizenship, the National Machinery for Women, the quota system for women, reproductive rights, sexuality etc.
- The electoral system
- Any South African politics related topic
- Any empirical survey topics such as political voting behavior, tolerance, the TRC, socialization, political culture and political support.
- HIV/Aids
- Multiculturalism

Prof Scarlett Cornelissen (sc3@sun.ac.za)

- Political-economic perspectives on African development in the contemporary era: theory and empirical trends
- The political economy of China and other emerging powers in Africa
- Japan in the 21st Century: society, political economy and foreign policy
- Political and economic relations between Japan and Africa: an overview, and prospects.
- Is there a 'special relationship' between Japan and South Africa? Trends and implications.
- Mega-projects, development and political economy in South Africa
- Global economic change, urban governance and city promotion strategies – a case study of select Southern African cities.

Prof Janis van der Westhuizen (jvdw2@sun.ac.za)

- South African Foreign Policy
- Development Cooperation
- Brazil and South Africa Compared
- Status in International Relations
- Rising Powers
- Transnational Advocacy Networks
- Please see my Google Scholar Profile or Academia.Edu page to see what I

Prof Pieter Fourie (ppfourie@sun.ac.za)

- Political economy of development
- Foreign policy-making and niche diplomacy (health diplomacy and AIDS diplomacy in particular)
- Political scenario-building and future studies

- North-South relations and the politics of inequality
- Global health politics
- Public policy-making (health issues in particular)
- Political aspects of HIV and AIDS in South Africa
- Political aspects of HIV and AIDS globally
- Political denialism
- Human security agendas
- State fragility
- Global Governance
- Queer Politics in International Relations
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- The criminalisation of poverty
- The political, social and economic determinants of health

Prof Ursula van Beek (uvb@sun.ac.za)

- Global Comparative Politics and Cultural Issues

Dr Nicola de Jager (ndejager@sun.ac.za)

- South African politics
- Populism and democracy
- Religion and politics
- Comparative studies of southern African politics
- Political culture and democracy
- Why the crisis in democracy?

Dr Ubanesia Adams-Jack (uadams@sun.ac.za)

The dynamics of international and local public policy processes:

- Evaluating a public policy concern (eg. health system reform, unemployment)
- Case studies on the implementation of public policy in democratic South Africa (any government policy such as health, labour, employment, BEE, sport quotas or land reform policy)
- How do global policy initiatives translate into 'local' (national or sub-national) contexts? (example: implementation of UN policies)
- How do the expectations of co-operative governance (South Africa) affect policy development processes? (How does practical politics affects the implementation of constitutional expectations)

Dr Derica Lambrechts (derica@sun.ac.za)

- Methodological, conceptual and theoretical frameworks of Political Risk Analysis
- The changing face of the Political Risk landscape/geopolitical shifts
- Industry specific political risk analysis
- State-society relations and state capabilities
- Organised criminal groups and the impact on state legitimacy
- Criminal gangs and local government/local governing structures
- Environmental Organised Crime/Crimes related to the environment

Mr Gerrie Swart (gswart@sun.ac.za)

- SADC: Security Issues
- Piracy, maritime terrorism (Somalia, The Gulf of Aden)
- International terrorism (with links to North Africa and the Horn of Africa)
- Preventive diplomacy & Conflict Prevention
- Conflict and Conflict resolution in Africa
- Africa-related focus areas such as conflict, security, and terrorism).

Dr Collette Schulz-Herzenberg(csch@sun.ac.za)

- Political attitudes and behaviour in South Africa and beyond (especially voter behaviour)
- The rise of global populism and threats to liberal democracy
- Electoral integrity, social media and post-truth politics
- Electoral system design and party systems
- Legislative and parliamentary studies
- Democratisation and political attitudes
- Public opinion and quantitative methods (using surveys)

Dr Cindy Steenekamp (cindylee@sun.ac.za)

- Political behaviour
- Political culture
- Democratisation
- South African politics
- Public opinion and quantitative studies
- Comparative studies