

***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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# CONTACT INFORMATION

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# EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

PHD (Political Science, UFS), 2017

MA (Political Science, UFS) by dissertation, 2011 (*cum laude*)

BA Honors (International Relations, UFS), 2009 (*cum laude*)

## Prizes and awards:

Departmental Prize for Best Honors Student in Political Science (2009)

Daan Wessels Prize for Best 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Student in Political Science (2008)

## Professional Development

Certificate in Advanced Project Management (2010)

# RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. "Die toekoms van Taiwan: strategiese realiteite en die kernwapenopsie" [The future of Taiwan: strategic realities and the nuclear option], *LitNet Akademies*, 19 (3), 2022.
2. "Hypersonic Weapons and the Future of Nuclear Deterrence", *Scientia Militaria*, 49 (1), 2021.
3. "Kernafskrikking in `n tydperk van ingrypende tegnologiese ontwikkeling: Hoe kwesbaar is kernaangedrewe ballistiese missielduikbote werklik?" [Nuclear deterrence in an era of sweeping technological developments: how vulnerable are ballistic missile submarines really?], *LitNet Akademies*, 18 (2), 2021.
4. "Is die skrikbeeld van kernterror geregverdig?" [Is the spectre of nuclear terror justified?], *LitNet Akademies*, 17 (3), 2020.
5. "No rest for the weary: competition and emulation in international politics. A Waltzian perspective", *Politikon*, 46 (1), 2019.
6. "The 'shifting' nature of theory in International Relations: Why the future of the discipline is its (Waltzian) past", *Acta Academica*, 46 (2), 2015.

# RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

7. "Democracy, the Arab Spring and the future (great powers) of international politics: a structural realist perspective", *Politikon*, 40 (2), 2013.
8. "Democratic peace theory and the realist-liberal dichotomy: the promise of neoclassical realism?", *Politikon*, 39 (2), 2012

# RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. "The spectre of nuclear terror in Africa: another look" (2023; forthcoming)
2. "Iran, the bomb and the spectre of (nuclear) terror", in Solomon, H. (ed.). *Directions in International Terrorism: Theories, Trends and Trajectories*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.
3. "The threat of a nuclear Iran: a dissident view", in Segell, G. (ed.). *Developments in the Middle East: Proceedings of Colloquium*, University of Haifa, 2020.

# RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

## **OTHER**

1. "Better the devil you once knew than the one you now do? Egyptian and Israeli security post-Arab Spring", *Rima Occasional Papers*, 2013.

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## **INTERNATIONAL**

1. *The future of Taiwan: three scenarios* (Paper delivered at “The Future of Taiwan” Webinar, UFS, 4 November 2022)
2. *The spectre of nuclear terror in Africa: another look* (Paper delivered at International E-Conference “Between Promise and Peril: African Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, Bloemfontein, Banju Luka and Moscow, June 28, 2022)
3. *How vulnerable are ballistic nuclear submarines really? Implications for nuclear deterrence* (Paper delivered at ISA 2022 Annual Convention, March 28-April 2, 2022)
4. *An Iranian nuclear bomb: implications for (nuclear) terror* (Paper delivered at the 10<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Peace Science Conference, 13 January 2022)
5. *The spectre of (nuclear) terror in light of a nuclear-armed Iran* (Paper delivered at “A Nuclear-armed Iran: Issues, Threats and Possibilities” Webinar, UFS, 7 October 2021)
6. *The continuing stability of nuclear deterrence* (Paper delivered at ISA 2021 Annual Convention, 6-9 April, 2021)
7. *The end of the world as we know it? The stability of nuclear deterrence* (Paper delivered at ISA Midwest Annual Conference, 20-22 November 2020)

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## **INTERNATIONAL**

8. *The threat of a nuclear Iran: a dissident view* (Paper delivered at "Developments in the Middle East" Webinar, UFS & University of Haifa, Israel, 14 October 2020)
9. *Why New Thinking on Nuclear deterrence is not necessary* (Paper delivered at ISA Conference, Serbia, 19-20 June 2019)
10. *Trust No One? Democratic Peace Theory Meets 007* (Paper delivered at World International Studies Conference (WISC), Taiwan, 1-3 April 2017)
11. *The enduring quality of Waltzian structural realism* (Paper delivered at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, December 2012)
12. *How do South Africans understand the concept 'democracy'? A Political Science perspective* (**Lecture** delivered at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, December 2012)
13. *Problems of democracy and state in Africa* (**Lecture** delivered at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, December 2012)

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## NATIONAL

1. *Die geopolitieke spel oor kernenergie in Afrika: Wat, wie en waarom? (Paper delivered at "Konferensie oor die uitwerking van nuwe energiebelange op die desentralisering en sentralisering van politieke mag in Suid-Afrika", Akademia, Pretoria, 29 March 2023)*
2. *The politics of nuclear energy in Africa: what, who and why? (Paper delivered at "The Politics of Nuclear Energy in Africa: opportunities, fears and constraints" Webinar, UFS, 23 November 2022)*
3. *Emerging technologies and the quiet submarine: what future for nuclear deterrence? (15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, South African Association of Political Studies, 26-28 August 2021)*
4. *Die groot les van die Koreaanse Missielkrisis: kernafskrikking werk! (SA Akademie vir Kuns & Wetenskap, Pretoria, May 2018)*
5. *Die kontinuiteit van die internasionale politiek: vanaf Antieke Griekeland tot kontemporêre Amerika (SA Akademie vir Kuns & Wetenskap, NWU University, Potchefstroom, May 2017)*
6. *The 'shifting' nature of theory in IR: why the future of the discipline is its Waltzian past (Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Theory, 2015)*
7. *The validation of structural realist theory in an era of liberal ascendancy (Paper Delivered at the 2012 SAAPS Biennial Conference)*
8. *Agents, structures and the democratic peace (Paper delivered at the 2010 SAAPS Biennial Conference, Stellenbosch)*

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## **REGIONAL/LOCAL**

1. *Mind-closing and mind-opening approaches to the study of humans and societies* (Paper delivered at seminar on “The Limits of Decolonisation”, UFS, 24 February 2022)
2. *The ‘facts’ of theory* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2021)
3. *The challenges of emerging technologies: Africa and beyond* (Paper delivered at the Conference on African Peace and Security, UFS, 11-12 February 2020)
4. *‘From theory, all else follows’* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2020)
5. *Nuclear deterrence in light of a changing world* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, North-West University, 22 August 2019)
6. *Waltzing into Africa: The relevance of Kenneth Waltz for thinking on Africa* (Paper delivered at the Conference on African Peace and Security, UFS, 11-12 February 2019)

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## REGIONAL/LOCAL

7. *There is more to seeing than meets the eyeball: observation, facts and theory* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2019)
8. *Theory: what is it good for and how should we do it?* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2018)
9. *Strange bedfellows in international politics. A Waltzian perspective* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, 2017; **Awarded Prize for best paper by an emerging scholar**)
10. *The false promise of an African democratic peace* (Paper delivered at the Conference on African Peace and Security, UFS, 14 February 2017)
11. *The promise and pitfalls of theory* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2017)
12. *The promise and pitfalls of theory* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2016)
13. *Theory as the organisation of hope* (Paper delivered at UFS Governance Seminar, 2015)

# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES

## **REGIONAL/LOCAL**

14. *Trust No One? Democratic Peace Theory Meets 007* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, 2015)
15. *The idea of theory in international relations* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, 2013)
16. *Theoretical aspects of international politics in an era of democratic peace* (Paper delivered at Cluster on Sustainable Development Meeting, UFS, July 2012)
17. *The end of the road for democratic peace theory* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, 2011)
18. *Agents, structures and the democratic peace: the richness of neoclassical realism? A preliminary sketch* (Paper delivered at the University of the Free State Faculty Forum, 20 July 2010)
19. *Beyond mono-theoretical approaches* (Paper delivered at the SAAPS Regional Colloquium, 2009)

# RESEARCH: FUNDING

- Awarded a research grant by *The South African Academy of Science* (2021-2022)
- Awarded a research grant by *The South African Academy of Science* (2020-2021)
- Awarded an NRF KIC grant (2019-2020)

# RESEARCH: PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Studies Association (ISA; current)
- South African Academy of Science (Current)
- South African Association of Political Studies (Current)
- The Academy of Political Science (US based; 2009-2010)



# RESEARCH: CONFERENCES ORGANISED

- Organised an international conference/webinar on “The future of Taiwan” (2022)
- Organised a national conference/webinar on “The politics of nuclear energy in Africa: opportunities, fears and constraints” (2022)
- Chair of various e-conferences on Ukraine/Russia during 2022.
- Organised an international conference on “A nuclear-armed Iran: issues, threats and possibilities”, 7 October 2021.
- Co-organised the South African Association of Political Studies Regional Colloquium, 28 September 2017.

# RESEARCH: NRF RATING

- Y Rated NRF Researcher



# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: OP-ED PIECES/PRESENTATIONS

1. *Should Taiwan go nuclear?* (Presentation to U3A, University of the Third Age, 23 March 2023, Bloemfontein)
2. *Mind-closing and mind-opening approaches to the study of humans and societies* (Paper delivered at seminar on "The Limits of Decolonisation", UFS, 24 February 2022)
3. *ʼn Kerngewapende Iran: oordrewe gevaar of eksistensiële krisis? [A nuclear-armed Iran: myth or existential crisis?]* (Maroela Media, October 2020)
4. *Kernstate en die gevaar van ʼn EMP-aanval [Nuclear states and the threat of an EMP attack]* (Maroela media, September 2020)
5. *Hipersoniese missiele en kernoorlog [Hypersonic missiles and nuclear war]* (Maroela media, August 2020)
6. *Konvensionele versus kernterreur [Conventional versus nuclear terrorism]* (Maroela media, July 2020)
7. *Is kernwapens steeds die absolute wapen? [Are nuclear weapons still the absolute weapon?]* (Maroela media, May 2020)
8. *Kernwapens en verpersoonlikte diktature [Nuclear weapons and personalised dictatorships]* (Maroela media, April 2020)
9. *Kernwapens en kernterreur [Nuclear weapons and nuclear terrorism]* (Maroela media, March 2020)

# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: OP-ED PIECES/PRESENTATIONS

10. *Die militêre aanwending van kunsmatige intelligensie [The military application of artificial intelligence]* (Maroela media, February 2020)

11. *Vlug 752 na die Oekraïne en die debat oor kernwapenverspreiding [Flight 752 to Ukraine and the debate about nuclear proliferation]* (Maroela media, January 2020)

12. *Kuberoorlogvoering en kernwapens [Cyber warfare and nuclear weapons]* (Maroela media, December 2019)

13. *Die komende kernoorlog: wat is die vrese? [The coming nuclear war: what are the fears?]* (Maroela media, November 2019)

14. *Is Saoedi-Arabië die volgende kernwapenstaat? [Is Saudi Arabia the next nuclear-weapon state?]* (Maroela media, October 2019)

15. *Slaap maar rustig oor Trump en wêreldvrede [No need to lie awake over Trump]* (Volksblad, 2017)

16. *Trump en die internasionale politiek: slaap maar rustig [Trump and international politics: no need to lie awake]* (Volksblad, 2017)

17. *Ingryping in Sirië sal tot meer lewensverlies lei [Intervention in Syria will lead to more death]* (Volksblad, 2013)

# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: INTERVIEWS QUOTED IN MEDIA

- Several interviews on Ukraine and North Korea on RSG Radio (2022)
- Quoted in "Ooreenkoms tussen Oekraïne en Rusland nie 'binnekort' verwag - kenner", *Netwerk24*, 17 March 2022.
- Quoted in "In depth: SA can prevent local economic fallout - expert on country's Ukraine response", *News24*, 10 March 2022.
- Interview on RSG Radio (2020)
- Interview on Namibia Radio (2017)
- Two radio interviews on international political issues (2015)

# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: JOURNAL EDITOR

- Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Peace and Democracy (specialty section of *Frontiers in Political Science* – since December 2022).



# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: REVIEWER

REGULAR REVIEWER FOR THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

- *European Journal of International Relations*
- *Scientia Militaria: South African Journal of Military Studies*
- Independent Peer Reviewer of: *Theoria: Journal of Social and Political Theory*
- *Australian Journal of Political Science*
- *Political Studies*
- *Politikon (South African Journal of Political Studies)*
- *Journal for Contemporary History*

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: COURSES PRESENTED

## **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

- Politics, law and international organisations (POLS2644) (2011-date)
- Security and Conflict Studies (POLS3714) (2011-date)
- Political Strategic Planning (POLS3734) (2011-2017)

## **POSTGRADUATE TEACHING**

- Research methodology and proposal (POLS6816) (2015-date)
- Advanced Political Theory (POLS6836) (2022 only)
- Contemporary Thinkers in IR (POLS6856) (2023-)

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

## ***PHD STUDIES SUPERVISED [UNDER SUPERVISION]***

- K LETUBE (CO-SUPERVISOR; ONGOING)
- P. GIACOBAZZI (AWAITING SAQA ACCREDITATION)



# LEARNING AND TEACHING: POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

## ***MA STUDIES SUCCESSFULLY SUPERVISED/UNDER SUPERVISION***

- ✓ RBM PRETORIUS [ONGOING]
- ✓ PM MATLALA [COMPLETED]
- ✓ MJ SWART [COMPLETED]
- ✓ SMJ ROOI [COMPLETED]
- ✓ K LETUBE (CO-SUPERVISOR; COMPLETED)
- ✓ B MOHALE (CO-SUPERVISOR; COMPLETED)

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

## *HONORS STUDIES SUCCESSFULLY SUPERVISED*

- M JEWELL
- M SEIMA
- SMJ ROOI
- MJ SWART
- P MATLALA
- R VAN DER WALT
- A GROBBELAAR
- S NENE
- DC LINDE
- N CANHANGA



# LEARNING AND TEACHING: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMINATION/MODERATION

## INTERNAL EXAMINATION/MODERATION

- PhD (Internal Examiner for B. Mokoena; completed)
- PhD (Internal Examiner for L. Carambo - student has not yet submitted)
- Hons. (S. Njani-Matetakufa; completed)
- Part of panel for assessment of Masters and PhD Proposals for Centre for Gender & Africa Studies (UFS)
- Internal moderator for UFS Business School module
- Internal moderator for UFS Governance Programme

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMINATION/MODERATION

## EXTERNAL EXAMINATION/MODERATION

- J.A VERSTER (MA, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSTIY, 2023)
- B SOBAHLE (MA, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, 2021)
- A CUPIDO (MA, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, 2020)
- TJV MATTHEE (MA, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, 2017)
- DJ WALBRUGH (UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, 2019)
- M MPHAHLELE (HONS., NWU, 2019)
- EXTERNAL EXAMINER FOR MODULES AT:
  - NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY
  - MILITARY ACADEMY (SALDANHA; STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY)
  - NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: DECOLONISATION/CURRICULUM RENEWAL

- Presented a paper at seminar on “The Limits of Decolonisation”, UFS, 24 February 2022, on “Mind-closing and mind-opening approaches to the study of humans and societies”.
- Regularly presents papers on issues relating to theory and the nature of theory (within the disciplines of Politics/International Relations, but also across all disciplines).
- Actively involved in departmental debates on curriculum content.
- Curriculum Renewal Programme (enrolled for November 2022).

# LEARNING AND TEACHING: AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **AWARDS**

Nominated for Teaching and Learning Awards (2015)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

Curriculum Renewal Programme (to be completed in November 2022)

Postgraduate supervision (completed in 2022)

Introduction to statistics (completed in 2019)

Advanced Certificate in Project Management (2010)

# LEARDERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

## **DEPARTMENTAL**

Subject Head: Department of Political Studies and Governance (2023-)

Coordinator of the Honors Programme (2015-)

Regularly presented the department at Rotary Club's Yearly Career Day (2011-2016)

## **FACULTY**

Engaged Scholarship Committee member

Ethics Committee member (2018-2019)

## **UNIVERSITY**

Member of Senate

Member of the 4IR Committee

