

Department	Economics	
Discipline	Economics	
Research Focus Area	International Economics	
Total Capacity for 2025	19 (13 Masters & 6 PhDs)	
Supervision Team details:	Academic Profile	Capacity
<p>Dr E Ndou¹</p> <p>Office : 4-29 Email: ndoue@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Ideas/RePEc: https://ideas.repec.org/e/pnd46.html</p> <p>ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1917-8912</p>	<p>Dr Ndou is a Senior lecturer in the Department of Economics at UNISA. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Witwatersrand. His research interests are macroeconomics, Business cycles, international finance, financial stability and macroprudential policy, public finances, monetary economics, money and banking, demographics and inflation. He mostly works with time-series and panel data econometrics. He also works on nonlinear econometrics modelling.</p> <p>Areas of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International financial contagion effects and economic growth spillovers • Capital flow surges and sudden stops effects in developing economies. • International capital and financial markets • Exchange rate misalignments, inflation, economic growth, and trade • Exchange rate passthrough into small open or commodity economies • Commodity prices and sectoral inflation <p>Supervision type: Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Advanced and intermediate</p>	<p>3 Masters and 2 PhDs</p>
<p>Prof NM Odhiambo</p> <p>Office: 4-50 Email: odhiam@unisa.ac.za</p> <p>Ideas/RePEc : https://ideas.repec.org/e/pod33.html#research</p> <p>Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=BjtB0b8AAAAJ&hl=en</p> <p>ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4988-0259</p>	<p>Prof Odhiambo is a full professor in the Department of Economics and the founder and head of the Macroeconomic Policy Analysis (MPA) research flagship programme. He holds a PhD (Economics) degree from Stellenbosch University. He is also an inducted Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS).</p> <p>His areas of specialisation in international economics include, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International financial markets • International trade dynamics • International macroeconomic issues • Capital inflows and investment in developing countries <p>Supervisor type: Quantitative research</p>	<p>Co-Supervisor: 1 PhD</p>

¹ Please note that consulting the research focus area leader is no assurance that your application will be approved. If, however, your application is approved, it is also not a guarantee that he/she will be allocated as your supervisor.

	Econometrics: Advanced	
<p>Prof B Moyo Office: 4-45 Email: moyob@unisa.ac.za ORCID : Institutional repository link</p>	<p>Prof Moyo is an associate professor and the course leader for microeconomics at honours level. He holds a PhD (Economics) from the University of the Witwatersrand His research interests are in Microeconomics covering households and firm level studies, international trade specifically My interest also extends to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trade policy and regional integration. • trade and gender, • African Continental Free Trade Area; • trade, conflicts and climate change. <p>Supervision type: Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Advanced.</p>	<p>2 PhDs 3 Masters</p>
<p>Dr K Amusa Office: 4-47 Email: amusako@unisa.ac.za ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8341-449X</p>	<p>Dr Amusa is a senior lecturer in the Department of Economics. She holds a PhD (Economics) degree from the University of Pretoria. Dr Amusa’s research interests are in the area of international trade theory and policy and economic growth issues as regards Sub-Saharan Africa economies. Specific topics for supervision in 2026 are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The socio-economic effects of regional economic integration in SSA countries • African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA) and implications for SSA economies • The role of trade in promoting gender inequality • The role of trade policy in driving gender equality • The role of trade in enhancing female entrepreneurship • The nexus between gender and business performance • Gender gap in trade and the challenges faced by females in SMMEs • Females in Trade: The drive toward sustainable development <p>Supervision type: Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate.</p>	<p>2 Masters 1 PhD (co-supervised)</p>

<p>Prof. MR Malefane Office:4-41 Email: Malefmr@unisa.ac.za ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1644-957X</p>	<p>Prof. Malefane is an associate professor in the Department of Economics. She holds a PhD Economics degree from UNISA. Prof. Malefane’s research interests are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trade policy in developing countries • the effects of economic integration in Sub-Saharan Africa. <p>Supervision type: Qualitative and Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>3 Masters 1 PhD</p>
<p>Mr. M Ntshwanti Office:5-71 Email: ntshwm@unisa.ac.za ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-2321-1826</p>	<p>Mr Ntshwanti is a lecturer in the Department of Economics, UNISA. His research interests are open macroeconomics, particularly looking at economic growth for small open economies, fiscal and monetary policy dynamics, international finance and international trade theory and policy. He mostly works with time-series data, Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) and Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models.</p> <p>Supervision type: Qualitative and Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>1 masters</p>
<p>Dr NP Vacu-Ngqila Office 4-12 Tel: 012 433 4758 E-mail: vacunp@unisa.ac.za ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4518-7764</p>	<p>Dr Vacu-Ngqila is a lecturer in the Department of Economics at UNISA. She holds a PhD in economics degree from UNISA. Dr Vacu-Ngqila’s research interests are macroeconomics, with a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International trade • International trade policy in African developing countries • International finance and public economics • International trade and environmental issues <p>Supervision type: Quantitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>1 master co-Supervisor 1 PhD co-supervision</p>
<p>Ms LM Nesongozhe Office:4-09 Email: nesonlm@unisa.ac.za ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6801-7795</p>	<p>Ms Nesongozhe is a lecturer in the Department of Economics at UNISA. She holds a Masters degree in economics from UNISA. Ms Nesongozhe’s research interests include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International trade and feminist economics, • the roles played by women in the global economy, labour market and trade policy. <p>Supervision type: Quantitative and Qualitative research</p> <p>Econometrics: Intermediate</p>	<p>Co-supervisor Masters degree: 1</p>
<p>Model of supervision</p>	<p>Candidates will be allocated to a supervisor but will be required to work independently within the requirements of higher degree studies. Additionally, the candidate will have to present his/her work to a panel of academic at colloquia. / Additionally, the candidate should submit his/her work to be reviewed by a blind peer review process.</p>	

	<p>As part of the process of obtaining the Master's, the Department of Economics, requires that all Master's degree candidates present the proposal to the departmental higher degrees committee. The presentation must be within one (1) year of successful registration of the programme. Therefore, all registered students are required to make allowance for the presentations in their year plan. The presentations will take place in the department. Accommodation and travel arrangements should be made by the student. Under extenuating circumstances, provision will be made for presentations via skype for students who are not able to physically attend.</p> <p>The following should be noted regarding the presentation of the proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complete draft of the proposal must be submitted to the candidate's supervisor by the end of August of the relevant year. 2. The proposal presentations will take place in the last week of October. Students will be informed of the respective dates in due course. 3. Each candidate has to prepare a 15-minute presentation. 4. All feedback must be incorporated, and final proposal submitted to the supervisor by the third week of November of the respective year.
<p>Selection criteria: Master's/Doctorate</p>	<p>Refer to the qualification website for selection criteria.</p>
<p>Selection Procedure</p>	<p>Refer to the qualification website for selection procedure.</p>
<p>Research scope</p>	<p>A broad selection of topics in the area of International Economics</p>
<p>Reading: Subject Field</p>	<p>This is a selection of articles and/or recent books in this research focus area. Further reading over and above these is essential: Dominick Salvatore. (2014) <i>International Economics: Trade and Finance</i>. Feenstra, R.C. (2004). <i>Advanced International Trade: Theory and Evidence</i>. Princeton: Mark, N. (2001). <i>International Macroeconomics and Finance: Theory and Empirical Methods</i>. Blackwell. McKinnon, R.I. (1993). <i>The order of economic liberalisation, financial control in transition to a market economy</i>. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. 2nd edition. Pentecost, E.J. (1993). <i>Exchange rate dynamics: A modern analysis of exchange rate theory and evidence</i>. Edward Elgar Publishing.</p> <p>For access to open access articles, see Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) African Journals Online (AJOL)</p>
<p>Reading: Research Methodology</p>	<p>This is a selection books on methodology. Further reading over and above these is essential:</p> <p>Open access books from: African Digital Library Google Books: Basic Concepts in the Methodology of the Social Sciences Research Methodology in Social Sciences</p>

	<p>Ethridge, D. 2004. <i>Research methodology in applied economics: organizing, planning and conducting economic research</i>. 2nd edition. Oxford: Blackwell.</p> <p>Johnson, G.L. 1986. <i>Research methodology for economists: philosophy and practice</i>. New York: Macmillan.</p>
Resources: Scholar community	<p>Examples of Journals that publish within the field: The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development Journal of International Economics International Economics Journal</p> <p>Examples of International Databases World Bank. Available at http://www.worldbank.org/ International Monetary Fund. Available at http://www.imf.org/external/ World Trade Organisation (WTO). Available at http://www.wto.org/ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Available at http://www.oecd.org/tax/ and http://www.oecd.org/governance/</p>
Potential M&D research focus areas or research projects	
Unit of Analysis	Research Focus
International Trade Theory and Applications	Microeconomics of trade
International Trade Policy	Trade policy in developing countries
	The welfare effect of trade liberalisation
	Structure and effects of tariff
	Trade pattern and economic integration
	Trade and economic development
International Finance: Balance of Payments, Foreign Exchange Markets, and Exchange Rates	Stock market development in developing economies
	Exchange rate dynamics in developing countries
	Foreign capital inflows in developing economies
	Foreign direct investment (FDI) and productivity, FDI and exports, FDI and trade, technological spillovers of FDI, employment effects of FDI, FDI and institutions.

Note that the topics that were used for Honours research projects in 2019 and 2020 will not be supervised in 2021. All applicants should consult UNISA’s institutional repository to ensure that their proposed topics do not overlap with other topics that have been supervised or are currently being supervised within the Department of Economics.