

# Welcome from Stellenbosch University



4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Strategic Theory  
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# Welcome to participants

- Hon. Danish Ambassador to RSA, Mrs Thygesen
- Members from the Royal Danish Defence College
- Delegates from
  - Africa (Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, South Africa, Zimbabwe,...),
  - Europe (Denmark, Sweden, ...)
  - UK, USA, Far East, etc.
- Colleagues from the SU Faculty of Military Science
- Everyone present and all protocol observed



# Stellenbosch University origins...



1866: Stellenbosch Gymnasium

1879: Arts Department

1881: Stellenbosch Kollege



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*OU HOOFGEBOU, 1886*

1887: Victoria Kollege

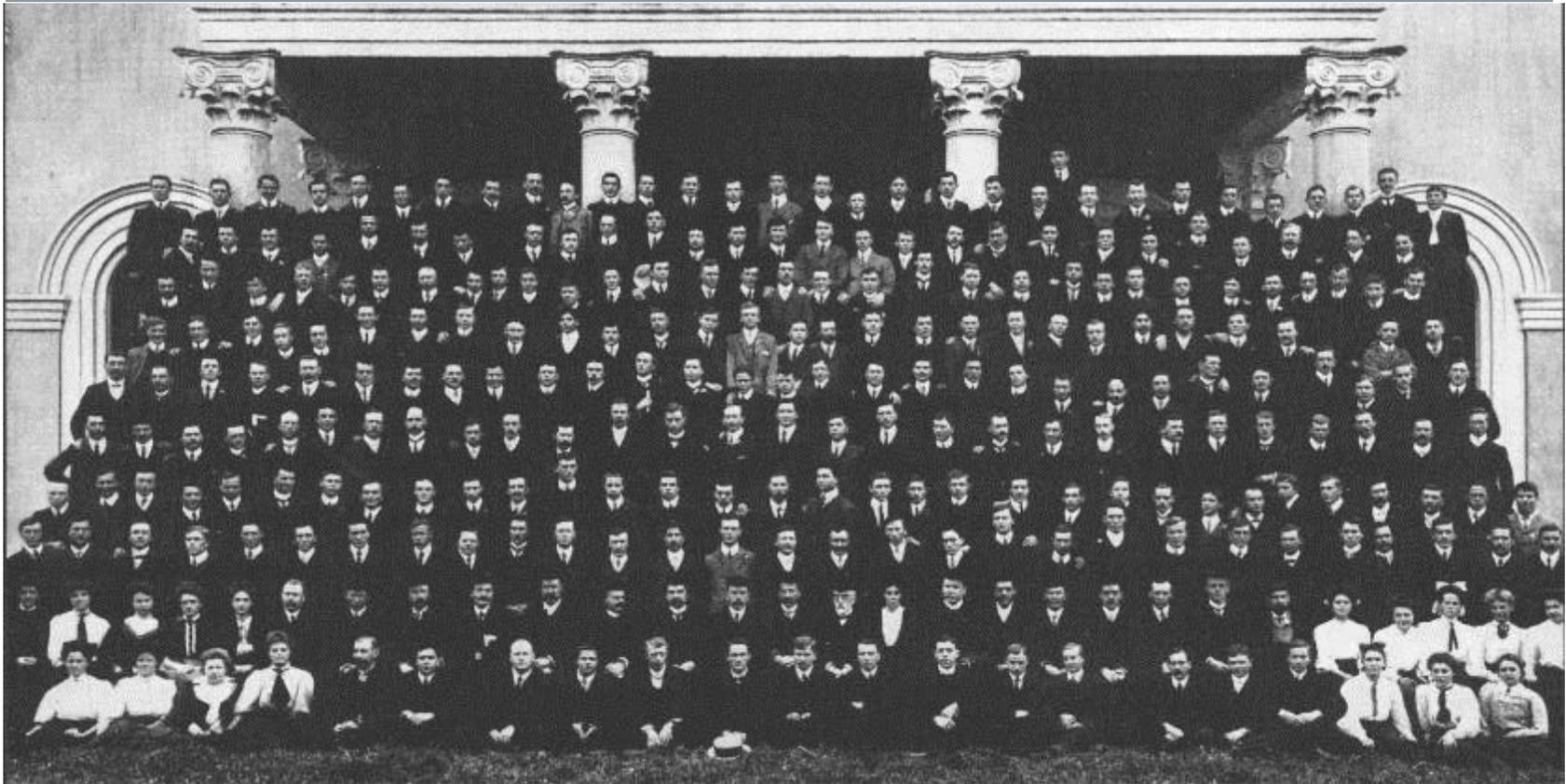
1916: Convert

College to University

2 April 1918: SU Established



# Stellenbosch University then...



STAFF & STUDENTS / MAY 1918

## 4 Faculties

- Arts & Social Sciences
- Agriculture
- Mathematics & Nat. Sciences
- Education

## 558 students



# Stellenbosch University now ...



4 campuses

1 022 academics

30 150 students

10 Faculties

**Military Sciences**

**Arts & Social Sciences**

**Agricultural Sciences**

**Law**

**Natural Sciences**

**Education**

**Engineering**

**Theology**

**Medicine and Health  
Sciences**

**Economic & Management  
Sciences**





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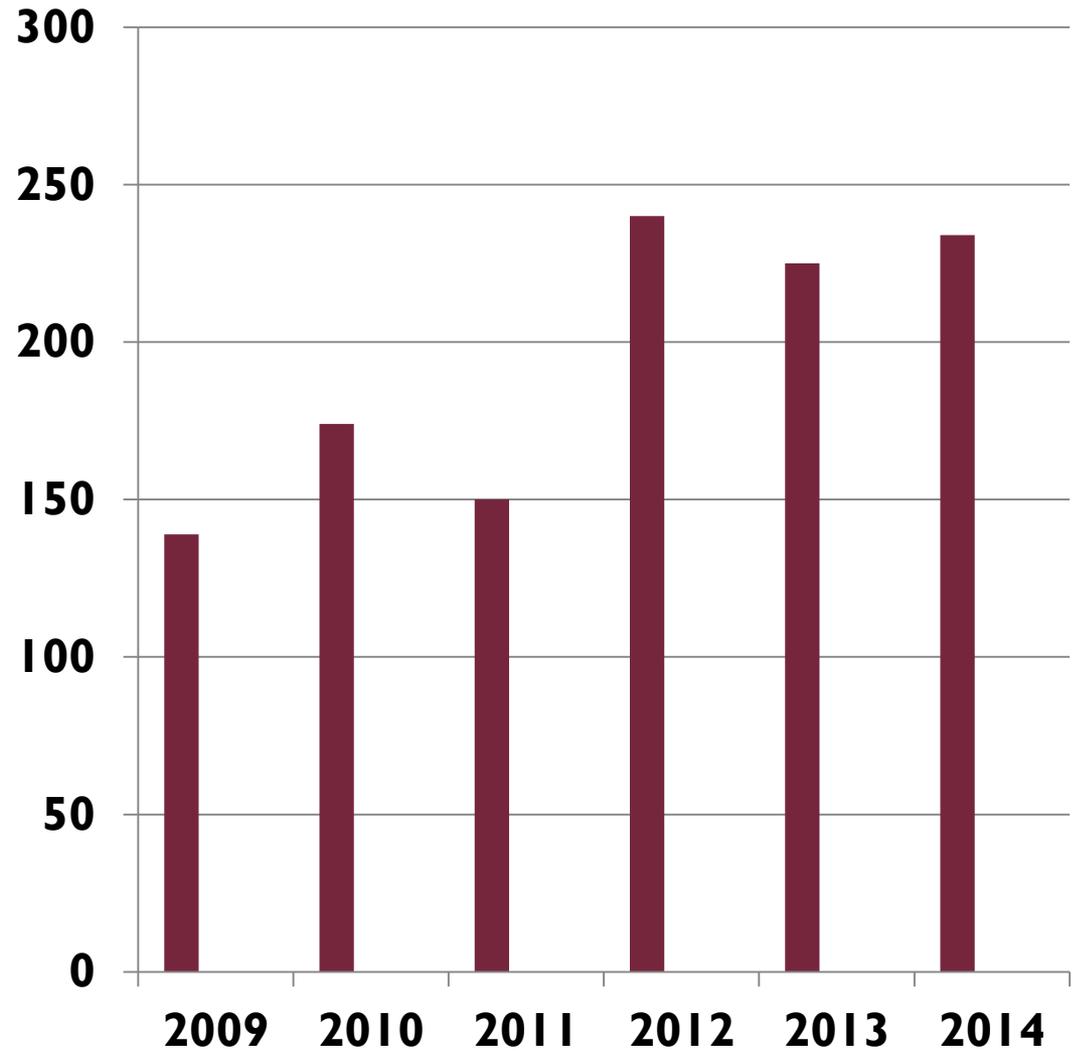


# Research Intensive University

- QS 2015 ranking: SU now ranks at #302
  - moving up a full 88 places from its previous position 2014
- Research indicators:
  - Largest per capita research outputs in RSA for past 5 years
  - More than 50% of SU Income from 3<sup>rd</sup> income stream (incl. research contracts); 25% from international funds
  - 35 endowed research chairs, 24 of which are chairs of the South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI)
  - Average of 1100 Master and 230 PhD degrees per year awarded over the last three years
  - 7 Centres of Excellence of the Department of Science and Technology



# Doctoral Degrees





# SU's Faculty of Military Science

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- Since 1957
- SU proud to be the only tertiary institution in RSA with a Faculty of Military Science
- Fully-fledged partnership between die Department of Higher Education and Department of Defence
- Regulated through a contract signed by the Rector (SU) and the Secretary for Defence
- Important contribution to professional development of RSA DoD officers of the future
- SU values opportunity to better security in South Africa and the African continent



# SU support to programmes at Faculty of Military Science

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- Stellenbosch exercises **quality assurance** over all programmes offered in the Faculty of Military Science.
- Offers the scientific basis and **accreditation for UG and PG programmes** that increasingly extend into the DoD for senior management echelons in the SANDF in particular.
- **Integrated** the FMS at the SA Military Academy into the **wider scientific community** wrt research and publication.
- Extending a **financial T&L Grant** to the faculty to facilitate projects to enhance teaching skills and help undergraduates with academic skills on matters such as study methods time management etc.
- Facilitation of **T&L workshops by the Centre for Teaching and Learning**, as well as **Research Division** to keep lecturing staff updated on latest developments and develop skills on grant applications, NRF ratings as scientists, research grants
- Support for the **2011, 2013 and 2015 ON STRATEGY** conferences.



# Ongoing partnership: FMS & RDDC

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- **Partnership** between SU Faculty of Military Science (Stellenbosch/Saldanha) and the Royal Danish Defence College (Copenhagen) commenced with the first ON STRATEGY conference in 2009.
- Based upon mutual funding streams; **anchor funding from Denmark**
- A **biennial conference series on African Security**: 2015 is the fourth biennial event
- A **biennial book publication** during intermediate years: Third book on maritime security published in 2015
- **Exchange of lecturing staff** to the Faculty and RDDC in Copenhagen since 2012
- **Appreciation for the funding** from the Danish government to offer the biennial conference series since 2009



# Focus upon African Security Matters



- Focus to support Danish initiatives to **promote security and human security** in general, as well as good governance in Africa.
- The partnership is also tied in with the Faculty of Military Science through the **Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA)**.
- The 2015 conference: **A timely focus upon the African Standby Force: Beyond 2015** given the pressure for *more interventions against terrorism and armed violence by non-state groups against African governments in which vulnerable societies (women, children and the elderly) bear the brunt of the violence.*
- The **African Standby Force** is the primary intervention instrument of the African Union
  - 2015 is set as a watershed to bring the ASF readiness into step with the proposed missions.
  - The ASF also stands to be **augmented by African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises (ACIRC)** as a crisis response initiative proposed by South Africa.
- **The conference offers excellent platform for discussion and ideas on a strategic approach to African Security Matters**

**Dankie  
Thank you  
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