



The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Max Price,
has pleasure in inviting you to the Inaugural Lecture of

Professor Jean-Paul Van Belle
Department of Information Systems
Faculty of Commerce

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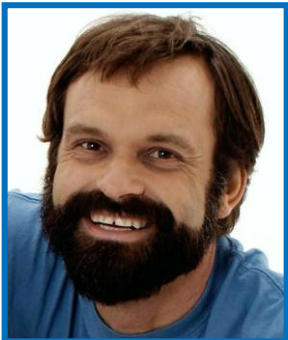
**'Penguins and Suits: Perspectives on Open Source
Software from a Discipline in Flux'**

Wednesday, 19 September 2012 at 17h30

**Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building
Middle Campus
University of Cape Town**

**Admission: Free
Guests to be seated by 17h15**

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Jean-Paul Van Belle is a professor in the Department of Information Systems at the University of Cape Town and deputy-director of the university's Centre for Information Technology and National Development in Africa (CITANDA). After obtaining his licentiate in economic sciences at the University of Ghent, Belgium, he immigrated to South Africa. Here he started his academic career at the University of the Western Cape in 1984 as a lecturer in finance in the Department of Management. Three years later, he obtained his MBA at the University of Stellenbosch Business School. In 1994, he established and headed the Department of Information Systems there. He joined UCT in 1997 as a senior lecturer and obtained his doctorate in 2003 on the evaluation of enterprise models, and was shortly thereafter promoted to associate professor. After heading the research and post-graduate section of the department for a number of years, Prof Van Belle took over as head of department from 2008 to 2011. He was also the key driver behind the establishment of the multi-million rand UCT-Samsung Mobile Innovation Lab in 2012.

Prof Van Belle's main research interests include ICT4D (Information and Communication Technologies for Development); the adoption of emerging technologies such as cloud computing, virtualisation, service-oriented architectures, unified communications by large and small businesses; open source software and mobile computing. His research publications include 22 books or chapters in books, 23 journal articles and more than 80 peer-reviewed published conference papers. He received an IBM Faculty Award on the ICT-readiness of SMEs in 2010 and obtained his National Research Foundation rating in 2011.

His other passions, apart from teaching and research, include trail running, meditation and adventure travel. He has a lovely wife and three wonderful children, two of whom are currently studying at UCT.

For his inaugural lecture, Prof Jean-Paul Van Belle has decided to spare the audience the intricate details of his PhD work such as the syntactic signatures of enterprise models or semantic distance between enterprise ontologies. Instead, he will look at some of the issues and patterns in the adoption of open source software in both organisational and personal contexts in South Africa. He'll also use this topic as a useful vehicle to introduce and illuminate some of the wider debates in the changing discipline of information systems, as well as to highlight the evolution of the 'open source' concept in other realms such as open educational resources. This issue of how open source gains acceptance (or not) in the wider society is not only highly accessible, but should also be very relevant to a wider, non-technical audience.

Prof. Jean-Paul Van Belle
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