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| Department | | | Economics | |
| Discipline | | | Economics | |
| Research Focus Area | | | Development Economics | |
| Total Capacity for 2025 | | | 9 (6 Master’s and 3 PhDs) | |
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| Supervision Team details: | Academic Profile | | | Capacity |
| Prof S Nhamo  Office: Anton Lembede, 4-21  Email: [nhamos@unisa.ac.za](file:///C:\Users\amusako\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\QV3D5295\nhamos@unisa.ac.za)  Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.co.za/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=Senia+Nhamo.+Unisa&btnG=>  Institutional repository: [http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Nhamo%2C+Senia&type=author](http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Nhamo%2C+Senia&type=author%20) | Prof Nhamo is an associate professor in the Department of Economics. Her research focuses on topics relating to environmental economics and development economics. The specific focus areas are as follows:   * Renewable Energy Consumption and the impact on the economy * Renewable energy and job vulnerabilities * Elimination of energy subsidies and the impact on the economy * Competition and regulation in the electricity industry * Energy pricing issues * Energy risk assessment and modelling * Green finance and investments * Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- Tracking progress   **Supervision type**: Quantitative and qualitative research  Econometrics: Advanced | | | 2 Master’s  2 PhD |
| Prof Lalthapersad-Pillay**[[1]](#footnote-1)**  Office: Anton Lembede, 4-34  Email:[lalthp@unisa.ac.za](file:///C:\Users\amusako\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\QV3D5295\lalthp@unisa.ac.za)  ORCID :  Institutional repository link: [http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Lalthapersad-Pillay%2C+Pinky&type=author](http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Lalthapersad-Pillay%2C+Pinky&type=author%20) | Prof Lalthapersad-Pillay is a professor in the department of Economics. She holds a PHD (Economics). Her research focus is:   * gender issues   **Supervisor type:** Descriptive studies | | | 0 Master’s  0 PhD |
| Prof NM Odhiambo  Office: Anton Lembede 4-50  Email:[odhianm@unisa.ac.za](file:///C:\Users\amusako\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\QV3D5295\odhianm@unisa.ac.za)  Ideas/RePEc : [https://ideas.repec.org/e/pod33.html#research](https://ideas.repec.org/e/pod33.html%23research) | Nicholas Odhiambo is currently professor and chairperson of the Macroeconomic Policy Analysis (MPA) research programme. He holds a PhD (Economics) degree from Stellenbosch University. His broad area of research is in Development economics, macroeconomics, International economics and Monetary economics (see  <https://ideas.repec.org/e/pod33.html#research> for more details).    **Supervisor type:** Quantitative  Econometrics: Advanced | | | 1 PhD or Co-supervisor:1 PhD |
| Ms K Mdingi  Office: Anton Lembede, 4-48  Email: [mdingk@unisa.ac.za](mailto:mdingk@unisa.ac.za) | Ms Mdingi is a lecturer in the Department of Economics. She holds MCom (Economics) degree from the University of South Africa (UNISA). Her research interests are:     * human capital, and economic growth * Poverty * Financial inclusion, economic growth, and income inequality i.e.  trickle down hypothesis * Income inequality on economic growth   **Supervision type:** Qualitative research    Econometrics: Basic | | | Co-supervision: 1 Master’s |
| Mr MT Malatji  Office: Anton Lembede, 4-36  Email: [malatmt@unisa.ac.za](mailto:malatmt@unisa.ac.za) | Mr Malatji is a lecturer in the Department of Economics. He holds Mcom (Economics) degree from the University of South Africa (UNISA). Mr Malatji’s research interests are in:     * Rural development * Poverty studies: poverty alleviation, measurement of poverty (different indices) etc. * Migration and urbanisation * Local and regional economic development * Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- Tracking progress     **Supervision type:** Qualitative research    Econometrics: Basic | | | Co-supervision: 1 Master’s |
| Dr I Maloma  Office: Anton Lembede 4-06  Email: [**malomi@unisa.ac.za**](mailto:malomi@unisa.ac.za) | Dr Maloma is a senior lecturer in the Department of Economics. He holds a PhD (Economics) degree from the North West University. His research focus is mainly on:   * Poverty studies: poverty alleviation, measurement of poverty (different indices) etc. * Local and regional economic development * Informal sector activities e.g. Employment and unemployment in the informal sector * Environmental issues e.g. Valuation of environmental goods * Sustainable development and energy issues   **Supervision type**: Quantitative and Qualitative research  Econometrics: Basic | | | 0 PhD  0 Master’s |
| Dr G Maluleke  Office: 4-15  Email: [malulg@unisa.ac.za](mailto:malulg@unisa.ac.za)  Orcid ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5234-3115>  Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.co.za/citations?user=dQ_GK3UAAAAJ&hl=en> | Dr Maluleke holds a PhD (Economics) degree from the University of South Africa.  Her research interests include macroeconomic analysis, public finance, economic development, and international trade in emerging economies.  **Supervisor type:** Quantitative  Econometrics: Intermediate | | | 1 Masters (Co-Supervision) |
| Dr NW Gamede  Office no: 4-09  Email: [gamednw@unisa.ac.za](mailto:gamednw@unisa.ac.za)  Orcid ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1446-8638> | Dr Gamede is a lecturer in the Department of Economics and holds a PhD (Economic and Management Sciences) from NorthWest University in South Africa. Her research interests are primarily on: Human capital, skills development, informal economy, informal employment, poverty studies: poverty measurements, poverty alleviation, gender studies, rural development, and labour studies.  **Supervisor type**: quantitative, qualitative, and mixed method | | | 1 Masters (co-supervision) |
| Model of supervision | Candidates will be allocated to a supervisor but will be required to work independently within the requirements of higher degree studies. Additionally, the candidate will have to present his/her work to a panel of academic at colloquia. Additionally, the candidate should submit his/her work to be reviewed by a blind peer review process.  As part of the process of obtaining the Master’s, the Department of Economics, requires that all Master’s degree candidates present the proposal to the departmental higher degrees committee. The presentation must be within one (1) year of successful registration of the programme. Therefore, all registered students are required to make allowance for the presentations in their year plan. The presentations will take place in the department. Accommodation and travel arrangements should be made by the student. Under extenuating circumstances, provision will be made for presentations via skype for students who are not able to physically attend.    The following should be noted regarding the presentation of the proposals:   1. A complete draft of the proposal must be submitted to the candidate’s supervisor by the end of August of the relevant year. 2. The proposal presentations will take place in the last week of October. Students will be informed of the respective dates in due course. 3. Each candidate has to prepare a 15-minute presentation. 4. All feedback must be incorporated and final proposal submitted to the supervisor by the third week of November of the respective year. | | | |
| Selection criteria: Master’s/Doctorate | Refer to the qualification website for selection criteria. | | | |
| Selection Procedure | Refer to the qualification website for selection procedure. | | | |
| Research scope | A broad selection of most topics in the area of Development Economics | | | |
| Reading:  Subject Field | This is a selection of some relevant books in this research focus area. ‎Further reading over and above these is essential:  Clunies-Ross, A., Forsyth, D. & Huq, M. 2009. *Development Economics*. UK: McGraw-Hill.  Meier, G. M. & Rauch, J.E. 2008. *Leading Issues in Economic Development.* New York: Oxford University Press  Szirmai, A. 2015. *Socio-economic Development.* UK: Cambridge University Press. | | | |
| Reading:  Research Methodology | Books dealing with social science methodologies and econometric analysis would be helpful. | | | |
| Resources: Scholar community | The following journals highlight many pertinent issues in the field of Development Economics:  African Development Review  The South African Journal of Economics  New Agenda  Development and Change | | | |
| Potential M&D research focus areas or research projects | | | | |
| Unit of Analysis | | Research Focus | | |
| Economic growth, financial development, inequality, education | | Education, human capital and endogenous growth  Financial development and poverty reduction  Financial development, economic growth and poverty reduction i.e. trickle down hypothesis  Identifying the determinants of economic growth in South Africa  Identifying the constraints on economic growth in South Africa  Describing and analysing structural change in the South African economy  Income inequality on economic growth | | |
| Contemporary Issues in Development Economics | | Poverty  Poverty studies: poverty alleviation, measurement of poverty (different indices) etc.  Gender issues  Rural development  The informal sector  Informal sector activities e.g. Employment and unemployment in the informal sector  Migration and urbanisation  Geo-political development challenges | | |
| Local and regional economic development | | Local and regional economic development  regional planning | | |
| Development finance | | Foreign Aid and the sustainable development goals (SDGs)  The role of foreign aid in achieving the sustainable development goals (with specific focus on goals 1, 4 , 5 and 10) | | |
| The energy sector | | Renewable Energy Consumption and the impact on the economy  Renewable energy and job vulnerabilities  Elimination of energy subsidies and the impact on the economy  Competition and regulation in the electricity industry  Energy pricing issues  Energy risk assessment and modelling | | |
| Environmental issues | | Environmental issues e.g. Valuation of environmental goods, sustainable development and energy issues | | |
| The SDGs | | Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- Tracking progress | | |

1. Please note that consulting the research focus area leader is no assurance that your application will be approved. If, however, your application is approved, it is also not a guarantee that he/she will be allocated as your supervisor. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)