

KZN Provincial and Inter-provincial Tertiary Institutional Collaboration

One of the objectives of the HI is to upscale inter-institutional collaboration in research and research capacity development, and also to make our collective knowledge production outputs more visible nationally, continentally, and internationally.

Below are a few snapshots from these initiatives, some of which have already included talks on MOUs.

14.1 Intra-University Cross-College Collaboration

At present we have active collaboration in main projects from the College of Law and Management Studies. Cf. <http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/Files/uploads/2021/11/Information%20and%20Knowledge%20Management%20for%20Social,%20Economic%20and%20Political%20Development.pdf>

14.2 Durban University of Technology

So far, we have supported one research group from DUT and Unisa. Cf. <http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-26-2019/alternation-special-edition-29-2019.aspx>

This group is led by the DUT Research Office.

At present there is one more publication being worked on, from the same grouping, and led by DUT and UNISA scholars.

We are working with one more DUT research group that has organized a national conference on Community Engagement in late 2019. The peer reviewed publication will come out early 2022. We are working to have the effects of COVID on CE, also captured in the publication.

Prof Smit was also requested to do two webinars for researchers at DUT on,

- Starting and Establishing a Research Trajectory
- Research Networks and Editing Research for Peer-reviewed Publication

Around 50+ colleagues from DUT attended.

DUT is pursuing a collaborative Research MOU with HI at present. We shall take this forward in 2022.

14.3 University of Zululand

Towards the close of 2021, the UniZulu Research Office requested Prof Smit to also organise supervision workshops for UniZulu staff. He organised 5 events, with around 10 staff presentng, including Prof Kevin Durrheim from UKZN, on 15 and October, and 29, 05, 12 and 18 November 2021.

Around 50 staff from the Faculty of Arts attended each day.

14.4 Free State University

At this point, we have some collaboration via Prof Dipane Hlalele, with FSU, on rurality. So far, one publication has come from this collaboration, with one more pending.

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-27-2020/alternation-272.aspx>

The one pending is on: Rurality, Education and the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Prof Smit is also officially involved in the FSU project on the mentoring of prospective future Associate Professors.

14.5 Northwest University

In addition to some collaboration in the 2010s, we also have one publication from a group led

by Prof Labby Ramrathan and others, in Education, from UKZN, for 2020. Cf.:

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-27-2020/alternation-special-edition-31.aspx>

Another, led by Prof Phumlani Myende and Jan Heystek, is available at:

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-28-2021/alternation-281.aspx>

14.6 Engaged Regional/ National/ Southern African Collaborative Research and Internationalisation

Important to mention is the publication led by Prof Maheshvari Naidu, in which we have collaboration from Botswana University academics. Cf.

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-27-2020/alternation-special-edition-36.aspx>

We also have a currently planned one for 2022, from UB academics. Cf.

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/Files/uploads/2021/11/Information%20and%20Knowledge%20Management%20for%20Social,%20Economic%20and%20Political%20Development.pdf>

Then, after some collaborative work with academics from Zimbabwean universities, we have this publication. To note is that Prof Nisbert Taringa, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, from ZU who was leading the project tragically passed away last year, and his co-leader, Prof David Bishau (Africa University, Zimbabwe), has seen the project to completion earlier this year.

<http://alternation.ukzn.ac.za/pages/volume-27-2020/alternation-special-edition-35.aspx>

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