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UCT events and interview opportunities

- **Deworming Delusions: Mass Treatment for African Parasites in a Biosocial Perspective** – UCT's Poverty and Inequality Initiative are hosting a seminar presented by Professor Tim Allen. Recent debates about deworming school-aged children in East Africa have been described as 'The Worm Wars' on a World Bank website. Deworming has become one of the top priorities in the fight against infectious diseases. Drawing on anthropological field research at sites spread across the region, and engaging with both biological and social evidence, this seminar shows that assertions about the effects of school-based deworming are over-optimistic. In presenting the material, Professor Allen will also reflect on the challenges and opportunities associated with doing critically-engaged ethnographic fieldwork on such an important and widely promoted intervention. Professor Allen is Director of the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa and Head of the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has carried out long-term field research in several African counties, mostly in East Africa.
- **Floating university to sail on 10-day SEAmester voyage – SA's first dedicated Class Afloat** – Forty-one postgraduate students have been selected from 15 South African universities and universities of technology to study ocean dynamics, life in the sea, marine instrumentation and data analysis on a 10-day voyage onboard the government-owned polar research vessel, the *SA Agulhas II*. SEAmester - South Africa's Class Afloat - aims to introduce marine science as an applied and cross-disciplinary field to students who have shown an affinity for these core science disciplines. Students will be able to combine theoretical classroom learning and the application of this knowledge through ship-based, hands-on research, working alongside specialist scientists in internationally relevant research activities. Associate Professor Isabelle Ansoorge of the Department of Oceanography at the University of Cape Town is directing the programme.
- **Humanitarian Impunity, Criminal Justice and Invisible Children: Social Consequences of the War with the Lord's Army** – Cognitive dissonance and humanitarian impunity in the war zone of Acholiland in central northern Uganda are the focus of this lecture, hosted by UCT's Poverty and Inequality Initiative. The region has been affected by conflict for decades, with more than 30,000 young people being abducted or joining the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Many of these

people subsequently escaped or were captured by the Ugandan army; and they passed through reception centres on their way 'home'. Where do humanitarians fit in to the upheavals that have occurred, and the attempts to impose accountability for terrible crimes? The lecture will draw on long-term anthropological fieldwork from periods before, during and after the war. In particular it will present findings on what has happened to people who spent time with the Lord's Resistance Army.

- Lecture: The Dark Side of the Universe** – The South African Institute of Physics and the Department of Physics and Department of Astronomy at UCT are hosting a public lecture on The Dark Side of the Universe with Professor Pauline Gagnon, author of the popular science book on particle physics: *Who Cares about Particle Physics: Making Sense of the Higgs boson, the LHC and CERN*. Professor Pauline Gagnon offers her audience the opportunity to understand the recent discoveries in particle physics and to explore the dark side of the Universe, where two infinities meet.
- Interview opportunity: UCT academic, Harald Winkler: Carbon limit of below two degrees might be reached by 2030** – Harald Winkler, a researcher at the Energy Research Centre at UCT, was part of a multi-author international team that conducted a meta-analysis of 10 independent studies. The study reveals that individual country pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would need to be strengthened in order to limit future climate change to well below the 2°C limit included in the Paris climate agreement. "While some uncertainties, like the temperature response uncertainty, are virtually irreducible over the coming years, uncertainties about what the INDCs add up to in terms of emissions are not. Immediate future work should therefore focus on a better understanding of what the INDCs (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) mean and how they link to other socio-economic objectives, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals," Winkler notes.

Event/Topic	Details	Contact
Deworming Delusions: Mass Treatment for African Parasites in a Biosocial Perspective	Date: 5 July 2016 Time: 18h15-19h45 Venue: Lecture Theatre 1A, Neville Alexander Building, University Avenue South, Upper Campus, UCT Speaker: Professor Tim Allen	Name: Sino Mdunjeni Email: sino.mdunjeni@uct.ac.za Tel: 0216504976
Floating university to sail on 10-day SEAmester voyage – SA's first dedicated Class Afloat	Date: 5 July 2016 Time: SA Agulhas II to launch from East Pier, Table Bay at 12h00 Interviews available from 08h00	Name: Pat Lucas Email: Pat.Lucas@uct.ac.za Tel: 0216505428
Humanitarian Impunity, Criminal Justice and Invisible Children: Social Consequences of the War with the Lord's Army	Date: 6 July 2016 Time: 13h00-14h00 Venue: Seminar Room, 4th Floor, New Economics Building, Middle Campus, UCT Speaker: Professor Tim Allen	Name: Jessica Loizides Email: jessica.loizides@uct.ac.za Tel: 0216505671
Lecture: The Dark Side of the Universe	Date: 6 July 2016 Time: 19h00 Venue: LT1, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, UCT Speaker: Professor Pauline Gagnon	Name: Jessica Loizides Email: jessica.loizides@uct.ac.za Tel: 0216505671

Interview opportunity: UCT academic, Harald Winkler	Carbon limit of below two degrees might be reached by 2030	Name: Azwi Mufamadi Email: azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za Tel: 0216505427
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