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Athol's academic interest lies at the intersection of political philosophy, business and public policy. He is an experienced lecturer who draws on his distinctively broad and varied educational and professional experience.

## **EDUCATION**

2017-19	<b>DPhil</b> (Political Theory)	<b>OXFORD UNIVERSITY</b> , Department of Politics and International Relations Thesis: Corporations & Justice: A Theory of Corporate Justice Responsibility	UK
2015-17	MPhil (Political Theory)	<b>OXFORD UNIVERSITY</b> , Department of Politics and International Relations <a href="Thesis">Thesis</a> : Corporations & Justice: Towards a Theory of Corporate Justice Responsibility. <a href="Result">Result</a> : Distinction	UK
2013-14	<b>MSc</b> (Political Theory)	LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (LSE)  Thesis: 'People or Profit? Corporations' Moral Responsibility to Constrain  Profit-Seeking Practices in the Presence of Group Discrimination.'  Result: Distinction	UK
2012-13	MPA	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Kennedy School of Government Fellow, Edward S. Mason Program in Public Policy and Management Major in socioeconomic development and political economy	USA
1997-99	MSc (Finance)	LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL  Major in corporate finance, financial analysis and valuation	UK
1994-96	МВА	M.I.T. SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT  Major in corporate strategy and business valuation	USA
1989-92	BSc (Engineering)	UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND  Major in Mechanical Engineering	South Africa

# **ACADEMIC ROLES**

2018 -	Tutor / Lecturer	OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Blavatnik School of Government Philosophy and Public Policy	UK
2018 -	Associate	UCT Graduate School of Business, Centre for Values-Based Leadership	South Africa
2017	Tutor	<b>OXFORD UNIVERSITY</b> , Department of Politics and International Relations  Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice	UK
2013 -	Member	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Kennedy School of Government	USA
		Scholars and Practitioners Network, CSI Initiative	
2009-12		UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND	South Africa
	Adjunct Professor	Wits School of Governance – developed Strategy course	
	Lecturer	Wits Business School – taught Corporate Finance to MBAs	
	Advisory Board	WBS Centre for Entrepreneurship	
	Elected Member	Convocation – member of Executive Committee	
	Director	Wits Enterprise – technology commercialisation	
2009-12	Lecturer	UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, Graduate School of Business	South Africa
		Taught Business Strategy to MBAs and Executive Education programmes	

# EMPLOYMENT - 20 years as a Corporate Strategy Advisor (1996 - 2016) to clients in 10 countries

Founder, CEO	TAURUS ASSOCIATES (strategy consulting)	South Africa
Partner & Advisor	BAIN & COMPANY (strategy consulting)	USA, UK, Africa
Portfolio Executive	RMB CORVEST (private equity)	South Africa
Strategy Director	OLD MUTUAL (financial services)	South Africa
<b>Business Evaluation Executive</b>	RIO TINTO PLC (mining)	UK

## **PUBLICATIONS**

'Ranking Agents of Justice: When Should the Corporation Act?' St Anthony's International Review, Vol 14, No 1, May 2018

'The Justice Gap: If Our Institutions Are Just, Why is Our Society So Unjust?' in *Institutions and Institutionalisation* edited by Prof Daniel Plaatjies, UKZN Press, forthcoming 2019

'Getting to Zero: Corporate Responsibility for Addressing Curable Disease' The Lancet, Under consideration

'Strategy Implementation Requires Bold Leadership,' Management Today, Vol 23, No 2, March 2007

'Lower Financial Results: Market Slowdown or Poor Management,' Management Today, Vol 25, No 5, June 2009

#### **CONFERENCES**

2018	Presentation	<b>Priority in Practice:</b> 'The Justice Batting Order: When Should the Corporation Act to Remedy Injustice?'	Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford, UK
2018	Presentation	<b>Navigating the Grey Zone:</b> 'Identifying an Overlooked Bearer of Remedial Responsibility: The Perpetuator of Injustice'	University of Edinburgh, UK
2018	Panel	Human Welfare Conference: 'Poverty in all its dimensions'	Green Templeton, Oxford, UK
2018	Panel	Common Ground Conference	St. Catherine's, Oxford, UK
2018	Debate	Human Welfare Conference: 'Evidence in Action'	Green Templeton, Oxford, UK
2018	Presentation	Journal of Business Ethics Workshop: 'An Account of Responsible Corporate Practice in the Presence of Enduring Social Injustice'	Nottingham University, UK
2017	Presentation	<b>Applied Ethics Graduate Discussion Group</b> : 'The Participation Principle as Partial Grounds for Assigning Justice Responsibility to the Commercial Corporation'	Philosophy Department, Oxford, UK
2013	Panel	Africa Development Conference: 'SME Financing'	Harvard Law School, USA
2012	Presentation	<b>Harvard Education Series</b> : 'Applying Business Insights to Improve School Systems'	Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, USA

#### **AWARDS**

Academic	2018	OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Regent's Park College	UK
		Recognition for contribution to university life through conference presentations	
	2014	LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (LSE)	
		Prize for "Best MSc Political Theory Dissertation"	UK
	2013	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Kennedy School of Government	
		Lucius N. Littauer Award "for both academic excellence and	USA
		significant contribution to the Harvard community"	
Literary	2017	SA Independent Publishers Award (Poetry)	South Africa
	2016	Parallel Universe Poetry Competition, Oxford University	UK
	2016	South African Literary Award (Poetry) (runner-up)	South Africa
	2016	Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award	South Africa
	2015	Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award	South Africa
Social Dev.	2017	LEAD SA: Recognised for work in youth literacy	South Africa
	2013	CITY OF CAPE TOWN: Personalised bollard erected along Heroes Walk	South Africa
	2012	SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCEMENT: Inyathelo Award in Education	South Africa

# **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

2013 -	Co-Founder,	READ TO RISE	South Africa
	Chairman	NGO that promotes youth literacy in disadvantaged communities.	