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UCT current affairs commentary list

(Junk status, spatial segregation, government communications, Cabinet reshuffle, and MOOCs)

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Junk Status		
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Spatial segregation in South African cities		
Prof Edgar Pieterse, Director – African Centre for Cities, South African Research Chair in Urban Policy	Sustainable urban transitions, adaptive governance systems, southern urbanism, urban politics <i>The African Centre for Cities launched the Integration Syndicate (IS) on 6 April 2017 – a partnership including public policy research centres at three Western Cape universities, policymakers, and civil society groups. The IS entails a series of ten "episodes", run once a month, to spark informed debate about the drivers of spatial injustice and to find remedies.</i>	Email: thami.nkwanane@uct.ac.za Tel: 021 650 5672
Government communications to the public		
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	growth of South African and international media in the African continent's media and cultural space	
Cabinet Reshuffle		
Prof Richard Calland, Associate Professor – Democratic Governance & Rights Unit, Department of Public Law	Democratic governance, freedom of information policy and sustainable development	Email: sino.mdunjeni@uct.ac.za Tel: 021 650 4976
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)		
Dr Judith McKenzie, Head of Division of Disability Studies	Inclusive education, intellectual disability and family life <i>Dr McKenzie is a convenor of the MOOC: Education for All: Disability, Diversity and Inclusion, starting 10 April 2017.</i>	Email: jessica.loizides@uct.ac.za Tel: 021 650 5671
Prof Harald Winkler, Director – Energy Research Centre (ERC), Department of Mechanical Engineering	Climate change mitigation, energy and climate policy, energy and environmental economics, sustainable development, mitigation, zero emissions and zero poverty <i>Prof Harald Winkler is the convenor of the MOOC: Climate Change Mitigation in Developing Countries, starting 17 April 2017.</i>	Email: jessica.loizides@uct.ac.za Tel: 021 650 5671

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