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Research, Innovation and Enterprise Situation

An overview

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# Introduction



- The context
  - Research programmes/projects
  - Innovations
  - Enterprises
- The research projects by themes
- Key issues
  - Data gaps
  - Coordination challenges
  - Gaps in post-graduate research synergies
  - Weak internationalisation
  - Limited profiles
- Conclusions: what should be done



# Introduction



- Wide range of projects undertaken by different departments
  - Social science departments have more projects than in humanities
- The projects cover several themes Social sciences
  - Sociology
  - Political science
  - Social and economic geography
  - Public management and services
  - Others: Social development
- Humanities
  - Communication and journalism studies
  - History and archaeology
  - Language and literacy
  - Philosophy, ethics, and religion



# Funding: who is funding research



- Research partnerships with other universities in Europe
  - Mainly Northern Europe
  - **BUT** Limited number of partners from US, Canada, and Australia
  - **BUT** Limited partnerships with newly industrialized countries (China, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore)
- Multilateral agencies
  - World Bank
  - JICA
- Bilateral agencies
  - Mainly development partners



# Research – key issues



- Websites do not tell a complete story
- Data gaps
  - Who is doing what? From when to when?
  - What are the key outputs?
- Coordination challenges
  - Departments have stand projects
- Gaps in post-graduate research synergies
  - PhD work is part of research but rarely captured in data
- Weak internationalisation
  - All projects have potential for internationalisation and profiling through communication - profile



# Post graduate students



# Arts and Social Sciences – Postgraduate students

Department	PhD	%	Masters	%	Total	% share
Diplomacy & International Relations	117	27	36	4	153	11
Philosophy & Religious Studies	17	4	44	5	61	4
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>13</b>
Literature	24	6	28	3	52	4
Library & Information Science	12	3	27	3	39	3
History & Archaeology	12	3	113	12	125	9
<b>Economics &amp; Development</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Journalism &amp; Mass Communication</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>19</b>
Linguistics & Languages	27	6	0	0	0	0
<b>Political Science &amp; Public Administration</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>100</b>

NB: awaiting completed data from Kiswahili, Geography, Sociology, DAGAS



# Note on findings



- Disproportionate enrolment of PhDs and Masters
  - Psychology has 17% share of Masters BUT 4% share of PhDs
  - Political science has 18% share of Masters BUT 6% share of PhDs
  - Economics and development studies has high share of PhDs(27%) compared to Masters (19%)
  - Diplomacy has more PhDs (27%) than Masters





# What should improve



- Communication and profiling
- Rebranding websites
- Updating websites on daily basis at the department, faculty, institutes, and University wide level
- Seminars at departmental, faculty and institute level
  - PhD seminars
  - Staff seminars
  - Guest lectures



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