



African Affairs in International Relations and Diplomacy Workshop



Front Row seated : From right, Prof. Robert Gateru, Riara University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Zach Levey, University of Haifa, H.E. Noah Gal Gendler, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Kenya and Dr. John Murithii, Deputy Vice Chancellor Finance and Administration pose for a photo with other university staff and guests during the workshop. PHOTO: Duncan Ntabo

On 3rd November, 2017, the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Kenya, H.E. Noah Gal Gendler graced Riara University (RU) with a visit. RU in collaboration with Foreign Service Academy (FSA) of the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the University of Haifa, Israel, conducted the Annual African Affairs in International Relations and Diplomacy (AAIRD) Stakeholder Consultation workshop at RU grounds along Mbagathi Way, Nairobi.

African Affairs

The purpose of the stakeholder consultation was to share ideas

and reflect on various research themes on emerging issues in African Affairs within the dynamic international system. During the occasion, students, faculty and invited guests had the opportunity to interact with Prof. Zach Levey who is the Chair, Department of International Relations, School of Political Science, University of Haifa, Prof. Robert Gateru, RU Vice Chancellor and Dr. Francis Onditi, Head of International Relations and Diplomacy Department.

Public Lecture

A public lecture by Prof. Zach Levey, "Israel in Africa 1956-1976" was among the activities that took place. The stakeholder

consultation is part of RU's partnership building in an effort to enhance linkages between academia and policy institutions.

Research Agenda

The research agenda is tailored towards addressing pertinent questions and analyse strategic observations on the theme, African affairs in IRD. It is envisaged that this theme will build into the 2018 Global Conference on 'Methods and Approaches in Advancing African Affairs in International Relations & Diplomacy,' to be organized by Riara University in collaboration with key regional and global partners.

Riara University overall winner at The 2017 East Africa Student Film Festival (EASFF)



Far right, Mr. Erick Kinyeki, Head of Studio, Riara University with the Communication and Multimedia students during the awards ceremony. PHOTO: Courtesy

Riara University (RU) bagged 8 awards with 7 of them taking 1st Position and one at 2nd Position during The East Africa Students Film Festival (EASFF 2017). RU emerged overall winner with Daystar University coming second.

The East Africa Student Film Festival is an annual event organized by Daystar University, Kenya to offer student filmmakers across East Africa an exclusive prospect to not only interact with their peers but also gain the recognition of industry practitioners and other stakeholders. This year, there was participation from universities in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The Communication and Multimedia Journalism Department submitted entries in various categories including Feature length films, Short films, Documentary films and Smart-phone productions.

WINNERS

Best Director
Bobby Owuor

Best Screenwriter
Bobby Owuor

Best Smartphone Production
Love Don't Love Me

Best Smartphone Production
Zanzibar Vlog
2nd Runners Up

Best Make-Up Designer
The Drift

Best Production Design
Milkah Gichaga

Best Motion Graphics
The Drift

Best Short Film
The Drift

Riara university partners with Griffith College, Ireland



RU VC, Prof. Robert Gateru, (3rd from right) together with representatives from Griffith College and other RU members during the MoU signing at Capital Club, Westlands. Photo: Duncan Ntabo

Prof. Robert Gateru, PhD Vice Chancellor, Riara University signed a Memorandum of Understanding between Riara University and Griffith College, Ireland's largest independent Third-Level institution on Wednesday, 8th November, 2017.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aims to enhance professional skills for staff and students in both institutions through training staff and students in exchange of experiences and information. The ceremony was witnessed by the Irish Foreign and Trade Minister, Mr. Simon Coveney.

RU's MoU with Morendat Institute of Oil and Gas



RU VC, Prof. Robert Gateru (3rd left) with representatives from the Morendat Institute of Oil and Gas and Riara University during the signing of the MoU. PHOTO: Beverlyne Mudeshi

On Friday 13th October 2017, Riara University (RU) ushered in a new partnership with the Morendat Institute of Oil and Gas (MIOG), an institute owned by the Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd (KPC), under the Ministry of Energy & Petroleum.

The two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance professional skills for staff and students in both institutions through training staff and students in exchange of experiences and information.

This partnership will see the growth of training in the non-technical areas of Legal Contracting, Oil & Gas Law, Procurement Law, Opportunities in the Oil & Gas Value Chain and Risk Management. With Kenya having struck oil in Turkana area, it is important for the RU community to be well equipped to take advantage of this industry that is expected to become a core part of our economy.

The signing ceremony was held at the Morendat Institute of Oil & Gas in Naivasha, Kenya. At the ceremony was Dr. Jonah Aiyabei, Director - MIOG and Prof. Catherine Ngila, the Deputy Director, while RU was represented by the VC Prof Robert Gateru, Alan Gachukia - University Council member and Beverlyne Mudeshi - Director Quality Assurance & Institutional Strategy.

Riara Law Faculty at International Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School

Ms. Caroline Lichuma, a full time lecturer at Riara Law School attended the International Junior Faculty Forum between from 25th October to 28th of October 2017.

Sponsored by Stanford Law School and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the International Junior Faculty Forum (IJFF) was established to stimulate the exchange of ideas and research among younger legal scholars from around the world.

Ms. Lichuma presented a paper titled, "TWAIIing the Minimum Core Concept: Rethinking the Minimum Core of Economic and Social Rights in the Third World." Out of close to 150 applicants Ms. Lichuma's paper was one of only ten selected to attend this prestigious event.



Riara University Law Society (RULS) Dinner

The inaugural RULS End of Year Dinner was held on Saturday 25th November at the Monarch Hotel, Nairobi.

The purpose of the Dinner was to celebrate alumni and achievements accomplished through the year including those related to Academic Excellence, Mooting and Leadership.



RU Library Week

Riara University Library week was held from 13th to 17th of November, 2017. The theme of the Library Week was: **“Promoting learning and Research through Electronic Information Resources”**.

The event was marked by a number of activities for both students and staff aimed at increasing awareness and use of electronic resources. The activities included:

- Training of students by students (Library’s Knowledge Ambassadors) on how to access and use electronic resources effectively
- Training of staff on the use of Mendeley Referencing and Citation Software by the library staff.

Two of our electronic information publishers provided promotional material that were used during the event. These are JSTOR and IOP publishers. They offered us pens, t-shirts, bookmarks, badges and stickers. These gifts really motivated students to visit the tent and also bring their friends to learn.

The library team was supported during the 5-day event by five (5) Library Knowledge Ambassadors. These were Linda Mwangi from School of Business, Noella Oyare and Daisy Oduor from School of Education, Josiah Wamwere and Osoro Mumo from the Law School. These students made the event a great success.

To wrap up the week, a Library Week Quiz Competition was held on Friday 17th November, 2017. This was an inter-school library competition in which all the schools and departments competed for the ultimate prize, a school trophy, gift book vouchers worth Kshs 4,000 and 2,000 for the winner and runners-up respectively.

After a highly contested exercise, Ms Georgia Kapur from the Department of International Relations and Diplomacy emerged as the winner. She won herself a book voucher of Kshs.4000 and secured a trophy for her school. The runners up was Arnold Kiilu - Law School- closely winning himself a Kshs. 2,000 book voucher.

All the other participants from different respective schools and departments received gifts for participating.

Senior Registrar, Mr. Martin Kangethe graced the occasion and presented the prizes.

Thank you all for a very successful Library Week. We look forward to a more successful Library Week in 2018.



Martin Kangethe -Registrar Academic & Maryanne Gichuhi - University Librarian present a certificate to the winning student.



Georgia Kapur (IR) who won the Competition and insert her trophy.

RU Graduates’ Tracer Study

During the 1st commencement ceremony held in March 2017 at RU over, 200 students graduated with various degrees and diplomas. We recently sought to find out how they are faring on. As a true testament to our hard work and diligence in nurturing innovators an overwhelming 97% are working or pursuing a higher degree.

Number of students working 73.9 %

Number of students who went for further studies 23.9%

Unknown 2.2 %

RUSA Elections: Chairperson Collins Oluoch!



Top Students Voting

Above right RUSA Chairperson, Collins Oluoch.

Below left: RUSA Vice Chair, Lisa Njoroge

Below right: RUSA Secretary General, Dominic Kongo

PHOTOS: Timame Njeri.



Chairperson: **COLLINS OLUOCH**

Vice Chairperson: **LISA NJOROGE**

Secretary General: **DOMINIQUE KONGO**

Treasurer: **KHADIJA ABDI**

Rep. for students living with disabilities: **KAREN NGUGI**

Rep. for International Students: **EMMANUEL GABANTU**

Rep. for Student Welfare: **TONY NG'ENO**

Rep. School of Education: **ABUNDE DENISH**

Rep. School of Business: **DERICK MIGWI**

Rep. International Relations: **HODAN KHALIF**

Rep. Riara Law School: **KELVIN MBAE**

Rep. Riara School of Computing Sciences: **TRACY OTIENO**



School of Business takes the cup home



Jubilant team members mob the VC, Prof. Robert Gateru to display their trophy after being declared winners of the VC's Cup at MoW grounds, South C on Wednesday 29th November 2017

The third edition of the VC's cup ended with the School of Business retaining the title for another year with an aggregate of 30 points. They were closely followed by the Law School at 29 points. School of Computing Sciences came third with 23 points.

The RUSA government in conjunction with the VC's office and sports department organised the inter-faculty annual sports tournament that was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at (Ministry of Works) MoW grounds in South C.

The event brings together the RU community to interact and compete in sports as a way of building camaraderie amongst students and staff.

Football, basketball, swimming, table tennis and athletics were the games that formed the tournament. Zumba and other games, formed the warm up session at the start of the event.

The table tennis tournament run from 23rd November to 28th November at RU Grounds and the winners awarded at MOW.

RUCU Christmas Cantata

RU Christian Union held its Annual Christmas Cantata on 30th November. The event was full of cheer as members celebrated and shared the love of Christ by eating together.

This also marked the launch of a bucket drive to collect donations such as toys, dry foods, clothes, shoes and cash from well wishers. Items collected will be donated to Eye Children's Centre in Kibera on 16th Dec 2017.



Media Mentions

- “How will a university rate the equivalence of foreign qualifications to allow them to pursue a degree of their choice?” asked Prof Robert Gateru, Riara University vice-chancellor.
<https://www.sde.co.ke/article/2001262381/those-who-did-not-go-beyond-primary-school-in-kenya-to-be-degree-holders>
- Best Law School in Kenya
<https://www.kenya-today.com/news/riara-university-best-law-school-in-kenya-uon-second>
- East Africa Student Film Festival Awards
<http://nairobi.news.nation.co.ke/chillax/103241/>
- Dr. Kidero Feature of RU on Nairobi County Website
<http://www.nairobi.go.ke/home/news/kidero-riara-university-has-come-of-age/>
- East Africa Stand by Forces and Riara University
<http://easfcom.org/index.php/en/home/9-news/121-riara-university-visit>
- Riara University Students Youtube channel East Meets West
<https://www.varcity.co.ke/riara-university-students-youtube-channel-review-eastmeetswest254/>
- Riara University and MoSound
<https://www.mosoundevents.com/mo-sound-events-riara-university-sign-mou/>
- Government Sponsored Students Admissions
<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/ureport/story/2000215948/private-universities-admit-12-000-students>
- MSK Mentorship Programme at Riara University
<https://msk.co.ke/events/msk-mentorship/>
- Education Conference at Riara University
<https://www.strathmore.edu/news/lecturer-from-the-shss-presents-paper-at-riara-university-conference-on-education/>
- Riara University out to Revolutionize Education
<http://www.ghafila.com/riara-university-out-to-revolutionize-education-and-with-it-kenyas-entertainment-industry-find-out-how-riarauniversity/>
- Talk at Riara Law School
<http://www.ciarb.org/news/ciarb-news/news-detail/yng/2017/08/14/ciarb-yng-kenya-talk-at-the-riara-university-law-school>

Upcoming Events

1. **Awarding of Elimika na Riara & Call for Participation for January 2018 Intake**
Wednesday 13th December 2017
2. **I AM SANTA... R U ?**
Students are planning to share this Christmas with Dandora’s Phase 5 Samlis Centre Orphanage on **Saturday 16th December.**
3. **Scholarships and Grants/Funding**
 - [40 Fully-Funded Postgraduate Scholarships at Newcastle University in UK](#)
 - DAAD - The German Academic Exchange
<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>
4. **Aspiring Innovator Intersvarsity Competition**
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd Feb 2018

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LANGUAGE LEARNING

Open up new opportunities!

Grab your opportunity NOW and learn any of the following languages being offered at RU:

1. Arabic	3. Chinese
2. French	4. Sign Language

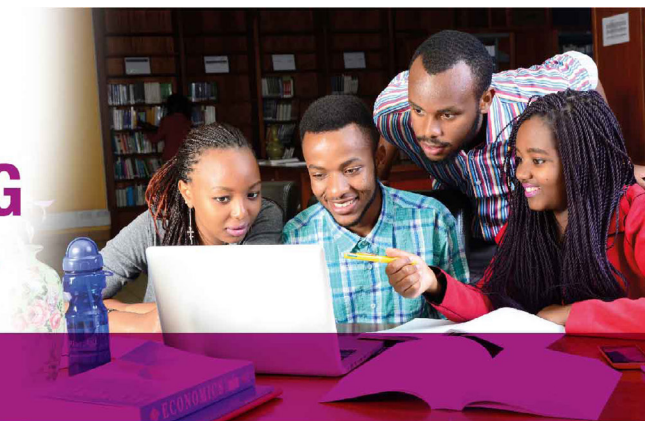
What will I gain?
 1. A subsidized fee
 2. Twice a week class for 11/2 hour each session
Register now for the January 2018 Intake and come enjoy learning a new tongue!

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2018