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Developing the internationalization of PhD studies in South Africa

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The general management of Ghent University (UGent) is in hands of the rector (vice-chancellor) and the vice-rector (deputy vice-chancellor).

- 11 Administrative departments
- 11 Faculties

STUDENTS

Total number: 42,872 (Oct. 2017)
11% international students

STAFF

Around 9,000 12% international staff





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Mission Statement

Ghent University wants to be a creative community of staff, students and alumni, connected by the values the university carries out: engagement, openness and pluralism.

Our motto is **Dare to Think**: we encourage students and staff members to adopt a critical approach.





Sigried Lievens

- Coordinator of the policy unit Diversity and Gender.
- focal point: improve the chances of students and staff members from certain target groups
- Each faculty has its own diversity team



Hanneke Pyck

- Coordinator of the registration & admission desk.
- a team of 10 administrative staff members, 4 of them form the front office for Belgian students and 6 of them form the admissions desk for international students.
- The main tasks: enrolling degree students and PhD students, processing tuition fees, issuing diplomas and certificates and compiling the course catalogue and the Education and Examination Code



Inge Brinkman

- Assistant Professor in African Studies (Faculty of Arts and Philosophy)
- Teaching: courses on African literatures, relations between language and society in Africa, fieldwork in Africa
- Researching: African literature and popular culture (focus on Kenya and Angola)
- Supervising PhDs
- Member of various boards & commissions



Expectations

- Learn various ways to convince a divers group of people of the importance of intercultural communication.
- Learn more about the dynamics of an intercultural team (tips & tricks)
- Jearn more about the possibilities for knowledgeexchange and co-creation in an ever more strongly globalized context
- 4. An overview of research/literature about the importance of intercultural communication
- Exchange good practices



Questions

- 1. How to define intercultural competences?
- 2. How to reach those who are not interested in diversity/internationalisating?
- International staff/students vs staff and students from ethnic minorities within Belgium?
- 4. How can one course take into account the specifics of each situation?
- 5. How can we deal with cultural differences that go against our policy?