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ECONOMICS PHD CONFERENCE 2019  
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Day I, Thurs 11 July 2019			
Time	Venue	Presenter	
08:30 – 09:00	Van der Sterr, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor foyer (Entrance 1)		<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:10	Van der Sterr, Room 2118		<b>Welcoming</b>
09:10 – 09:40		Vuyani Maqanda ( <i>Rhodes</i> )	<b>Session 1</b> Framing of the nuclear discourse in South Africa: an institutional economics analysis ( <i>Discussant: Adalakun</i> )
09:40 – 10:10		Johnson Adalakun ( <i>UKZN</i> )	Monetary union and inflation dynamics: The case of the West Africa Monetary Zone (WAMZ) ( <i>Discussant: Kurasha</i> )
10:10 – 10:40		Flora Kurasha ( <i>UCT</i> )	The effect of hyperinflation on asset poverty in Zimbabwe ( <i>Discussant: Maqanda</i> )
10:40 – 11:05			<i>Tea</i>
11:10 – 11:40	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	Bernard Njiri ( <i>SU</i> )	<b>Session 2</b> Specifying the trade and financial channels of external adjustment in emerging and frontier market economies ( <i>Discussant: Famoroti</i> )
11:40 – 12:10		Olusegun Famoroti ( <i>UKZN</i> )	Macroeconomic effects of external monetary policy shocks to economic growth in West Africa ( <i>Discussant: Njiri</i> )
12:10 – 12:40		Olawumi Awolusi ( <i>UKZN</i> )	Economic growth-institutional fitness nexus: Evidence from BRICS countries ( <i>Discussant: Nandelenga</i> )
12:40 – 13:10		Wafula Nandelenga ( <i>UCT</i> )	Fiscal policy and public debt sustainability: Is public debt sustainable in Sub-Saharan Africa? ( <i>Discussant: Awolusi</i> )



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13:10 - 14:05	Katjiefiering restaurant	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:10 – 14:40	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	Tina Koziol ( <i>UCT</i> )	<b>Session 3</b> Euro area quantitative easing in a portfolio balance model with heterogeneous agents and assets ( <i>Discussant: Kisten</i> )
14:40 – 15:10		Theshne Kisten ( <i>UP</i> )	A financial stress index for South Africa: A time-varying correlation approach ( <i>Discussant: Koziol</i> )
15:10 – 15:40		Philton Makena ( <i>UP</i> )	Socio-political instability and growth dynamics ( <i>Discussant: Funjika</i> )
15:40 – 16:10		Patricia Funjika ( <i>UP</i> )	Colonial origin, ethnicity and intergeneration mobility in Africa ( <i>Discussant: Makena</i> )
16:10 – 16:25			<i>Tea</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	Marvelous Ngundu ( <i>UJ</i> )	<b>Session 4</b> The impact of China's FDI and FDI from other sources on growth in sub-Saharan Africa through export upgrading ( <i>Discussant: Mhonyera</i> )
17:00 – 17:30		Gabriel Mhonyera ( <i>NWU</i> )	Identifying priority products and sectors for bilateral trade negotiations: the case of AGOA beyond 2025 ( <i>Discussant: Ngundu</i> )
18:45 – 21:30	Middelvlei Estate	<i>Networking event</i>	



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Day 2, Fri 12 July 2019			
Time	Venue	Presenter	
08:15 – 08:45	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	Storme Kennedy-Palmer ( <i>UCT</i> )	<b>Session 5</b> South African historical interest rate volatility: Evidence of regime switching ( <i>Discussant: Magwiro</i> )
08:45 – 09:15		Amon Magwiro ( <i>NWU</i> )	Investigating presence of asymmetric exchange rate pass-through to imports and consumer prices in South Africa: The role of nominal rigidities ( <i>Discussant: Kennedy-Palmer</i> )
09:15 – 09:45		Everisto Mugocha ( <i>WITS</i> )	Import tariff pass through effect and the spatial distribution of domestic consumer goods prices: Zimbabwe (2009-2014) ( <i>Discussant: Davids</i> )
09:45 – 10:15		Allan Davids ( <i>UCT</i> )	The Cape of Good Homes: Exchange rate depreciations, foreign demand and house prices ( <i>Discussant: Mugocha</i> )
10:15 – 10:40			<i>Tea</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	George Kinyanjui ( <i>UCT</i> )	<b>Session 6</b> Emotions and revealed preference for rational altruism ( <i>Discussant: Matsuro</i> )
11:15 – 11:45		Leon Matsuro ( <i>SU</i> )	Risk preferences and job mobility in Zimbabwe ( <i>Discussant: Kinyanjui</i> )
11:45 – 12:15		Zachary Gitonga ( <i>UCT</i> )	Is migration an effective adaptive and livelihood diversification strategy for rural families in arid regions of Namibia? An application of constructed instruments using heteroscedastic errors ( <i>Discussant: Chingozha</i> )
12:15 – 12:45		Tawanda Chingozha ( <i>SU</i> )	A citizen science approach to classifying urban informality and other urban land use types using satellite imagery ( <i>Discussant: Gitonga</i> )



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12:45 – 13:50	Katjiepiering restaurant	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Van der Sterr, Room 2118 (Entrance 1)	Dr Nara Monkam	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Maximising domestic resource mobilisation in Africa: The Untapped potential of property taxes ( <i>Introduction &amp; comments: Prof Ingrid Woolard</i> )
15:00 – 15:30		Prof Wimpie Boshoff	<b>Studies in Economics Econometrics Journal</b>
15:30 – 16:00		Daniel Njau (WITS)	<b>Session 7</b> Earnings management of seasoned equity offerings in South African listed firms ( <i>Discussant: Maboshe</i> )
16:00 – 16:30		Mashekwa Maboshe (UCT)	Corporate taxation and investment in South Africa: Evidence from the Neoclassical framework ( <i>Discussant: Njau</i> )
16:30 – 16:35			

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