

Department	Economics
Discipline	Economics
Research Focus Area	Development Economics
Total Capacity for 2023	9 (5 Master's and 4 PhDs)

Supervision Team details:	Academic Profile	Capacity
<p>Prof S Nhamo¹ Office: Anton Lembede, 4-21 Email: nhamos@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.co.za/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=Senia+Nhamo.+Unisa&btnG=</p> <p>Institutional repository: http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Nhamo%2C+Senia&type=author</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Supervision type: Quantitative and qualitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Advanced</p>	<p>2 Master's 2 PhD</p>
<p>Prof Lalthapersad-Pillay</p> <p>Office: Anton Lembede, 4-34 Email: lalthp@unisa.ac.za ORCID : Institutional repository link: http://uir.unisa.ac.za/browse?value=Lalthapersad-Pillay%2C+Pinky&type=author</p>	<p>Prof Lalthapersad-Pillay is a professor in the department of Economics. She holds a PHD (Economics) from Vista University. Her research focus is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gender issues • the informal sector • rural development • migration and urbanisation <p>Supervisor type: Descriptive studies</p>	<p>0 Master's 0 PhD</p>
<p>Prof NM Odhiambo</p> <p>Office: Anton Lembede 4-50 Email: odhianm@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Ideas/RePEc : https://ideas.repec.org/e/pod33.html#research</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Supervisor type: Quantitative</p> <p>Econometrics: Advanced</p>	<p>1 PhD or Co-Supervisor: 1 PhD</p>

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.

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<p>Prof D Hodge Office: Anton Lembede 4-10 Email: hodged@unisa.ac.za</p>	<p>Duncan Hodge is a Professor in the Department of Economics and has a Doctorate from Rhodes University. His main research interests are macroeconomic issues as applied to the South African economy with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic growth • Structural change in the SA economy • Employment and unemployment • Open economy including the balance of payments and the exchange rate <p>Supervision type: Applied empirical (non-econometric) research.</p> <p>Econometrics: Basic.</p>	<p>0 PhD 0 Masters</p>
<p>Ms K Mdingi Office: Anton Lembede, 4-48 Email: mdingk@unisa.ac.za</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • human capital, and endogenous growth • Poverty • Financial development and poverty reduction • Financial development, economic growth, and poverty reduction i.e. trickle down hypothesis • Income inequality on economic growth <p>Supervision type: Qualitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Basic</p>	<p>Co-supervision: 1 Master's</p>
<p>Mr MT Malatji Office: Anton Lembede, 4-36 Email: malatmt@unisa.ac.za</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Supervision type: Qualitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Basic</p>	<p>Co-supervision: 1 Master's</p>
<p>Dr I Maloma Office: Anton Lembede 4-06 Email: malomi@unisa.ac.za</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>1 PhD 0 Master's</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental issues e.g. Valuation of environmental goods • Sustainable development and energy issues <p>Supervision type: Quantitative and Qualitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Basic</p>	
<p>Dr K Amusa Office: Anton Lembede, 4-47 Email: amusako@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.co.za/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=kafayat+amusa&oq=</p>	<p>Dr Amusa is a senior lecturer in the Department of Economics. She holds a PhD (Economics) degree from the University of Pretoria (South Africa). Dr Amusa’s research interests are in the area of international trade theory and policy and economic growth issues as regards developing economies.</p> <p>Supervision type: Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>1 PhD 0 Masters</p>
<p>Dr G Maluleke Office: 4-15 Email: malulg@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Orcid ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5234-3115</p> <p>Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.co.za/citations?user=dQ_GK3UAAAJ&hl=en</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Supervisor type: Quantitative</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>1 Masters (Co-Supervision)</p>
<p>Model of supervision</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The following should be noted regarding the presentation of the proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

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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. <i>Development Economics</i> . UK: McGraw-Hill. Meier, G. M. & Rauch, J.E. 2008. <i>Leading Issues in Economic Development</i> . New York: Oxford University Press Szirmai, A. 2015. <i>Socio-economic Development</i> . 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

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