**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP**

| **Research Focus Area** | Microfinance and SMEs Development | | |
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| **Short description** | This research area focuses on the SMEs development, microfinance for SMEs, and SMEs challenges. | | |
| **Supervision Team** | | | |
| **Name** | **Email** | **Academic Profile** | **Capacity** |
| Prof M Tshehla | tshehlmf@unisa.ac.za | Prof Tshehla supervises both masters and doctoral research in the field of finance and SMEs. He published in both conference proceedings and peer review journals. His research focus areas: corporate finance, international finance, economic and business development including SMEs, project costing and project management for mega construction projects. He supervises several masters and doctoral students in areas of finance, project management and Open Distance Learning (focusing on alternative student funding model). | 2 DBL |
| Dr Osayuwamen Omoruyi | [osayuwamen.omoruyi@spu.ac.za](mailto:osayuwamen.omoruyi@spu.ac.za) | Dr. Omoruyi holds a Doctorate degree in Business. She is a qualified researcher who is competent in Business Logistics activities; Supply Chain Management; Business Management; Purchasing and supply chain, as well as in the SMEs business performance area of research. She has published two books and several research papers in scientific journals and international conference proceedings. She is a veteran researcher who is proficient in quantitative research techniques and is also involved in training young researchers through mentoring and supervision. Currently, up to seven master students have graduated under her guidance. Dr. Omoruyi has received both faculty and university research awards. She was also awarded the highest recognition for Teaching Excellence (RATE) 2019 at VUT. Professionally, she is affiliated with the Chattered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), the South African Institute of Management (SAIM), the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). Currently, Dr. Omoruyi is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Economic and Management Science at SPU. She is a nominee to serve on the Senate ICT Committee and also to serve on the Senate for a period of four years. In addition, Dr. Omoruyi serves on other committees such as the Postgraduate Committee, Research Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, School Management Committee, and Language programme committee | 3 DBL |
| Prof MH Molele | [molelmh@unisa.ac.za](mailto:molelmh@unisa.ac.za) | Qualifications: PhD (University of Cape Town); MBA (Wits University); MCom Economics (UKZN); BCom Hons Econometrics (University of Johannesburg); BCom Economics (University of Johannesburg).  Prof Molele is an Associate Professor of Global Business and. His career spans a period of 19 years, of which 12 years have been in senior management roles covering areas such as portfolio modelling, economic regulation, macroeconomic analysis, investment analysis, programme management, and corporate strategy. He is a member of the Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA), and the Institute of Directors in South Africa (IoDSA). His primary areas of interest are in the fields of Applied financial econometrics, Asset pricing, Corporate Finance, and International Finance | 3 DBL |
| **Reading: Subject Field** | | | |
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| **Reading: Research Methodology** | | | |
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