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## Upcoming UCT interview opportunities and events

- **Professor Jeffrey Bagraim** to speak on "Work-family balance: Debunking the myths and elucidating the positive"
- **Professor Keertan Dheda** to talk about advances in pulmonary medicine and TB control
- **Dr Ashley Chin** to be interviewed on the topic, "Happy hearts with radio frequency ablation technique"
- **Associate Professor Colin Attwood** to speak about how marine protected areas can boost fish stock
- **Dr Tertius Kohn** to give insights into why East African runners dominate endurance running

| Date   | Topic   | Highlights/Speakers   | Contact  |
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| 08 Oct | <p><b>Inaugural Lecture:</b><br/>           Work-family balance - Debunking the myths and elucidating the positive</p> <p>Time: 17h30</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus</p> | <p>In the fast-paced world people live in today, balancing work and family life responsibilities poses a major challenge to working parents. But so much about managing work and family issues that is being presented in the media or public space might actually be no more than a myth. <b>Professor Jeffrey Bagraim</b> will debunk some of these myths, such as that it is mainly women who struggle with work-family balance, during his inaugural lecture.</p> <p>He is a Professor of Organisational Psychology in UCT's School of Management Studies, a registered psychologist and one of a very few organisational psychologists with a research rating from the National Research Foundation.</p> <p>Professor Bagraim's current research focuses on promoting socially sustainable work through research, policy</p> | <p><b>Kemantha Govender</b><br/>           Tel: 021 650 5672<br/> <a href="mailto:Kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za">Kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za</a></p> |

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|  |  | development and change interventions.   |   |
|  | <p><b>Back to the future:</b> Advances in pulmonary medicine and tuberculosis (TB) control</p> <p>Professor Keertan Dheda is available for comment on this matter.</p> | <p><b>Professor Keertan Dheda</b> specialises in multi-drug resistant pulmonary infections, including TB, and the development and validation of field-friendly diagnostics.</p> <p>According to Professor Dheda, South Africa has been experiencing a growing public health emergency of super drug-resistant TB cases in several of its provinces. This has resulted in high death rates, the diseases to spread to healthcare workers in the country, and the discharging of incurable TB cases back into communities where they are likely to infect others. He can be interviewed on some of the latest technologies and inventions assembled to model and interrogate this problem.</p> <p>Professor Dheda teaches respiratory medicine. He is the Director of the Lung Infection and Immunity Unit, as well as the Head of the Division of Pulmonology at UCT's Department of Medicine.</p> | <p><b>Loga Makwela</b><br/>Tel: 021 650 5427<br/><a href="mailto:Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za">Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</a></p> |
|  | <p><b>Happy hearts:</b> Radio frequency ablation technique corrects arrhythmias quite successfully</p> <p>Dr Ashley Chin can be interviewed on this technique.</p>     | <p><b>Dr Ashley Chin</b> specialises in radio frequency ablation, a highly successful intervention for arrhythmias, which delivers electrical energy to the heart to ablate or burn the abnormal electrical circuits. Success rates are quite high, with only a 1% risk of serious complications.</p> <p>Dr Chin completed his training at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town and spent two years at McMaster University in Canada learning ablation techniques. He is currently transferring these skills to paediatric surgeons at the Red Cross Children's Hospital.</p>  | <p><b>Loga Makwela</b><br/>Tel: 021 650 5427<br/><a href="mailto:Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za">Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</a></p> |
|  | <p><b>Marine protected areas</b> can boost fish stock</p> <p>Associate Professor Colin Attwood is available for interviews on this topic.</p>                          | <p>A new research paper co-written by <b>Associate Professor Colin Attwood</b> shows that both fish and fishermen can benefit from marine protected areas - a reserve can actually improve the fishing yield without disadvantaging artisanal fisheries.</p> <p>The research provides empirical evidence</p>  | <p><b>Loga Makwela</b><br/>Tel: 021 650 5427<br/><a href="mailto:Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za">Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</a></p> |

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|  |  | <p>that the loss of fishing ground to protected areas is more than compensated for by an increase in catches beyond these boundaries.</p> <p>Associate Professor Attwood is based at UCT's Department of Biological Sciences.</p>  |   |
|  | <p><b>Endurance running:</b><br/>Why do East African runners dominate endurance running?</p> <p>Dr Tertius Kohn can be interviewed on this matter.</p> | <p><b>Dr Tertius Kohn's</b> research seeks to understand what causes muscle fatigue in the hunter, while the hunted keeps going. Then he looks at how high-performance athletes benefit from this research.</p> <p><b>Dr Kohn</b> is a senior research associate at the UCT/Medical Research Council Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine.</p> | <p><b>Loga Makwela</b><br/>Tel: 021 650 5427<br/><a href="mailto:Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za">Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</a></p> |
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