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| **15 April 2014**  **UCT experts available for comment on 2014 elections**  The following experts at the University of Cape Town are available for comment on the forthcoming national general elections, which will take place on 7 May 2014.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Department** | **Contact Details** | **Area of Expertise** | | Dr Ibrahim Saleh | Senior Lecturer, Centre for Film and Media Studies and Convenor for the Political Communication Programme | Tel: 021 650 4837  [Ibrahim.Saleh@uct.ac.za](mailto:Ibrahim.Saleh@uct.ac.za) | Political communication    Young democracies  Spin doctoring  Sacred duty of voting | | Professor Robert Mattes | Professor of Political Studies and Director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit | Tel: 021 650 3827  [Robert.Mattes@uct.ac.za](mailto:Robert.Mattes@uct.ac.za) | Comparing SA’s democracy to other young democracies  When is a democracy grown-up – how long does it take?  Can we influence the quality of SA’s future democracy? | | Ms Cal Volks | Director: HIV/AIDS Unit | Tel: 021 650 1008  [cal.volks@uct.ac.za](mailto:cal.volks@uct.ac.za) | Does the “born free” generation exist in South Africa? | | Dr Ariane de Lannoy | Senior Researcher: Children’s Institute | Tel: 021 689 5404  [ariane.delannoy@uct.ac.za](mailto:ariane.delannoy@uct.ac.za) | Youth’s experiences of and participation in democracy |   ***ENDS***  ***Issued by: UCT Communication and Marketing Department***  **Kemantha Govender**  Media Liaison Officer  Communication and Marketing Department  University of Cape Town  Welgelegen, Upper Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank  Tel: (021) 650 5672 Fax: (021) 650 3780  Cell: (084) 737 6522  E-mail: [kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za](mailto:kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za)  Website: www.uct.ac.za |