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UCT events and interview opportunities

- **Growing global emissions gap calls for switch into crisis mode, warns academics** – Professor Harald Winkler is part of an international team emphasising that the emissions gap is growing. He is available for interviews.
- **UCT Underwater Club 24-hour scuba diving marathon** – The ultimate diving marathon – Diver24 – will take place at the Two Oceans Aquarium this weekend.
- **Neuroaesthetics: The Intersection between Art and Neuroscience** – What is the impact of beauty on the brain? Neuroaesthetics attempts to answer this and other questions at an event to be held on 9 March 2020.
- **Public Seminar: Germany’s “Coal Commission”** – Coal phase-out in Germany from a political, economic and environmental perspective, and insights for South Africa’s coal transition. The seminar will take place on 11 March 2020.

Event/Topic	Background	Contact
Growing global emissions gap calls for switch into crisis mode, warns academics	<p>In a comment published in <i>Nature</i>, UCT Professor Harald Winkler, as part of an international team, delivers the bad news that the emissions gap is growing, while pointing to small signs of hope that the climate crisis can be addressed.</p> <p>Winkler explains that “The gap is due to three reasons – a 14% increase in emissions from 2008 to 2018, global agreement on a lower limit on global temperature, and insufficient commitments by countries.”</p> <p>Read the article: https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00571-x</p>	<p>Aamirah Sunday</p> <p>Tel: 021 650 4976 Cell: 076 947 6071 Email: aamirah.sunday@uct.ac.za Harald.winkler@uct.ac.za</p>

<p>UCT Underwater Club 24-hour scuba diving marathon</p> <p>Date: 7 March 2020</p> <p>Time: 18:30 - 22:00</p> <p>Venue: Two Oceans Aquarium</p>	<p>Join UCT’s Underwater Club and be part of the ultimate diving marathon – Diver24 – at the Two Oceans Aquarium next weekend. Event proceeds go to three non-profit organisations: The Two Oceans Aquarium Education Foundation, Shine Literacy, and the Rural Education Access Programme.</p> <p>The annual 24-hour scuba diving marathon will take place inside several exhibits at the aquarium, and more than 100 student divers from UCT will participate in the event. This means that for 24 consecutive hours divers will keep guests entertained from inside the tanks (alternating divers every hour).</p> <p>For more information and to book your ticket: https://www.quicket.co.za/events/98338-diver24/#/</p>	
<p>Neuroaesthetics : The Intersection between Art and Neuroscience</p> <p>Date: 9 March 2020</p> <p>Time: 17:00 - 18:30</p> <p>Venue: Frances Ames room, Barnard Fuller building, Health Sciences campus, UCT, Anzio road, Observatory</p>	<p>What is the impact of beauty on the brain? How is visual art similar to mediation? What neural pathways are active when we listen to music? Neuroaesthetics attempts to answer these questions.</p> <p>Dr Kirti Ranchod, neurologist & senior fellow for equity in brain health in discussion with Gavin rain, pointillist artist, Cape Town.</p> <p>Read more: http://www.neuroscience.uct.ac.za/event/neuroaesthetics</p>	<p>Elloise Kennell</p> <p>Email: elloise.kennell@uct.ac.za</p>
<p>Public Seminar: Germany’s “Coal Commission”</p> <p>Date: 11 March 2020</p> <p>Time: 10:00 - 12:00</p> <p>Venue: 6th floor, Menzies Building, Upper Campus, UCT</p>	<p>The seminar will trace historical developments in the German energy sector over the past decades and discuss the effects these have had on coal dependent regions and employment in the coal sector. It will then turn to current and expected developments, in particular the work and outcomes of the Coal Commission – which sought a multi-stakeholder negotiated settlement on the phase out of coal in Germany.</p> <p>The seminar will assess the results of the Commission from a political, economic, and environmental perspective in Germany. This will be followed by reflections on the South African context, a response to what might be learned from the German process, and insights for South Africa’s own coal transition planning processes.</p>	<p>Jesse Burton</p> <p>Email: jesse.burton.uct@gmail.com</p>

Speakers include: Isabell Braunger, Christian Hauenstein (TU-Berlin & DIW) and Catrina Godinho (UCT/Climate Transparency)

No formal RSVPs but please email for record purposes.

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