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### **UCT Summer School 2012 programme is online**

**57 courses, 51 lectures on offer, including talks by Judge Dennis Davis, Dr Pregs Govender and Rodney Trudgeon**

The course programme for the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual University of Cape Town Summer School is now available online at the Centre for Open Learning website: <http://www.ems.uct.ac.za>. Summer School 2012 will run from Monday, 16 January to Friday, 27 January 2012. Any member of the public can choose from a diverse range of lectures and courses, including "Fracking: the great Karoo shale debate", "Mucus: slippery, sticky, slimy but sweet and satisfying", "Beethoven: Immortal and beloved", "Sustaining Cape Town", "Vertical gardening", the novels of Zakes Mda, the birth of the child star phenomenon, and beginners' courses in Xhosa, Italian and Mandarin.

Registration (by post or in person) opens on 7 November 2011, on a first-come, first-served basis. The Centre for Open Learning has moved to the Kramer Building on Middle Campus, with easier parking nearby. For more information on Summer School and the Centre for Open Learning, telephone 021 650 2888, fax 021 650 2893, write to: Centre for Open Learning, UCT, Private Bag, Rondebosch, 7701, email: [ems@uct.ac.za](mailto:ems@uct.ac.za), or visit <http://www.ems.uct.ac.za>.

Summer School is a flagship programme of UCT's public education-oriented Centre for Open Learning. It offers the wider public, regardless of educational qualifications, a taste of the range of academic expertise available through UCT. In addition, it brings to Cape Town world-class lecturers in a variety of disciplines. It is the only summer school in Africa, drawing people not only from other parts of the continent, but from as far afield as Canada and Switzerland.

The university makes a significant contribution towards the running costs of Summer School, and every effort is made to keep these reasonable. Reduced fees are available for people on reduced income, registered UCT students, and full-time undergraduate students at other universities and pupils at schools in the Western Cape. Summer School students will have access to UCT's Oppenheimer Library, the free Jammie Shuttle service and, for out-of town visitors, the possibility of staying in student residences. Courses and single lectures are on

offer throughout the day and evening during the week, with double lectures on Saturday 21 January.

Lunchtime lecture topics cover important current issues such as the National Planning Commission and the National Health Insurance Proposal, cross-border conservation schemes, a report on the Square Kilometre Array and MeerKAT major [radio telescope](#) initiative in the [Northern Cape](#), as well as juvenile justice and prisons in South Africa, sexual violence in African military conflicts, and youth activism. Speakers include UKZN Emeritus Professor Hoosen Coovadia of the SA Planning Commission; Dr Pregs Govender of the Human Rights Commission and the board of the African Gender Institute at UCT; and Jay Naidoo of the International Telecommunications Union and the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

**Course highlights include:**

**The Judiciary and Government**, co-ordinated by Judge Dennis Davis, Judge of the High Court of South Africa, and Michelle le Roux, advocate of the High Court and Senior Visiting Fellow, Mandela Institute, Wits Law School.

**Beethoven: immortal and beloved**, by Dr Barry Smith, organist, conductor and musicologist, and Fine Music Radio's Classic Breakfast host Rodney Trudgeon. This is a lecture-music performance course in the Baxter Concert Hall.

**Intersexuality: a cultural and biological exploration**, by Professor Ian Aaronson, Director of Paediatric Urology, Medical University of South Carolina, USA, and Chair of North American Task Force on Intersexuality.

**Twinkle twinkle little star: Hollywood's children**, by Associate Professor Lesley Marx, Centre for Film and Media Studies, UCT, is a course exploring the Hollywood star system. (The Justin Biebers of today are not a new phenomenon.)

**Exploring the novels of Zakes Mda**, by Associate Professor Gail Fincham, Department of English, UCT.

**Citizen science: building an early warning system for biodiversity**, co-ordinated by Professor Les Underhill, Director, Animal Demography Unit, Department of Zoology, UCT.

**The Large Hadron Collider and the physics of elementary particles**, by Dr David Wolfe, Emeritus Professor, University of New Mexico and visiting lecturer, UCT Physics Department.

**Stem cells: hope, hype and reality**, by Professor Susan Kidson, Department of Human Biology and Dean of Health Sciences, UCT, is a two-lecture course that provides an introduction to stem cell biology and an overview of the burgeoning field of stem cell research.

**Wombs for rent: Reproductive labour in a globalised world**, by Dr Amrita Pande, Department of Sociology, UCT, is a two-lecture course focusing on one of the most unusual

instances of reproductive labour: “rental wombs”, or women in the global South having babies for clients coming from the global North.

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