



# PROSPECTUS 2018

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Prospectus is to give our members the reasoning behind the choice of topics for the courses that we offer throughout the year.

## Themes for the Year

Our main theme is ***Culture and Cultural Studies***. This will be the theme of many events in Europe in 2018, but although it is important in South Africa as well, it needs to be approached differently. We are not a settled society with large areas of culture no longer disputed by internal groupings. We are a very young society, with several different groups with different cultural heritage.

What determines, for example, Xhosa, Venda, Tswana, Zulu, Indian, Chinese or Khoi-San culture, which culture did Mandela represent, what is the relationship between language and culture and how do the different communities in SA live?

Then, in South Africa, as in many western or westernised countries, there is a group of people who include white people but whose ranks include growing numbers of people of colour, and have life styles similar in many respects to that of people found in Western Europe, North America and Australia. Is unity in this kind of diversity possible and can multi-culturalism be achieved? These are some of the questions which we will try to answer – with your help.

All our themes can be categorised as cultural, as culture refers to the cumulative deposit of knowledge, experience, beliefs, values, attitudes, manners, meanings, hierarchies, religion, history, notions of time, roles, spatial relations, expressions of human creativity; collections conserved and managed by places like museums and libraries and concepts of the universe, cuisine, costume and fashions, material objects and possessions acquired by a group of people in the course of generations through individual and group striving.

However, to make a clear distinction, our second theme is ***History and Historical anniversaries***, the third is ***Nature and Environment*** with e.g. the ever-popular ***Travel and Adventure*** series, and the fourth is ***Current Affairs*** which will include an ***Update on Energy***, the ***Human Genome factor, economics*** and ***business*** and stimulating talks by Afrikaans-speaking speakers on literature and current affairs.

## Venues and Times

- **Open Meetings** will be held on the days indicated on your Programme on Thursdays at 17:30 in the Overstrand Municipal Auditorium.
- As in the past, **all other courses** will be held in the Catholic Church Hall at the time indicated in the Course Notices, usually 10:00 to 11:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- **Home group meetings** will be held at venues and times as determined by each group. In some cases, it is more convenient for the Group to meet at a public venue and then a small cost may be involved for those attending.

## Programme Information

Secondly, the purpose of this Prospectus is to give you a detailed programme for 2018 so that you have an opportunity to arrange your other activities around your U3A meetings and classes. Sometimes, however, the Committee is obliged to change events at short notice depending on the availability of speakers. You will be notified of these changes through the monthly programmes and weekly reminders, or, if necessary, through a special e-mail.

As numbers decline during holidays or when other interesting events are available, we have decided that:

- U3A will not offer courses during the ***Hermanus Fynarts Festival***. There will, therefore, be no sessions from 8 June to 18 June, but there will be no other breaks in our programme except during School and public holidays.
- The First Semester will commence on 29 January 2018 and continue to 22 June. As in previous years there will be an Easter break from 29 March to 6 April and a Winter Recess from 25 June to 29 July.
- The Second Semester will commence on 30 July and end on 30 November. There will be no sessions on 10 August (National Women's Day long weekend), 24 September (Heritage Day) and the school break 1 to 8 October.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Sandbaai Hall in Sandbaai at 17:30 on Thursday, 8 March.

**Speaker: *How long will South Africa survive?*** By Dr RW Johnson

Refreshments will be served after the talk. ***Please make a note of this date.***

## Open Meetings 2018

*The proposed topics and dates are listed below, but please note that these dates may change subject to the availability of the speakers.*

8 March	<b>AGM</b> – Speaker after the formal meeting: <b><i>How long will South Africa survive?</i></b> By Dr RW Johnson
9 August	National Women’s Day <b><i>Gender Politics</i></b> Dr Amanda Gouws Men will find this interesting and are very warmly invited. Refreshments will be served afterwards.
8 November	(to be confirmed)

## COURSES IN THE FIRST SEMESTER

**29 JANUARY TO 22 JUNE**

COURSES	DAY	DATES	COURSE ORGANISER
The History of Scotland (6)	Mon	29 Jan – 5 Mar	Robin Lee
Cultural Studies (3)	Tue	30 Jan – 13 Feb	Robin Lee
History of Ancient Egypt (4)	Fri	2 Feb – 23 Feb	Gert Claassen
100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela (1)	Tue	20 Feb	Letitia Snyman
The Evolution of Homo Sapiens (4)	Fri	2 Mar – 23 Mar	Gert Claassen
The Russian Revolution (4)	Tue	27 Feb – 20 Mar	Robin Richards
Ballet: Nureyev and Baryshnikov plus History of the Cape Town Ballet Co. (3)	Mon	12 Mar – 26 Mar	Therina du Pisani
Easter Music (1)	Tue	27 Mar	Johann Radloff
Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant and Hawston (3)	Tue	10 Apr – 24 Apr	Monika von Oppell
Hans Merensky: The Platinum Industry in SA (2)	Fri	13 Apr – 20 Apr	Graham Palmer
Economy: The Kondratieff Wave (2)	Mon	16 Apr – 23 Apr	Monika von Oppell
Cape Wine and Olive Culture (4)	Fri	4 May – 25 May	Robin Richards
Lectures in Afrikaans (4)	Mon	7 May – 28 May	Barbara Pretorius
South African Art (2)	Tue	8 May – 15 May	Letitia Snyman
Travel and Adventure (4)	Tue	22 May – 19 Jun	Graham Palmer
Language, Thought and Culture (1)	Fri	1 June	Robin Lee
<i>Fynarts – No U3A Programme</i>		8 Jun – 15 Jun	
Update on Energy (2)	Mon	4 Jun – 18 Jun	Gert Claassen
Inside story of the ANC (1)	Fri	22 June	Robin Lee

## WINTER RECESS

**25 JUNE - 29 JULY**

## COURSES IN THE SECOND SEMESTER

**30 JULY TO 30 NOVEMBER**

COURSES	DAY	DATES	COURSE ORGANISER
The World's Greatest Geological Wonders (4)	Mon	30 Jul – 20 Aug	Therina du Pisani
World's best known Medications (2)	Tue	31 Jul – 7 Aug	Monika von Oppell
Climbing expedition in Baltistan, N. Pakistan (1)	Fri	3 Aug	Robin Richards
Literary Anniversaries (4)	Tue	14 Aug – 4 Sep	Letitia Snyman
History of Ancient Egypt (4)	Fri	17 Aug – 7 Sep	Gert Claassen
Lectures in Afrikaans (4)	Mon	27 Aug – 17 Sep	Barbara Pretorius
Specific Cultures in South Africa, Multi-culturalism and Unity in Diversity (4)	Tue	11 Sep – 9 Oct	Robin Lee
Something Scientific (4)	Fri	14 Sep – 12 Oct	Mike Brownlee
Lectures in Afrikaans (4)	Mon	15 Oct – 5 Nov	Barbara Pretorius
The 1918 'Flu Epidemic (1)	Tue	16 Oct	Letitia Snyman
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Picasso's death (1)	Tue	23 Oct	Letitia Snyman
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ingmar Bergman's death (1)	Tue	30 Oct	Letitia Snyman
History of Ancient Egypt (4)	Fri	19 Oct – 9 Nov	Gert Claassen
Transports of Delight by Bob Stanway (4)	Tue	6 Nov - 27 Nov	Graham Palmer
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day (2)	Mon	12 Nov - 19 Nov	Therina du Pisani
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's Birth (1)	Fri	16 Nov	Johan Radloff
In training to travel to Mars (1)	Fri	23 Nov	Robin Lee
Technology for all (1)	Mon	26 Nov	Mike Brownlee
Feedback from the Economics Home Group	Fri	30 Nov	Mike Brownlee

## HOME GROUPS

<b>ART APPRECIATION</b>	Two groups are scheduled to meet and discuss artists, and study their work. At 15:00 the Monday group will be repeating what the Wednesday group did the previous week - also at 15:00.	Karen McKerron 028 312 2410
<b>CONTEMPORARY BOOKS</b>	An eclectic mixture of contemporary books based on subject matter rather than being "Contemporary Literature"; reading about that which affects us today. The discussion to date has been stimulating, exposing the group to differing perceptions.	Bob Zylstra 028 312 3268
<b>BRIDGE</b>	Aimed at taking players in easy steps to a higher level of playing. Every Thursday afternoon at 14.00.	Pat van Schoor 028 313 1958
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS</b>	Current topics pertaining to society, politics and sport are introduced and discussed, under the guidance of a knowledgeable person. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 19.00.	Letitia Snyman 028 316 5170
<b>COMPUTER TRAINING</b>	These courses have been immensely popular in the past, and will be repeated depending on demand. Please contact Mike Brownlee to tell us what course you require.	Mike Brownlee 028 314 1289
<b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b>	Two different groups meet to listen to recorded musical programmes compiled by members, on the third Tuesday [16:30] and Wednesday [18:00] of each month.	Johan Radloff 028 314 0557
<b>EASY EXERCISE</b>	Gentle exercise classes, for those who need just that. The group meets at 08:00 on Monday each week.	Anina Lee 028 312 4072
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	Discussion of the economic issues of the day, mainly South African, but not limited to these.	Mike Brownlee 028 314 1289
<b>19TH CENTURY NOVELS</b>	Novels are read and analysed, with a particular emphasis on the role of women. The group meets at 15:00 on the second Thursday of the month.	Beatrice Kershaw 028 314 1229
<b>20TH AND 21ST CENTURY NOVELS</b>	Novels are taken from the 20th and 21st centuries and selected by the Group. Different members are expected to lead the discussions. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00.	Letitia Snyman 028 316 5170

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