



National PhD Conference 2024

Programme

Day 1 – Monday, 20th May

18:30 - 20:00 Welcoming & cocktail event (Venue: Good Hope Suites, Grand West)

Day 2 – Tuesday, 21st May

Venue: Industrial Psychology Lab, second floor, EMS building, University of the Western Cape

8:30: Transport from hotel to UWC Campus

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome from the ESSA President
Welcome and remarks from the University of the Western Cape
Introduction of the panel members

9:30 - 10:00 **Session 1 (Tumiso Maitisa, University of Limpopo)**
Title: The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Total Factor Productivity in Selected Africa: A spatial Econometric analysis
Discussant: Yoseph Getachew (University of Pretoria)

10:00 - 10:30 **Session 2 (Teboho Mashao, North-West University)**
Title: The asymmetric effect of the stabilisation policies on the general price level in the Southern African Common Monetary Area
Discussant: Hylton Hollander (University of Cape Town)

10:30 - 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 - 11:30 **Session 3 (Anele Slater, University of Johannesburg)**
Title: Firm innovation and technological capabilities: a case study on 4IR adoption and effect in the grain agriculture sector
Discussant: Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria)

11:30 - 12:00 **Session 4 (Lwazi Apleni, University of Johannesburg)**
Title: Building a resilient tourism sector in OR Tambo District Municipality through local economic development
Discussant: Jen Snowball (Rhodes University)



- 12:00 - 12:30 **Session 5 (Kingstone Nyakurukwa, University of the Witwatersrand)**
Title: Investor sentiment and stock returns: Acknowledging the potential information flow between news media and social media
Discussant: Allan Davids (University of Cape Town)
- 12:30 - 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Masterclass: Writing for Publication** by the Managing Editor of the South African Journal of Economics – Prof Steve Koch (UP)
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Session 6 (Jaydro Fondling, University of the Western Cape)**
Title: The evolution of the Cape Coloured population and its impact
Discussant: Debra Shepherd (Stellenbosch University)
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Session 7 (Juliet Kegode, University of Pretoria)**
Title: Is exposure to agroforestry practices sufficient to drive adoption and intensity of tree planting among smallholder farmers? Evidence from Eastern Rwanda
Discussant: Reza Daniels (University of Cape Town)
- 15:00 – 15:30 Tea Break
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Session 8 (Ngonidzashe Chiranga, North West University)**
Title: Empirical Analysis of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement in the SADC Region: Evidence using the PPML Estimation Technique
Discussant: Harold Ngalawa (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Session 9 (Kukhanyile Mal, University of the Western Cape)**
Title: South African Infrastructure Development: Potential partners, obstacles, and growth prospects
Discussant: Elias Masilela (DNA Economics)
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Session 10 (Moses Mlangeni, University of Zululand)**
Title: Local hemp fibre production, government expenditure on uniforms, and preferential procurement policy regulations as levers for clothing manufacturing recovery in South Africa
Discussant: Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria)
- 17:00: 17:15 Input from Director of ERSA on working paper series and other opportunities
- 17:30 Transport back to Hotel



19:00 – 21:00 Conference dinner (Venue: Hussar Grill, Grand West)

Day 3 – Wednesday, 22nd May

8:30 Transport to UWC (for those staying at the hotel, please remember to check out first)

9:00 – 9:30 **Session 11 (Mphatso Ackim, University of Pretoria)**
Title: The Interplay of Fiscal and Monetary Policies in Malawi
Discussant: Matthew Simmonds (National Treasury)

9:30 – 10:00 **Session 12 (Nwabisa Malimba, Rhodes University)**
Title: Measuring intra-industry trade and Total Factor Productivity in the South African Pharmaceutical Sector: Implication for import dependence
Discussant: Harold Ngalawa (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

10:00 - 10:30 **Session 13 (Sanduku Mulumba, University of Cape Town)**
Title: Economic geography determinants of spatial wage disparities in South Africa: Evidence from the South African Revenue Service and National Treasury firm-level panel
Discussant: Reza Daniels (University of Cape Town)

10:30 - 11:00 **Session 14 (Shinice Jackson, University of the Western Cape)**
Title: An overview of the long-term educational outcomes at the Genadendal mission station
Discussant: Jen Snowball (Rhodes University)

11:00 - 11:30 Tea break

11:30 - 12:00 **Session 15 (Wihan Marais, Stellenbosch University)**
Title: Gravity and Cross-Border Influence: The Importance of Distance in Mobile Telecommunications
Discussant: Yoseph Getachew (University of Pretoria)

12:00 - 12:30 **Session 16 (Nyemwererai Matshaka, University of Pretoria)**
Title: Monetary and R&D policies on Inequality and Growth
Discussant: Hylton Hollander (University of Cape Town)

12:30 - 13:00 **Session 17 (Frederica Simaanya, University of Pretoria)**
Title: Asymmetric effects of macroeconomic uncertainty on monetary policy in G7 and BRICS Countries
Discussant: Allan Davids (University of Cape Town)



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| 13:00 – 13:20 | Closing remarks from ESSA president |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch |
| 15:00 | Travel from UWC to airport |