COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Accountancy

**Dr Avsharn Bachoo** (MCom 2007, PhD 2018) was appointed CIO in February by Comair, he chats to *Brainstorm* *Magazine* about his new role and digital transformation during COVID-19. <http://www.brainstormmag.co.za/business/14961-comair-cloud-and-covid-19>

**Fasiha Hassan** (BCom 2005, LLB 2018) was noted as a young activist worthy of praise. <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/lifestyle/young-female-activists-global-protests/>

**Shaeera Kalla** (BCom 2015, BA Hons 2017), from the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, hosted a three-part podcast mini-series “Encounters with COVID” discussing the intersection between inequality and COVID-19 as well as explaining various ways to fund the proposed socio-economic package. Included in this series are interviews with Michael Sachs (Wits Adjunct Professor, former Budget Office at National Treasury), Kirsten Pearson (Budget Justice Coalition), Lynford Dor (Casual Workers Advice Office), Ihsaan Bassier (PhD Candidate at University of Massachusetts, Amherst) and Dr Thabang Sefalafala (Wits Sociology) <https://www.wits.ac.za/scis/publications/podcasts/>

**David Kibuuka** (BCom 2004), stand-up comedian as well as supervising producer and writer for the *Daily Show* with Trevor Noah shared his biographical details. <https://briefly.co.za/68149-david-kibuuka-bio-age-wife-daily-show-nominations-awards-profile-net-worth.html>

**Dr Tracy Ledger** (BCom 1989, BCom Hons 1990, PhD 2015) Senior Researcher at Public Affairs Research Institute, explains why Eskom is undermining the national fiscal framework. <https://mg.co.za/opinion/2020-07-17-another-reason-why-eskom-is-the-bull-in-the-fiscal-china-shop/>

**Kevin Lings** (BCom Hons 1987)spoke to Bruce Whitfield about gains and losses in the first 100 days of lockdown.<https://www.702.co.za/articles/389038/101-days-of-lockdown-what-we-gained-and-lost-and-what-we-have-learned?ref=tid:24>

**Chris Malikane** (BSc 1999, BCom 2000, MCom 2002) wrote the Reserve Bank’s monetary policy mandate under apartheid was more progressive than current reserve bank. <https://www.gate5.co.za/read/59986/qv/86632520/17152530/145215/t>

**Lumkile Mondi** (BCom 1991, BCom Hon 1992), economic lecturer at Wits, told Bloomberg South Africa lacks the structures for the government and interest groups to engage about what needs to be done. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-12/conflicting-visions-emerge-for-south-africa-s-post-virus-revival>

* That government’s poor choices during lockdown are because the ANC is politically weak. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/fm/opinion/2020-07-27-rob-rose-schools-and-taxis-the-emperor-is-naked/>
* Explained the implications of the IMF loan for South Africa in a radio interview. <https://www.capetalk.co.za/podcasts/404/the-midday-report-with-lester-kiewit-podcast/344111/imf-executive-board-approves-us43-billion-in-emergency-support-to-sa-to-address-the-covid-19-pandemic>
* Discussed tender irregularities of 90 companies that received contracts from the Gauteng Department of Health. <https://www.702.co.za/articles/391184/covid-19-crisis-has-become-another-tender-bonanza-dr-ralph-mathekga?=ref,>

Economics and Business Science

**Kuben Naidoo** (BSc 1993 PDM 1996), Deputy Reserve Bank Governor, defended the state’s plan to steer away from “unsustainable debt spiral”. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2020-07-07-kuben-naidoo-sa-has-to-reduce-the-deficit-and-that-is-what-the-budget-does/>

**Skumbuzo Nkuta** (BAccSc 2014, HDipAcc 2015), Business Performance Manager at TymeBank, was profiled in this article about his career journey. <https://www.after12mag.co.za/get-inspired-by-skumbuzo-nkuta-a-kasi-nerd/>

**Faeeza Soni** (BAccSc 2012, HDipAcc 2013, MCom 2014) a Senior Lecturer in tax explained what happens when employees receive taxable benefits in the July edition of *Tax Talk*, the official publication of the South African Institute of Tax Professionals. <https://journals.co.za/content/journal/10520/EJC-10818d0989>

Governance

**William Gumede** (MA 2003) Associate Professor in the School of Governance, discusses the vandalising of colonial statues on eNCA.

* Argued opposition parties seem at a loss on how to respond during COVID-19. <https://www.wits.ac.za/news/latest-news/opinion/2020/2020-07/opposition-parties-struggle--how-to-play-a-covid-19-role-.html>
* Writes that South Africa’s procurement policy needs greater transparency if the COVID-19 economic stimulus is to be successful. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2020-07-21-procurement-policy-will-hamstring-delivery-of-r500bn-covid-19-stimulus/>

**Professor Ivor Sarakinsky** (BA 1986, BA Hon 1987, MA 1992, PhD 2001) Associate Professor in Wits School of Governance, writes about the flaws of lockdown. <https://www.news24.com/news24/columnists/guestcolumn/opinion-100-days-of-lockdown-the-flaws-are-starting-to-show-20200705>

Law

**Clement Marumoagae** (LLB 2009, HDipLaw 2018, LLM 2012) published an article “Dispute Resolution forum: Is your pension fund regulated by the Pension Fund Act?” in De Rebus July edition.

Business School

**Monde Nkasawe** (MM 2006), a senior official in the Eastern Cape government was profiled about his book *The Death of Nowongile*. <https://www.gq.co.za/culture/entertainment/exclusive-monde-nkasawe-an-author-on-our-radar-you-need-know-50948443>