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UCT interview opportunities and events

- **Moving beyond the educational blame game in South Africa** – Most of the young people who matriculate in South Africa and qualify on paper to apply to study further simply aren't ready for the rigours of a university education. Dr Alan Cliff's article on this subject is available. He is also available for interviews.
- **"Know your continent" series of workshops** – A new African History workshop series hosted by the Institute of Humanities in Africa (Huma) and the Department of Historical Studies will explore some of the major themes and debates that animate African history.
- **Jurassic World feature** – The movie *Jurassic World* has created a lot of interest in Dinosaurs. In her op-ed, titled "Fact and Fiction in Jurassic World", Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan, palaeobiologist at UCT, tries to unravel the confusion that might exist between what is fact and fiction in the movie.

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| 20 July | Moving beyond the educational blame game in South Africa | Most of the young people who matriculate in South Africa and qualify on paper to apply to study further simply aren't ready for the rigours of a university education. This isn't a sweeping generalisation: it's proved by data collected over five years as part of the country's National Benchmark Test in Academic Literacy. It is true that the primary and secondary education sectors are hugely troubled. Does this mean, then, that universities should effectively wash their hands of these applicants, whom they say don't "belong" in tertiary education? | Dr Alan Cliff Tel: 021 650 5027 Email: alan.cliff@uct.ac.za |
| 01 Aug | Know your continent series of workshops - LAUNCH/Introductory Session: Date and Time: Sat, 1 August, 10h00-13h00 | In eight sessions of <i>Know Your Continent</i> , a new African History workshop series hosted by the Institute of Humanities in Africa (Huma) and the Department of Historical Studies, we will explore some of the major themes and | Thami Nkwanyane Tel: 021 650 5672 Email: thami.nkwanyane@uct.ac.za |

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| | Venue: Huma Seminar Room, 4th Floor, Neville Alexander Building, Upper Campus, UCT | debates that animate African history: From the origins of humankind and movements out of Africa, to Nile Valley civilisations, ancient global trade networks and comparatively recent anti-colonial struggles. | |
| 30 July | Jurassic World Opinion Piece | The recent release of the movie <i>Jurassic World</i> , has revived a lot of interest in dinosaurs. We offer an op-ed titled "Fact and Fiction in Jurassic World", where Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan, palaeobiologist and Head of the Department of Biological Sciences at UCT and author of <i>Famous Dinosaurs of Africa</i> and <i>Fossils for Africa</i> , tries to unravel the confusion that might exist between what is fact and fiction in the movie. | Prof. Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan Tel: 021 650 3604 Email: anusuya.Chinsamy-turan@uct.ac.za |

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