

Economic Research Southern Africa

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Outline

- Objective
 - Focus Areas
 - Structures
 - The Seven Programmes
 - Invitation
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Objectives:

- Network researchers
 - Promote:
 - Quality of research in economics
 - Economic policy research
 - Capacity building
 - Create independent collaborative research entity.
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Main Focus Areas

- Growth
 - International Integration
 - Social expenditure
 - Labour market analysis
 - Tax policy
 - Data quality issues
 - Policy analysis
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Seven ERSA Programmes:

- Research Groups
 - Working, Policy & Occasional Papers
 - Workshops
 - Academic Visitorships
 - Policy Research Initiative
 - Skills Development Programme
 - Scholarship Programme
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I. ERSA Research Groups

- Macroeconomics & Growth
 - Microeconomics, Labour, Poverty & Inequality
 - Trade & Industrial Organization
 - Economic History
 - Public Finance
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ERSA Research Groups cont.

- 2-3 Workshops per year
 - Self-defined as to topic
 - Encourage international participation
 - Encourage graduate students
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II. Paper Series

□ Three series:

- Working
- Policy
- Occasional

□ Mechanism:

- Completed papers
 - Editorial team & referees
 - Financial mechanism
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Paper Funding:

- Funding:
 - R10,000 on acceptance.
 - + R10,000 on publication in accepted SA publications.
 - + R20,000 on publication in ISI journals rated 100 and above on Total Citations.
 - + R40,000 on publication in ISI journals rated 30-100 and above on Total Citations.
 - + R70,000 on publication in ISI journals rated in top 30 on Total Citations.
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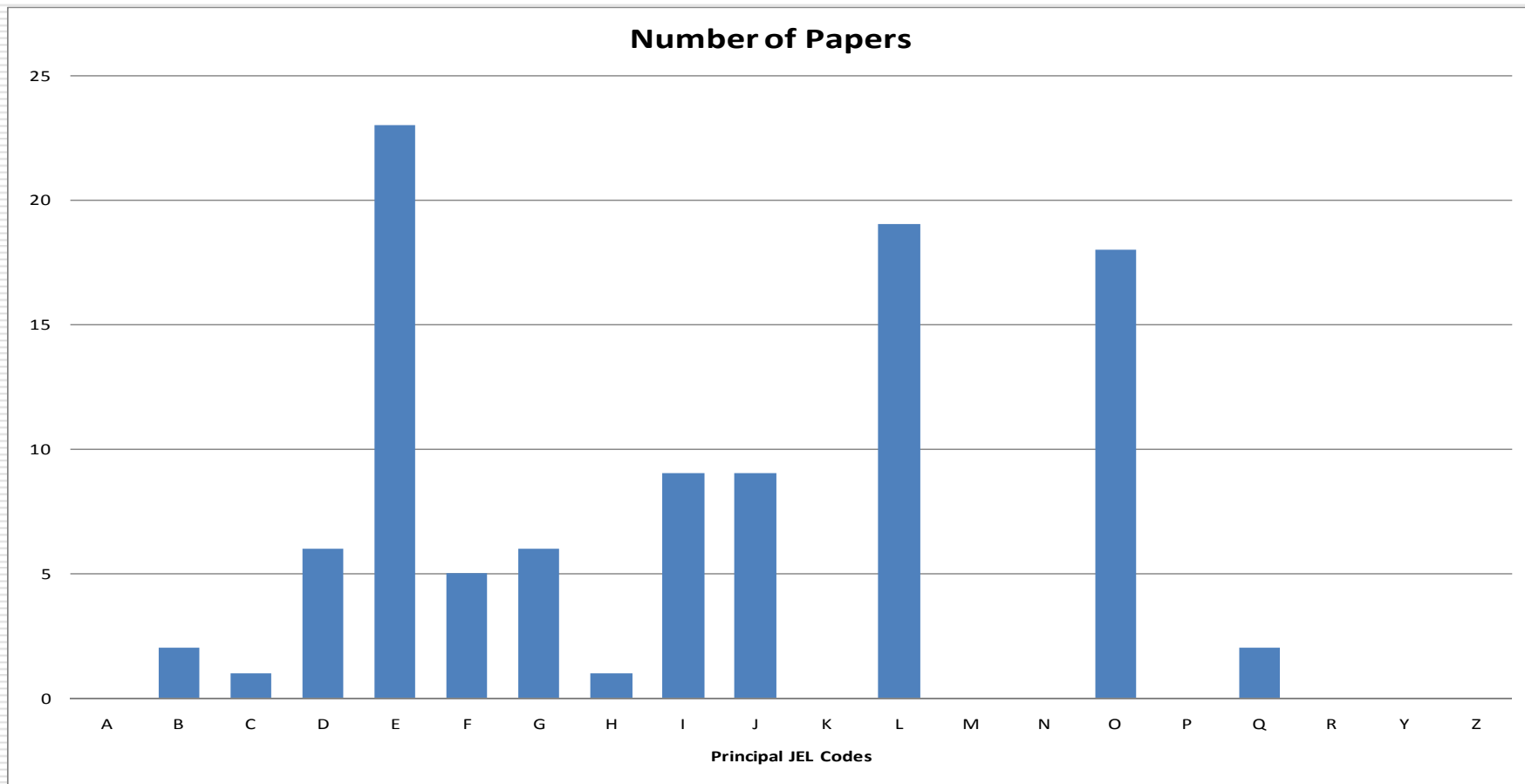
Current state of series:

- Working papers: 55-60
 - Policy papers: 10-20
 - Occasional: Few
 - Current submissions: 90-100
 - Weekly editorial board meetings
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Submissions from:

- ❑ University of Cape Town
 - ❑ University of the Free State
 - ❑ University of Fort Hare
 - ❑ University of Johannesburg
 - ❑ University of KwaZulu-Natal
 - ❑ University of Pretoria
 - ❑ UNISA
 - ❑ University of the Witwatersrand
 - ❑ University of the Western Cape
 - ❑ Financial & Fiscal Commission
 - ❑ Harvard University
 - ❑ Oxford University
 - ❑ Rhodes University
 - ❑ South African Reserve Bank
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Distribution of papers across areas:



Workshops:

- Research Workshops.
 - Training Workshops.
 - Networking Workshops.
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- Open to any submission.
 - Also 5 research groups.
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Academic Visitorships

- Attract leading international scholars.
 - Facilitate academic exchange between Southern African institutions.
 - Objective: foster research collaboration.
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Policy Research Initiative

- New
 - 2 Policy Associates
 - Focus is on policy relevant work
 - Conform to standard rigour requirement
 - Subject to independent refereeing
 - Independent of policy makers
 - Accountable to Directorate
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Skills Development Programme

- Demand-led
 - Capacity building
 - Core analytical tools for economic research
 - Request:
 - Working group
 - Design to need
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Scholarships

- Retention of graduate students of the highest quality in Southern African graduate programmes.
 - Masters and Ph.D. students.
 - Eligibility for scholarships will be determined by:
 - SA citizenship.
 - Academic excellence.
 - Membership of designated groups.
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Scholarships cont.

- 10 scholarships p.a. @ R80,000 each:
 - 1 -3 year programmes
 - Multiple year programmes subject to satisfactory progress.
 - Open to all students.
 - Selection panel appointed by Academic Board.
 - Dissertation: to be submitted to paper series (not guaranteed).
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