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Languages: English (native);  
Afrikaans (native); Arabic  
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Professional Memberships: South  
African Association of Political  
Science (SAAPS),  
International Political Science  
Association (IPSA)  
Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir  
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## EDUCATION

2020 – Doctor of Philosophy  
University of the Free State  
2015 – Master of Arts \*cum laude  
University of the Free State  
2013 – B.A Honours \*cum laude  
University of the Free State  
2012 – B.A Media and Journalism  
University of the Free State

## EMPLOYMENT

2019- Present: Programme  
Director (Bachelor of Social  
Science, UFS)  
2017- Present: Lecturer, Political  
Studies and Governance, UFS  
2014-2017: Junior Lecturer,  
Political Studies and  
Governance, UFS

# CURRICULUM VITAE

ALTA GROBBELAAR (PH.D)

## PUBLICATIONS

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

Grobbelaar, A. (2021) Updating Africa: Tweeting Terrorism. In Directions in International Terrorism, edited by Hussein Solomon. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

Grobbelaar, A. (2021) Africa's Online Terror: The increased reliance of African terrorist organizations on Social Media. In Terrorism in Africa: New Trends and Frontiers. Edited by: Glen Segall, Sergey Kostelyanets, Hussein Solomon. Moscow: Institute for African Studies

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Grobbelaar, A. (With Hussein Solomon) (2014). Understanding the Rise of Boko Haram and its Discontents. Journal for Contemporary History. 39 (2). Pp 277-249

### OCCASIONAL PAPERS

Grobbelaar, A (With Hussein Solomon) (2015). The origins, ideology and development of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. Africa Review.  
Grobbelaar, A (2013). Post-Gaddafi Libya – a 'Not-So-Easy' Road to Democracy. RIMA Occasional Papers. Vol. 1 No 16  
Grobbelaar, A (2013). The Scramble between France, AQIM and Other Regional Terrorist Groups: It's All about Sibling Rivalry. RIMA Occasional Papers. Vol. 1 No. 3.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

### INTERNATIONAL

**March 2021:** "Africa's Online terror: The increased reliance of African terrorist organizations on Social Media." New Frontiers of Terrorism in Africa. Conference with Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Department of Political Studies and Governance, University

**July 2021:** "Updating Africa: Tweeting Terrorism". Forthcoming conference. New Nationalisms in an Open World. 26th IPSA World Congress of Political Science. NOVA University Campolide Campus, Lisbon, Portugal.

**July 2018:** "Terrorists in Africa communicating with the outside world." Presentation delivered at International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

**November 2017:** "Blink and you'll miss it. Does the world miss the destruction of Africa's heritage sites?" Presentation delivered at Conference on Historical Heritage and Security. Hosted by Osaka School of International Public Policy, in collaboration with the University of the Free State in South Africa and Mzuzu University in Malawi. Conference held at Osaka University, Japan.

## LECTURING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to Global Politics  
Introduction to Governance and Transformation  
Governance and Political Transformation in Africa  
Political Theory and Ideology  
Political Science Research Methodology and Proposal

## POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

### Master of Arts, UFS

*“Challenges of Corporate Governance in State-Owned Enterprises: the South African Post Office and the Gauteng Gambling Board”* (current)

*“What makes a revolution successful? A Comparative Study of the Bulldozer and Orange Revolutions in Serbia and Ukraine.”* (current)

### Honours Research Project, UFS

*“The Perception of Female Terrorists in International News Media”* (current)

*“Alleviating Youth Unemployment through the Informal economy in South Africa”* (2019)

*“A Political Analysis of the Water Crisis in the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality”* (2016)

## LOCAL

**July 2021:** “Discourse analysis and Critical Discourse analysis in Politics. Nelson Mandela’s “I am prepared to die” speech 1964” Virtual presentation delivered at the annual research seminar hosted by the Governance and Political Transformation Post Graduate programme of the University of the Free State.

**May 2021:** “Online terrorism in Africa: Is social media the new frontline?”. Prospective Trajectories of Terrorism in Africa. North West University School of Government Studies.

**August 2020:** “What makes critical research, critical?” Virtual presentation delivered at the annual research seminar hosted by the Governance and Political Transformation Post Graduate programme of the University of the Free State.

**February 2018:** “The importance of new methods for old problems: Using Critical Discourse Analyses in the study of terrorism in Africa.” Presentation delivered at conference jointly hosted by the Department of Political Studies and Governance and the Centre for African Studies and the University of the Free State and the Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University.

**September 2017:** “Discourse Analysis, News and Reporting on Terrorism in Africa” Presentation delivered at the Regional Colloquium of the South African Association of Political Studies.

**February 2017:** “How can the power of media be used to fight terrorism in Africa?” Presentation delivered at conference co-hosted by the Centre for African Studies, Jawahrlal Nehru University (India), Centre for the Engagement on African Peace and Security, Department of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State, and Southern African Centre for Collaboration on Peace and Security and the Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University (Japan).

## SERVICE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

### PEER REVIEWER

2021:

SAGE publishers: “Political leadership, corruption, and the crisis of Governance in Africa: A Discourse for Insight on Africa.”

SAGE publishers: “Piracy and Maritime Security in the North-Western Indian Ocean: From the Gulf of Oman to the Waters off the Somali Coast.”

2020:

SAGE publishers: “Implementing the African Security Regime through a ‘Multiple-Speed’ Approach: Challenges and Prospects” submitted to Insight on Africa.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT:

2017-Present: Analysis of local politics on Pretoria FM

2015-Present: Consultatnt to Oranje Meiseiskool debating teams

2020-Present: Adjudicator and Consultant to Oranje Meisieskool junior and senior debating teams

2020: Political Analysis US elections, Newzroom Afrika

2019: Panelist on book discussion with author of “Gangster State”, Pieter-Louis Myburgh

