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Building the gap between academia and practice - the role of the schools of government studies

The teaching and research of Public Governance and Affairs require strong collaborations among key stakeholders. This would not only serve to produce graduates with relevant attributes for both the practice and academy, but also strengthen capacity in government to legitimise public policy processes. It is therefore imperative that a discourse of this nature be sustained to reflect on issues pertaining to models of interdisciplinarity, professional development, competitiveness, collaboration and relationships. There are clear questions to raise in order to stimulate intellectual conversations regarding this discourse.

These questions include some of the following:

How can the schools of government contribute to a new and innovative thinking?

How can we understand interdisciplinarity in this context?

Can the schools of government ever be able to provide cutting-edge and latest knowledge with applicable graduate attributes or are they constrained by their own institutional hierarchies and protocol?

Professor Robert Nkuna explores these and other related questions on Building a gap between academia and practice considering the role of the schools of government studies.



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