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## Upcoming UCT events

- **Journey of an African Academic: Experiences and Challenges** – Panel discussion by Professor Kelly Chibale and other distinguished African scholars on the experiences and challenges facing academics in Africa
- **Wildlife in Crisis: Three evenings of debate on wildlife poaching, smuggling and trade** – Local and international experts to discuss wildlife trafficking and how criminal justice can respond to this problem
- **Struggling with the Past, Making Sense of the Present and Imagining the Future** – Public lecture on the issues and dynamics that inform the way South Africans talk about transformation, and on how to overcome these to have more empowering conversations about the topic

Date	Event/Topic	Highlights/Speakers	Contact
15 May	<p><b>Journey of an African Academic: Experiences and Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 16h00 – 18h00</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Wolfson Pavillion, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, Health Sciences Campus</p>	<p>A panel of distinguished African scholars will discuss the experiences and challenges faced by academics from the continent. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Kelly Chibale, Director of the University of Cape Town's H3-D Drug Discovery &amp; Development Centre; Department of Science and Technology/National Research Foundation South Africa Research (SARChI) Chair in Drug Discovery</li> <li>• Associate Professor Heather Marco, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor of Zoology, UCT; Ambassador Scientist, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</li> <li>• Associate Professor Collet Dandara, Associate Professor of Human Genetics; Organiser for the Committee for Black Academics at UCT</li> </ul> <p>At the same event the African Researchers and Scholars Empowerment Network (AfRSEN) will</p>	<p><b>Azwi Mufamadi</b>            Cell: 078 528 6065            Email: <a href="mailto:azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za">azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za</a></p>

		<p>be launched - an organisation dedicated to contributing to grassroots capacity development and the empowerment of young African scholars and researchers.</p> <p>The network aims to start collaborations and build relationships among African early career researchers to tackle the continent's problems. It will target young researchers, scholars and professional graduates of African descent from across the continent, including those who are overseas but are interested in coming back to make positive contributions. AfrSEN will be a useful base in generating meaningful research to lobby African institutions and governments for positive change.</p>	
<p><b>18 - 20 May</b></p>	<p><b>Wildlife in Crisis: Three evenings of debate on wildlife poaching, smuggling and trade</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 18h00 – 20h30</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus</p>	<p>The past decade saw a significant growth of the illicit trade in wildlife and animal parts as part of a multibillion-dollar black market industry.</p> <p>In South Africa – home to about 73% of the world's rhino population – more than 4,300 rhino have been killed by poachers in the past six-and-a-half years - 16 times the number poached in the preceding 27 years. The human cost on both sides of the conflict has also been immense with game rangers, activists, soldiers and police losing their lives and dozens of poachers shot dead every year.</p> <p>UCT's Centre for Criminology, the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime and the Conservation Action Trust will host this three-day public lecture series to discuss wildlife trafficking and how criminal justice can respond to this problem.</p> <p>Prominent national and international expert speakers will debate and discuss contrasting policy and legal approaches to meet the challenge. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Mark Shaw, SARChI Chair of Justice and Security, Centre of Criminology, UCT; and Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime</li> <li>• Major-General Johan Jooste, Officer Commanding: Special Projects, South African National Parks</li> <li>• Will Travers, CEO, Born Free Foundation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Azwi Mufamadi</b>  Cell: 078 528 6065  Email: <a href="mailto:azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za">azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>The full programme is available: <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judith MacGregor, British High Commissioner to South Africa</li> <li>• John Hanks, zoologist, environmental consultant and author of <i>Operation Lock and the War on Rhino Poaching</i></li> <li>• Alejandro Nadal, wildlife trade economist and professor of economics at the Centre for Economic Studies, El Colegio de Mexico</li> <li>• John M. Sellar, anti-smuggling, fraud and organised crime consultant</li> <li>• Paula Kahumbu, CEO, WildlifeDirect</li> <li>• Antoinette Ferreira, specialist environmental and organised crime prosecutor, National Prosecuting Authority</li> <li>• Paul Gildenhuis, Manager of Biodiversity Enforcement, CapeNature</li> <li>• Tess Rayner, East/Southern Africa representative for TRAFFIC</li> <li>• Bonaventure Ebayi, Director, Lusaka Agreement on Co-operative Enforcement Operations</li> <li>• Moshakge Molokwane, National Secretary, People and Parks</li> </ul>	
<p><b>20 May</b></p>	<p><b>Struggling with the Past, Making Sense of the Present and Imagining the Future</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 17h30 – 19h30</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Lecture Theatre 3, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus</p>	<p>In South Africa conversations about transformation are frequently heated and result in a war of words. Such confrontations sometimes also result in acts of intolerance and aggression, and occasionally violence is used in an attempt to resolve disputes.</p> <p>At UCT and in South Africa’s higher education sector the debate on transformation recently sparked hostile responses with violence (or the insinuation thereof) being threatened at times.</p> <p>This public seminar will investigate the issues and dynamics that inform the manner in which debates about transformation are conducted. It will also consider ways to have more empowering conversations about inclusive transformation of UCT and South African society.</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Buhle Zuma, Department of Psychology, UCT</li> <li>• Ms Nomboniso Gasa, UCT Centre for Law &amp; Society</li> </ul>	<p><b>Azwi Mufamadi</b>  Cell: 078 528 6065  Email: <a href="mailto:azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za">azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za</a></p>

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Thato Pule, Student Representative Council Chair of Transformation &amp; Social Responsiveness, UCT</li></ul> |  |
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