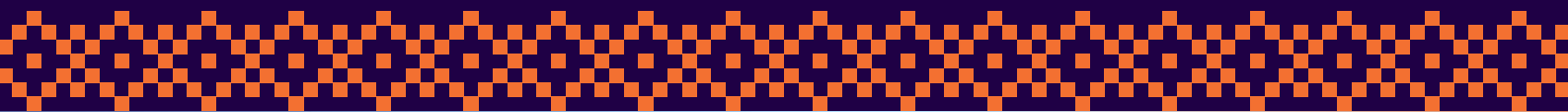




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### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME

As the first masters' degree in this field to be offered in Africa, this programme will equip students with the specialist knowledge and skills required to undertake rigorous economic analysis in competition and regulatory matters.

Successful students will be able to use these skills to analyse firm behaviour in competition cases and matters of economic regulation for the relevant public authorities and for private parties. The competition cases include mergers, abuse of dominance and cartel/collusion cases across a wide range of industries. Economic regulation matters include types of price regulation, tariff setting, licencing, entry and access requirements, auctions, investments and incentives in regulated industries such as telecommunications, banking, energy and transportation, which have far-reaching economic implications.

Students will put into practice theoretical economic principles related to competition and regulatory economics and undertake research in these areas.

Students will be able to evaluate the potential harm of anticompetitive behaviour and weigh it against efficiencies, as well as analyse the role of competition and regulation in economic development.

Taught by a unique combination of academics and practitioners with on-the-ground experience, each module will be taught through lectures (including guest lectures), seminars, student presentations on analyses of actual cases and interactive hypothetical exercises based on competition and regulatory matters.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A potential student must be in possession of:
- An Honours degree in Economics at new NQF Level 8/ old NQF level 7; or
- An Honours Degree or equivalent qualification in Arts, Business, Commerce, Management or Science at new NQF level 8 / NQF level 7, majoring in Economics; or
- A recognised equivalent international qualification (equivalence certified by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), where applicable).
- Selection is based on academic merit and the availability of places and hence, may entail the use of additional criteria/requirements; and
- Final admission requirements will, from time to time, be adjusted by the department/faculty to account for any University/national higher education requirements or amendments.

### DURATION OF PROGRAMME

Minimum 1 year (Full Time); Minimum 2 years (Part Time)

### VENUES

Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED), 6 Sturdee Ave, Rosebank and UJ Kingsway Campus (APK)

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

<https://www.uj.ac.za/postgraduate/Pages/Funding-for-Postgraduate-Studies.aspx>

### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

FIRST SEMESTER MODULES	NEW NQF CREDITS
Microeconomic Issues in Development	20
Macroeconomic Issues in Development	20
Quantitative Methods and Econometrics for application in Competition and Economic Regulation	10
Minor Dissertation: Competition and Economic Regulation	45
SECOND SEMESTER MODULES	
Advanced Economics of Competition & Regulation	20
Research Methods for analysis of Competition and Economic Regulation	10
Financial Analysis for Competition and Economic Regulation	10
Minor Dissertation: Competition and Economic Regulation	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>



- Full-time students must register for all modules offered in each semester.  
Part-time students must register for a minimum of 50 credits in year 1 of study (semesters 1 and 2).  
Part-time students can only register for the Minor Dissertation in year 2 of study (semesters 1 and 2).
- To complete the qualification, **ALL** students need to obtain the full 180 credits offered.

## WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAMME?

- Researchers and practitioners at competition authorities and economic regulators looking for advanced techniques and tools.
- Economic consultants seeking in-depth training in competition and economic regulation.
- Workforce professionals seeking in-depth training in competition and economic regulation.

## PROGRAMME LECTURERS



**Professor Simon Roberts** is Director of the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) at the University of Johannesburg. He held the position of Chief Economist and Manager of the Policy & Research Division at the Competition Commission South Africa from

November 2006 to December 2012. In addition, Simon has advised extensively on competition matters over the past 15 years including for competition authorities across the African continent.



**Professor Jo Seldeslachts** is a visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg, Professor of Industrial Organisation at KU Leuven, and Senior Research Fellow at DIW, Berlin. He has held teaching and research appointments in many institutions including University of Amsterdam,

Pompeu Fabra Barcelona and University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Jo has provided expert economic analysis and advice for a number of authorities including the competition authorities of the UK, the Netherlands and the European Commission.

- Students with a background in Economics or Business with a strong interest in microeconomics.
- Aspiring PhD students looking for a rigorous economic masters' program in Competition Policy and Market Regulation.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Competition authorities and economic regulators on the continent and internationally
- Economic consultancies
- Government departments
- Research centres and institutes

### APPLICATIONS (ONLINE OR OFFLINE):

<https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec/Pages/Academic%20Application.aspx>

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

31 October 2017



**Professor Kevin Nell** is an Associate Professor at the University of Johannesburg, School of Economics. He has held academic positions at the Catholic University (Portugal), Utrecht School of Economics (Netherlands), and visiting positions at the University of Kent and the Center for Economics

and Finance, University of Porto (Portugal). His research interests cover various topics in macroeconomic issues related to developing countries, such as growth, inflation, money endogeneity, capital accumulation, technological progress and exchange rate policy.



**Dr Witness Simbanegavi** is the Director of Research at the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), a premier Pan-African research and capacity building institution. Prior to joining AERC, Witness was the Chief Director in the Microeconomic Policy and Analysis Unit of the South African

National Treasury, and before that he was a director responsible for competition and regulation. He was previously a Senior Lecturer in the school of Economics at the University of Cape Town. Witness has also served as a reviewer for the National Research Foundation (NRF) since 2007.





**Thabiso Madiba** qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2006 after completing his articles at Ernst & Young in the industrial products division. Thabiso lectures finance to the Chartered Accounting stream at the University of Johannesburg. He also has extensive experience in providing professional training to practitioners

including economic regulators. Thabiso has been involved in the marking and adjudication of the South African SAICA QE 2 Financial Management exam and is a marker and assistant umpire for the SAICA ITC exam.



**Dr Stephen Labson** is consulting economist, and a visiting Senior Research Fellow at the University of Johannesburg - Centre for Competition, Regulation, and Economic Development (CCRED). Stephen's focus of work is in the field of regulation and markets as applied to energy, utilities and infrastructure

sectors. He has advised governments on major industry reform initiatives, corporate clients on commercial and strategic issues, and regulators in design of pricing frameworks.



**Reena das Nair** is a Senior Economist at the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) at the University of Johannesburg. Reena previously worked as a Principal Economist in the Policy and Research division at the Competition Commission of South Africa. She has extensive experience in

leading investigations and economic analysis in mergers, abuse of dominance and cartel cases and providing training in competition economics.



**Melissa Newham** is a researcher and Master's thesis coach at KU Leuven. Her research interests relate to empirical industrial organisation and competition policy. Prior to this she was a trainee in the Chief Economist's Team at the EU's DG Comp and an Economist at E.CA Economics in Berlin. Melissa has extensive experience in

tutoring in quantitative methods for competition analysis.



**Thando Vilakazi** is a Senior Economist at the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) at the University of Johannesburg. He previously worked as an economist in the Policy and Research Division at the Competition Commission of South Africa. Thando has experience

in undertaking investigations and conducting economic analysis of mergers, abuse of dominance and cartel cases in a wide range of sectors. He has also been involved in coordinating and facilitating training on competition issues.



**Genna Robb** is an economist with Acacia Economics, specialising in competition and regulatory economics. Genna has worked extensively in economic analysis for competition and regulatory matters across a range of sectors including healthcare, telecommunications, retail, media and financial services. She spent four

years as an economist at the Competition Commission of South Africa and has also consulted widely to regulators, government and private companies in South Africa and the region.



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