

German Interns in Public Management and Leadership

The Department of Public Management and Leadership in the School of Governmental and Social Science is hosting two Public Management students from the Faculty of Applied Science Hochschule Osnabrück. Osnabrück is part of the Lower Saxony Province, which is located in the northwest of Germany. The Hochschule Osnabrück is one of two Universities in Osnabrück and includes about 13.550 students. It is a partner university of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

Alina Weingart and Moritz Lange are both senior students and have taken up internship positions in the department for the first semester on the Second Avenue Campus. The curriculum followed at their home university requires that the interns take up a prescribed practical semester. They decided to do their practical semester at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

They provide to support academic staff of the Department as student assistance and are involved in various projects including the preparation of Open day 2016. Alina is participating in the organisation and implementation of employability workshops, and is assisting the students with preparing for their upcoming in-service training. In addition, both of them participate in various lectures on time management and comparative analysis of the nature of the bureaucracy within the South African and German context.

They also engage with students on the current refugee crisis that affects their country. In addition, they will help to conduct the forthcoming exams. They do community service on a weekly basis via the NMMU-African Unity programme, assisting in one of the local projects, which include to help children with their homework in the Walmer Township.

Besides their time as interns, Alina and Moritz have also explored the city and parts of the country to an impressions of living in Port Elizabeth and South Africa as possible. They enjoy the beaches, restaurant and pub culture of the city.



^ Moritz Lange and Alina Weingart

Department of Political and Conflict Studies interacts with media personalities

The Department of Political and Conflict Studies has had a busy month of March 2016 with a range of interactive community engagement activities, including radio interviews, community and civil society forums, social media platforms and seminars.

Ongama Mtimka (NGI scholar and lecturer)

- was invited by the Deputy Minister of Communications to comment on the State of the Nation Address (SONA) in Graaf Reinett as an emerging academic at NMMU.
- was also invited to serve in the Communist Party's Economic Transformation Committee in the district and presented a position paper.
- chaired the Israeli Apartheid Week seminar by Prof Uri Davis
- Wrote an article for The Conversation entitled *"Why state capture is an regressive step for any society"*

Thando Nomarwayi (NGI scholar and lecturer)

- is currently a political analyst/commentator for Bay TV and KQ FM in the Metro. They cover topics related to politics, economics, society, social media, and conflict. The interviews are mainly conducted in IsiXhosa and English to reach the wider community of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.
- On KQ FM, programming starts at 19:30 on Mondays and on Bay TV it starts from 20:00 until 21:00. These shows have captured the attention of various individuals and organisations in government, business and academia.

Prof Gavin Bradshaw appeared on Bay TV regarding Human Rights day. The programme titled 'Behind the Headlines' deals with various issues surrounding racism, human rights and national politics.

Prof Lyn Snodgrass

- was a guest on SAFM radio regarding a topic titled: *"Reclaiming Symbols of the Past"*
- wrote an article for The Conversation and published it in the Herald with the following title: *"Lessons from Cuba about reclaiming symbols of a painful past"*