

## The University Teaching & Learning Office

Cordially invites you to a Seminar on

### THE TRENDS AND CHALLENGES TO DOCTORAL PRODUCTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

by



#### Professor Johann Mouton

Director of the Centre for Research  
on Science and Technology and  
the African Doctoral Academy,  
University of Stellenbosch

#### Seminar Details

**DATE:** Thursday, 18 June 2015

**TIME:** 11h00-13h00

**VENUE:** Senate Chamber, Westville Campus

**CHAIR:** Professor Michael Samuel (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

#### RSVP Essential

**Online at:** <http://utlo.ukzn.ac.za/rsvp>

**By:** 8 June 2015

#### Seminar Overview

Drawing on national longitudinal data from 2000 to 2012 for masters and doctoral students in South African higher education, as well as from a survey of over twenty productive university departments in terms of doctorates awarded, this presentation will:

- ⇒ explore current debates on the doctorate,
- ⇒ provide data on the performance and demographics of the doctorate in South African higher education,
- ⇒ examine the implications of this research for future policy developments.

#### About Professor Johann Mouton

**Professor Johann Mouton** is Director of the Centre for Research on Science and Technology and the African Doctoral Academy at the University of Stellenbosch. His career includes teaching at the Rand Afrikaans University, working at the HSRC in various positions between 1983 and 1994 and subsequently as Professor of Sociology at Stellenbosch University. He is the author of seven books on research methodology, including *Understanding Social Research* (1996), *The Practice of Social Research* (2002, with E. Babbie) and *How to Succeed in Your Masters and Doctoral Studies* (2001). He is Programme Director for the masters and doctoral programmes in Social Science Methods, in Science and Technology Studies and for the postgraduate diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation Methods at Stellenbosch University. . He has published more than 50 articles in peer-reviewed journals, written more than 60 research and evaluation reports and presented more than 100 papers at national and international conferences. He has received two awards from the Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns in South Africa, including one for his contribution to interdisciplinarity in the social sciences in South Africa. His main research interests are science policy, higher education knowledge production, philosophy and methodology of social research and monitoring and evaluation studies .