

Research Report

Research Unit: Law, Justice, and Sustainability



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Executive Summary

This executive summary is intended to offer a concise overview of the **NWU Faculty of Law Research Unit: Law, Justice and Sustainability**. More comprehensive details and insights can be found in the full research report.

Introduction

The research unit plays a crucial role in achieving the institution's research goals and fostering a conducive environment for research.

Research Unit Composition

All permanent members of the Faculty of Law are members of the research unit. The research unit is divided into 5 projects: Environmental Change, Vulnerability Societies, Finance, Trade and Innovation; Justice in Practice; and the South African NRF Chair in Cities, Law & Environmental Sustainability. All research conducted by academics and postgraduate students in the faculty falls under one of these projects. The research director manages the research unit, supported by the senior administration assistant for research. Three research professors in the faculty focus on high-quality research outputs, postgraduate supervision, postgraduate teaching and learning, capacity building and mentoring. We have many research fellows, postdoctoral fellows and post-65 appointments connected to the research unit. These role players enhance research, supervision and mentoring.

Focus

The research unit addresses developmental and legal challenges in South Africa. The various projects in the unit deal with cutting-edge and cross-cutting issues pertaining to both the public and private sectors. Examples are trade and development, land issues, poverty alleviation, environmental governance, the realisation of socio-economic rights, religion and culture.

Research and Scholarly Achievements

The research unit members are actively engaged in cutting-edge research and scholarly activities. The report provides comprehensive lists of research outputs, in various high-impact journals, for 2020-2022. The members continuously present research papers at national and international conferences. Our research professors and seasoned researchers often secure research grants, demonstrating their ability to compete for external funding and advance knowledge in their respective fields. Several faculty members also received prestigious research awards, fellowships (eg Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship and Konrad Ardenauer Foundation) and recognition from the NRF.

Professional Development and Capacity Building

The research unit's pursuit of professional development remains a priority. Faculty members attend relevant workshops, conferences, and seminars to stay updated with the latest advancements in their fields. These efforts contribute to their continued growth as researchers.

The research unit's commitment to research success is evident through its dedication to research engagement and support. Emerging scholars participate in mentoring and advising activities. Established researchers help emerging researchers navigate their research journey and foster a supportive research environment. Additionally, the Research Unit have writing retreats, postgraduate cohorts, case discussions, etcetera aimed at enhancing research outcomes and promoting academic well-being.

Research and community engagement form part of each academic staff member's performance agreement. The position of an academic (lecturer, senior lecturer, associate professor, professor, research professor) determines the number of research outputs expected from an academic. The number of research outputs is lower for academics busy with doctoral studies to encourage and support them to complete their studies as soon as possible.

Collaborations and Partnerships

The research unit actively collaborates with other academic institutions, industry partners, and community organisations to foster interdisciplinary research and enrich the research experience.

Community Engagement

It is important to participate in community engagement. The faculty has various community engagement projects in which members of the faculty (and, by default, members of the research unit) participate. The faculty has two Law Clinics (PC and MC), which are closely linked to the research done in the Vulnerable Societies and Justice in Practice projects. The research unit (researchers from the Environmental Chance project) are involved in the Water-Energy-Food Nexus project. The NRF and the Dutch NRF fund the project. The researchers research rural communities and use their research results to improve communities' access to equal access to water, energy, and agricultural products.

Research Funding

The research unit support researchers with funding for national and international conference presentations and attendance, editing, page fees and open access fees. Funding is linked to specific research outputs.

Areas for improvement

Although we pride ourselves in our achievements, we know we need to improve our performance in some areas.

These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Increase participation of all research unit members to participate in research activities and produce research outputs.
- Ensure that our research goals are linked to community engagement projects.
- Increase collaborations with institutions in Africa.

Appendix A: Administrative profile and outputs

1. DATA OF THE RESEARCH ENTITY

Title of the Research Entity:

Research Unit: Law, Justice, and Sustainability

Residing Faculty: Faculty of Law

Management structure

Dean: Dr Neo Morei

Director of the Research Entity: Prof Mitzi Wiese

Leaders of projects

- Environmental change: Prof Willemien du Plessis and Prof Germarié Viljoen
- Vulnerability Societies: Dr Anri Botes and Prof Oliver Fuo
- Finance, Trade and Innovation: Dr Jean Kanamugire and Dr Neels Kilian
- Justice in Practice: Dr Natasha Ravyse and Dr Lerato Rudolph Ngwenyama
- Chair in Cities, Law & Environmental Sustainability: Prof Anél du Plessis

Other members of the Research Entity Executive Committee:

Research Professors: Prof LJ Kotzé, Prof Avitus Agbor, and Prof Howard Chitimira

Director of Postgraduate Programme: Dr Nelson Kekana

Research Ethics representatives: Prof Wian Erlank

Research Unit Administrator: Rieëtte Venter

2. INTRODUCTION: RESEARCH UNIT LAW JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

All research in the Faculty of Law is conducted under the auspices of the Research Unit: Law Justice and Sustainability.

2.1 Focus

Research in the unit uses the law to find innovative juridical solutions to advance justice and sustainability in South Africa and the region as a member of the international community of states and as an influential country on the African continent.

2.2 Vision and strategic aim

The vision and strategic aim of the RU are to utilise juridical science and the law to find innovative solutions for challenges of justice and sustainability in South Africa and the region as it relates to the rest of the world and to strive towards national, regional and international research excellence through innovative research.

The RU's vision correlates with the vision of the NWU, which is "to be an internationally recognised university in Africa, distinguished for engaged scholarship, social responsiveness and an ethic of care" and "to excel in innovative learning and teaching and cutting-edge research, thereby benefitting society through knowledge." The RU addresses cutting-edge research issues relating to society, not only in South Africa but also in Africa. The RU projects, therefore, aim to find innovative juridical solutions to advance justice and sustainability in South Africa and the region as a member of the international community of states and as an influential country on the African continent.

"Law, justice and sustainability" is a complex but overarching name for the RU. "Law" relates to juridical science, including broad normative and institutional arrangements that govern human behaviour *inter se* and between humans and non-human entities. It includes practical, philosophical and theoretical considerations. "Justice" encompasses both procedural and substantive considerations of law in its broadest sense and relates to development and human rights issues such as equality, access to justice, socio-economic empowerment, recognition, livelihoods, and the environment. Finally, "Sustainability" relates to the spheres in which law and justice function and encompasses three elements that should be balanced:

- social elements (including broader human processes);
- environmental elements (such as ecological processes); and economic
- elements (such as trade, finance and innovation and arbitration).

A contemporary vision of sustainability, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is addressed in the projects of the RU. The RU projects, therefore, aim to find innovative juridical solutions to advance justice and sustainability in South Africa and the region as a member of the international community of states and as an influential country on the African continent.

The RU's name, structure and focus are unique, and it is the only Faculty of Law in South Africa that approaches legal studies in this manner.

2.3 Link with national challenges in South Africa

The five consolidated projects that incorporate all existing projects of the RU were defined on the basis that they fully respond to the goals of the SDGs above:

- Environmental Change
- Trade, Finance and Innovation
- Vulnerable Societies
- Justice in Practice
- NRF SARCHI Chair for Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability

South Africa is a signatory to the United Nation's SDGs and must regularly report on its progress in furthering these goals.

The RU projects address the following goals: no poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, reduced inequalities, clean water and sanitation, climate action, affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, life below water, life on land, decent work and economic growth, sustainable consumption and production, industry, innovation and infrastructure, peace, justice and strong institutions and partnerships for these goals.

2.4 The relationship between projects and link with national strategic priorities

The work of the RU and the SDGs correlate with goals set in the National Development Plan 2030 (NDP) and relates to the following aspects mentioned in the NDP: economy, economic employment and economic infrastructure, transition into a low carbon economy, inclusive rural economy, globalisation and trade agreements, natural resource management, policy-making, human settlements, promoting health, social protection, building safer communities, building a capable state, promoting accountability, creating equal opportunity and a creative and active citizenry.

There is virtually no aspect of the NDP that is not addressed by one or more of the projects in the RU, as law, justice, and sustainability underpin (or should underpin) the work of government, international and regional governments and the private sector.

2.5 History

The University recognised a focus area, Development in the South African Constitutional State, in 1998. It was designed and formulated against the established research culture in the Faculty of Law. It was inevitable that the establishment and growth of the focus area would be inextricably linked to all the other activities of the relatively small Faculty (then 25 full-time teaching posts), including undergraduate teaching and the rendering of professional services. When

the focus area was initiated, the intention was to maintain and increase momentum and systematically sharpen the focus of the research output.

In 2007, the focus area was recognised as a Research Unit: Development in the South African Constitutional State. The director of the RU managed the research and postgraduate programmes until 2011.

In 2011, the postgraduate section was separated from research, each with its director. The two directors jointly chair the Research and Postgraduate Committee that makes decisions on research and postgraduate studies matters. An External Evaluation Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the work of the RU in 2013. As a result of the comments of the Review Committee and subsequent strategic research workshops within the Faculty, the name of the RU was changed from “Development in the South African Constitutional State” to “Law, Justice and Sustainability” in 2016. The name change reduced the number of research projects in the RU. The relevant structures of the University approved the name change. With the restructuring of the Faculty in 2017 and the external CHE evaluation of the LLB, it was decided that the unitary Faculty would have one research unit and that all members of the Faculty would participate therein. In addition, a separate Research and Innovation Committee was established.

In 2018, with the awarding of the NRF SARCHI Chair, it was added as a project in the RU.

2.6 Strategic Plan

The RU, as part of the NWU, is bound to plan in line with the university's strategic goals. In this regard, the NWU Annual Performance Plan forms the basis of the strategy followed by the RU. The strategy is also informed by the concerns raised by the 2013 External Evaluation Committee with regard to the broad focus of the unit, its inclusiveness and the need to ensure that the unit is socially relevant, cutting-edge, visible and marketable.

Although not all these recommendations could be addressed as they fall outside the functionary area of the RU or the Faculty, most were addressed or are being addressed in a continuous manner.

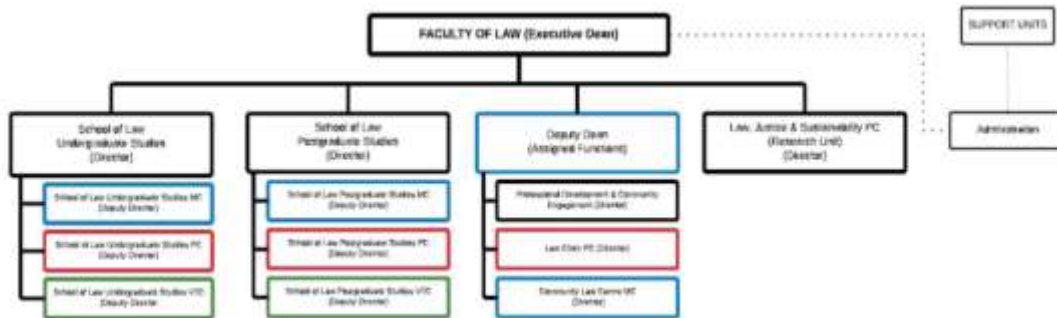
3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 Management Structure

The management structure of the Faculty of Law related to research is illustrated in Figure. In the first instance, the executive dean provides leadership, management and infrastructural support to the research director. The executive management concludes a task agreement with each member of personnel at the beginning or end of each year, which includes their participation in the RU. The task agreement is performed in the presence of executive management as determined in the new structure.

The RU is managed by a research unit director, assisted by a senior administrative Assistant: Research. The Research Committee makes decisions on research matters. The research in the RU is further managed by project leaders and members of the research projects.

The dean has the overarching responsibility for the research programme of the Faculty. The director of the RU is responsible for managing the research programme. The project leaders manage the research within each specific project.



3.2 Research Director

The Director of the RU is responsible for managing the research programme by:

- providing general advice concerning research and research funding;
- assisting with the procurement of funds for research;
- encouraging staff to deliver services to subject associations, research bodies and journals;
- encouraging staff to attend workshops and lectures held at the University and Faculty;
- promoting the post-doctoral programme and recommending supervisors for their research within the project;
- assisting the research professors and applying for the allocation of research professors in the Faculty;
- chairing meetings of the Research and Innovation Committee;
- drafting the annual report of the RU and attending the Research Support Commission;
- attending meetings of the Faculty Board, Institutional Research and Innovation Committee, and any other meetings organised by the NWU for research directors and/or the DVC research;
- organising workshops/conferences on behalf of the RU;
- encouraging community engagement projects/activities;
- supporting the director of postgraduate studies in overseeing the research master's and doctoral programmes;
- applying for external funding for the research project;
- establishing collaborative projects with industry or researchers at other institutions/universities;
- participating as far as possible in the marketing of research or commercialisation of the research project;

- undertaking any other tasks allocated to him/her/them by the dean, RU and Research and Innovation Committees.

3.3 Research Administrative Assistant

The tasks of the Research Administrative Assistant include, among other things:

- responsibility for administrative management of RU in the Faculty.
- marketing of research on the Web, Facebook and in the Faculty (by way of advertisements, pamphlets and the sending of a newsletter)
- collection of information, formatting of electronic project reports, support staff with the use of budget software;
- organisation and administration of external research projects, workshops conferences, etc., including email, marketing;
- webmaster – web design, quality control, maintenance and updating of Faculty webpage, PELJ, the electronic law journal;
- electronic submission of Faculty publications (journal articles, books and conference proceedings) on InfoEd;
- organisation of research lectures, especially electronic and sound, as well as design and dissemination of electronic invitations;
- organisation of external seminars with email marketing, design of materials for marketing, invitations, etc;
- organising and assisting the staff with the Faculty research-lecture series and writing retreats;
- support of overseas researchers, especially their electronic needs;
- composition of interim and annual reports of RU;
- design of electronic questionnaires and registration forms and reworking of information into table format;
- support of administrative and academic personnel with regard to electronic and computer needs and challenges;
- assisting programme leaders and individual researchers (including post-doctoral fellows) with regard to research-related questions;
- handling all other queries and requests of the dean and deputy dean, director of the research unit, editors of PER and administrative manager of the Faculty.

3.4 Research and Innovation Committee

The Research and Innovation Committee is a fierce supporter of academic freedom and does not interfere with an individual researcher's choice of research projects. Researchers must, however, indicate how their research relates to the research focus and projects of the RU.

The responsibilities of the Research and Innovation Committee are to:

- make recommendations to the Faculty Board with regard to research to be pursued by academics within or outside the Faculty with internal academic collaboration

- recommend approval agreements and research projects to the Faculty Board;
- collate and analyse management information for purposes of reporting to the Faculty Board on the Faculty's research development progress;
- advise on how to promote, recognise and celebrate research in the Faculty;
- undertake research or initiatives relevant to research, identify strategic priorities for recommendation to the Faculty Board;
- advise on remedial actions as regards research support and development for approval by the Faculty Board; and to
- oversee and monitor the work of post-doctoral students and ad hoc research.

4. PROJECTS

4.1 Approved Projects

The following research projects were approved in the RU:

- Vulnerable societies
 - (Project leaders: Dr Anri Botes and Prof Oliver Fuo)
- Environmental Change
 - (Project leaders: Prof Willemien du Plessis and Dr Germarié Viljoen)
- Finance, Trade and Investment
 - (Prof Neels Killian and Dr Jean Kanamugire)
- Justice in Practice
 - (Dr Natasha Ravyse and Dr Lerato Ngwenyame)
- SARCHI Chair: Law and Environmental Sustainability
 - (Prof Anél du Plessis)

4.2 Application for Projects and Project Approval

The number of projects may be extended on application to the Research and Innovation Committee for a recommendation to the Faculty Board for a final decision.

4.3 Responsibilities of Project Leader(s)

The responsibilities of the project leader(s) are to:

- formulate the aims of the project;
- provide research leadership to the project members within the specific project;
- manage research in his or her/their project;
- manage the researchers in his/her/their project;
- draft the annual research budget;
- an annual research report;
- oversee the spending of the research budget of the project;
- re-allocate funding in consultation with the RU director and/or dean;
- attend project leader meetings;

- report back to the relevant Faculty Committee(s), if necessary;
- organise workshops/conferences related to the theme of the project;
- undertake community engagement projects/activities;
- establish collaborative projects with industry or researchers at other institutions/universities;
- attract post-doctoral fellows and supervise their research within the project;
- participate as far as possible in the marketing of research or commercialisation of the research project;
- undertake any other tasks allocated to him/her/them by the research director and/or Faculty Board;
- have experience of past research leadership;
- be in possession of a doctorate in law or enrolled for a doctorate in law or have a substantial publication record;
- have a record of successful research supervision; and
- have a record of publications in credible journals.

4.4 Responsibilities of Members of Research Projects

The responsibilities of researchers will differ according to their level of research experience and task agreement. The responsibilities of the individual researchers within the research projects within the RU are to:

- undertake research that falls within the scope of the research project;
- participate in the activities of the research project;
- attend meetings organised by the project leader;
- provide information to the project leader with regard to any outputs related to the research project;
- organise workshops/conferences related to the theme of the project;
- undertake community engagement projects/activities;
- supervise master's and/or doctoral students whose themes relate to the topic of the project;
- publish at least one article per year on a topic related to the theme of the project or a related topic;
- submit all outputs to the administrative Assistant: Research and to complete all the necessary documentation in this regard;
- provide the project leader all information with regard to planned research activities and budgets for the next year within the prescribed time;
- apply for funding to the professional assistant of the dean in the correct manner with notice to the project leader and director of the RU;
- deliver papers at national and international conferences on the topic of the research;
- apply for external funding for research within the project;
- mentor less experienced researchers, or help less experienced researchers to publish with more experienced researcher;

- become a member and participate in the activities of academic organisations related to the research project;
- collaborate in research projects with researchers in other sectors or at other universities;
- apply for ethics permission from the Ethics Committee, whether the researcher plans to undertake low-risk or high-risk empirical research;
- participate as far as possible in the marketing of research or commercialisation of the research project;
- participate in the editorial boards of journals;
- undertake any other tasks allocated to him/her/them by the project leader or the director of the research unit or the Faculty Board;
- sign the NWU Code for Researchers.

4.5 Participation in the Projects of the Research Unit and Staff Development

The membership of the RU is based on research enthusiasm. All staff is involved either in the research itself or in the LLM programmes. New appointees must have either research competence or research potential. Master's, doctoral and post-doctoral fellows may also participate in the RU projects. The projects may also involve members from other Faculties of the University as well as people outside the University.

The Faculty places a strong emphasis on staff development and junior staff is enabled to complete their doctoral studies or join post-doctoral programmes at other universities and all staff are given opportunities to participate in national and international conferences.

A leave cycle is also prepared to enable staff to prepare themselves for NRF rating or to complete their postgraduate studies. Any staff member may apply for leave in accordance with the procedures of the University.

Younger members of the Faculty are encouraged to attend the research and publication workshops of the University and to publish with senior members of the Faculty. Members of the Faculty are also encouraged to submit their papers to other members in the Faculty for their input before publication.

If an author co-publishes with a student, the student's name should be mentioned as first author. If at any time the percentage of contribution (student: supervisor) has to be mentioned, the real contribution of the permanent staff member should be mentioned, it should not be inflated.

Staff members should produce research outputs according to their position as indicated in the allocation of work. However, staff members should always remember that adherence to these quotas would not necessarily result in promotion and that these requirements are stated as minimum outputs.

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5. PARTICIPANTS IN THE RESEARCH ENTITY (SUMMARY)

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Participants in the Research Entity (Summary)					
		2019	2020	2021	2022
Participants					
1. Primary Participants		70	79	72	75
1.1	Number of participants (20 - 39 year)	33	41	35	38
	FTE (20 - 39 year)	14.52	18.04	15.4	16.72
1.2	Number of participants (40 - 49 year)	25	26	27	27
	FTE (40 - 49 year)	11	11.4	11.88	11.88
1.3	Number of participants (50 - 59 year)	9	9	9	9
	FTE (50 - 59 year)	3.96	3.96	3.96	3.96
1.4	Number of participants (60 years and older)	3	3	1	1
	FTE (60 years and older)	1.32	1.32	0.44	0.44
1.5	Total (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 + 1.4)	70	79	72	75
	FTE Total (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 + 1.4)	30.8	34.72	31.68	33
1.6	Number of participants (Female)	31	38	37	34
	FTE (Female)	13.64	16.72	16.28	14.96
1.7	Number of participants (Male)	39	41	35	39
	FTE (Male)	17.16	18.04	15.4	17.16
1.8	Number of participants (Black)	23	26	24	28
	FTE (Black)	10.12	11.44	10.56	12.32
1.9	Number of participants (White)	37	42	37	36
	FTE (White)	16.28	18.48	16.28	15.84
1.10	Number of participants (Coloured)	5	6	5	4
	FTE (Coloured)	2.2	2.64	2.2	1.76
1.11	Number of participants (Indian)	4	4	5	5
	FTE (Indian)	1.76	1.76	2.2	2.2
1.12	Number of participants (Other)	1	1	1	1
	FTE (Other)	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
2. Secondary Participants					
2.1	Number of participants (20 - 39 year)	4	7	7	6
	FTE (20 - 39 year)	1.76	3.08	3.08	2.64
2.2	Number of participants (40 - 49 year)				
	FTE (40 - 49 year)				
2.3	Number of participants (50 - 59 year)				
	FTE (50 - 59 year)				

2.4	Number of participants (60 years and older)	4	5	5	5
	FTE (60 years and older)	1.76	2.2	2.2	2.2
2.5	Total (2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3)	4	7	7	6
	Total (2.1 + 2.2 + 2.3)	1.76	3.08	3.08	2.64
2.6	Number of participants (Female)		2	3	4
	FTE (Female)		0.88	1.32	1.76
2.7	Number of participants (Male)	8	10	9	7
	FTE (Male)	3.52	4.4	3.96	3.08
2.8	Number of participants (Black)	5	7	5	4
	FTE (Black)	2.2	3.08	2.2	1.32
2.9	Number of participants (White)	3	5	7	7
	FTE (White)	1.32	2.2	3.08	3.08
2.10	Number of participants (Coloured)				
	FTE (Coloured)				
2.11	Number of participants (Indian)				
	FTE (Indian)				
2.12	Number of participants (Other)				
	FTE (Other)				
	3. Temporary Participants (10 average)%	44	71	69	72
3.1	Number of participants National	38	60	53	60
	FTE National	3.8	6	5.3	6
3.2	Number of participants International	6	11	16	12
	FTE International	0.6	1.1	1.6	1.2
	Total	44	71	69	72
	FTE Total	4.4	7.1	6.9	7.2
	4. Extraordinary / Contract Participants (10% average)	9	21	24	24
4.1	Number of participants National	6	12	13	14
	FTE National	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.4
4.2	Number of participants International	3	9	11	10
	FTE International	0.3	0.9	1.1	1
4.3	VE Nationality Unknown				
	VE Nationality Unknown				
5	FTE Total (1.5 + 2.5 + 3.1 + 3.2 + 3.3)	36.96	44.9	41.66	42.84

6. PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH ENTITY (End 2022) (DETAIL)

NR	Name	Title	Date of Birth	Highest Qualification	Project	Extent of Involvement / Selective / Full time	% Participation	NRF Rating	Google Scholar h-index	Scopus h-index
1	Agbor, Avitus	Prof	20-Jul-74	PhD	Justice in Practice	Full time	80%	C2	5	3
2	Barnard, Michelle	Prof	04-Jul-81	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		3	2
3	Beiter, Klaus D	Prof	05-Sep-72	Dr Jur	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		9	4
4	Botes, Anri	Dr	20-Oct-85	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	1
5	Carnelley, Marita	Prof	12-May-62	PhD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	1
6	Chitimira, Howard	Prof	18-Jun-82	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	80%	C2	9	2
7	Combrinck, Heléne	Prof	25-Nov-66	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	4
8	Du Plessis, Anél	Prof	04-Aug-79	LLD	SARChI CLES Chair	Full time	40%	C1	14	5
9	Du Plessis, Elmien	Prof	01-Sep-79	LLD	Vulnerable societies	Full time	40%		2	1
10	Du Plessis, Willemien	Prof	28-Sep-58	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		13	3
11	Du Pokoy, Chevaure	Ms	1998/02/07	LLM	Vulnerable societies	Full time	40%		-	-
12	Du Toit, Pieter	Prof	26-Jun-73	LLD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	5
13	Erlank, Wian	Prof	09-Oct-79	LLM	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%	C2	5	2
14	Essop, Zaida	Ms	19-Feb-86	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
15	Feldhaus, Chantelle	Ms	12-Sep-77	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
16	Fuo, Oliver	Prof	20-Sep-77	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%	C2	6	1
17	Gabru, Naeema	Ms	03-Feb-78	LLM	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		2	-
18	Gildenhuis, Anél	Prof	29-May-79	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		1	1
19	Govender, Nikita	Ms	02-Sep-95	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
20	Gresse, Estie	Dr	22-Jan-87	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
21	Kanamugire, Jean	Dr	06-Jun-73	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		3	2
22	Kekana, Nelson	Dr	26-Sep-74	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		-	-
23	Kilian, Neels	Prof	11-Oct-75	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		-	1
24	Klaasen, Braam	Mr	16-Nov-72	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
25	Kloppers, Henk	Prof	23-Jun-77	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		7	3
26	Kola, Sikandar	Mr	19-Nov-72	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
27	Kolabhai, Reshard	Mr	03-Nov-93	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
28	Koraan, René	Ms	30-Jun-81	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		3	2
29	Kotzé, Louis	Prof	01-Feb-77	PhD	Environmental Change	Full time	80%	B1	30	16
30	Lanser, Charlene	Ms	21-Jan-86	LLM	Finance, Trade, &	Full time	40%		-	-
31	Laubscher, Michael	Mr	12-Apr-68	MA	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		-	-
32	Lubbe, Hein	Prof	23-Oct-82	LLD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
33	Lubbe, Niel	Mr	17-Oct-82	LLM	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		2	-

NR	Name	Title	Date of Birth	Highest Qualification	Project	Extent of Involvement / Selective / Full time	% Participation	NRF Rating	Google Scholar h-index	Scopus h-index
34	Mahlangu, Nomthandazo	Ms	22-Jul-76	LLM	Finance, Trade, and	Full time	40%		-	-
35	Mashiane, Katlego	Mr	28-Jan-95	LLM	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	1
36	Masilo, Kagiso	Mr	19-Feb-74	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
37	Mmusimane, Tumi	Dr	02-Jun-80	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		2	-
38	Mogale, Patrick	Mr	01-Jun-94	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		1	1
39	Mongake, Mmakgotso	Mr	09-Jun-62	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
40	Morei, Neo	Dr	29-Sep-67	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		3	1
41	Mostert, Stephanie	Ms	25-Feb-89	MA	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
42	Mutubi, Kabelo	Mr	02-May-90	LLM	Finance, Trade, and	Full time	40%		-	-
43	Nair, Alex	Mr	31-Mar-90	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
44	Ndou, Moffat	Mr	25-Nov-86	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		2	-
45	Nephawe, Mishumo	Ms	16-Apr-96	MA in English	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
46	Ngwenyama, Lerato	Dr	30-Apr-93	LLD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
47	Nkhumise, Ramokgadi (Walter)	Mr	11-Dec-72	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
48	Ntatamala, Motlatjo	Ms	29-Jun-83	Masters in English	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	1
49	Phooko, Moses R	Prof	06-Jul-82	LLD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		4	2
50	Nicholson, Chrisna	Ms	30-Oct-85	LLM	Law Clinic	Full time	40%		-	-
51	Preston, Marie	Ms	07-Jan-69	LLM	Finance, Trade & Innovation	Full time	40%		-	1
52	Ramatabana, Tshepo M	Mr	21-Jul-91	LLM	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
53	Raboshakga, Ngwako	Mr	27-Dec-84	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	1
54	Rantlo, John	Dr	07-Oct-88	LLD	CLES Chair	Full time	40%		1	-
55	Rautenbach, Christa	Prof	15-Mar-62	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%	B3	14	4
56	Ravysse, Natasha	Dr	26-Dec-87	PhD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		3	1
57	Reddy, Nirissa	Ms	06-Mar-83	LLM	Finance, Trade and	Full time	40%		-	-
58	Schoeman, Michéle	Ms	19-Dec-79	LLM	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		-	-
59	Serumaga - Zake, Steven	Mr	19-Aug-72	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
60	Shaik-Permano, Nazreen	Dr	16-Jul-72	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
61	Smith, Lebo	Dr	12-Nov-86	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
62	Snyman, Inge	Dr	07-Oct-88	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
63	Soyapi, Brews	Prof	22-Nov-87	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
64	Steenekamp, Friedel	Ms	23-Sep-65	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
65	Stoffels, Myrone	Mr	24-Jul-89	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		2	-

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66	Tsatsimpe, Refilwe	Ms	22-Mar-90	LLM	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
67	Tsweledi, Leruri	Mr	25-Nov-78	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	-
68	Van den Berg, Francois	Dr	30-Jan-83	LLD	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		1	1
69	Van Dyk, Obakeng	Mr	08-Nov-89	LLM	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		-	-
70	Viljoen, Germarié	Prof	29-May-85	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%	Y2	5	2
71	Viljoen, Tjaart	Mr	11-Feb-77	LLM	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%		-	1
72	Visagie, Jeanette	Ms	15-Dec-87	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
73	Wiese, Mitzi	Prof	22-Mar-80	LLD	Justice in Practice	Full time	40%	C2	1	-
74	Wright, Johandri	Dr	10-Dec-91	PhD	CLES Chair	Full time	40%		1	-
75	Zazo, Getsia	Ms	30-Nov-85	LLM	Vulnerable Societies	Full time	40%		-	-
Secondary Participants										
76	Animashaun Oyesola	Dr	20 Jul	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		4	2
77	Mokadem Naziha	Dr		LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		16	13
78	Mbao, Melvin	Prof	04-May-53	PhD	Post 65	Selective	10%		-	2
79	Ferreira, Gerrit	Prof	21 Jan 51	LLD	Post 65	Selective	10%			
80	Hamadziripi, Friedrich	Dr	31-Aug-90	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		2	-
81	Pienaar, Gerrit	Prof	11-Nov-49	LLD	Post 65	Selective	10%		-	1
82	Robinson, Robbie	Prof	18-Nov-53	LLD	Post 65	Selective	10%	C2	-	7
83	Stander, Leonie	Prof	27-Nov-56	LLD	Post 65	Selective	10%			
84	Torerai, Elfias	Dr	18-Jan-82	LLD	Finance, Trade &	Full time	40%		-	-
85	Venter, Francois	Prof	09-Dec-47	LLD	Post 65	Selective	10%	B2	27	11
86	Buitendag, Nico	Dr	12-Aug-86	LLD	Environmental Change	Full time	40%		2	0

Staff combine list 2019 – 2021 - [Link](#)

7. NUMBER OF M & D STUDENTS

[Link to information](#)

8. RESEARCH OUTPUTS OF PARTICIPANTS

		2019	2020	2021	2022
1 Dissertations and thesis					
1.1	M-level	34	42	28	38
1.2	D-level	16	9	15	8
2 Publications in accredited journals					
2.1	Number in South African journals	14	14	10	14
2.2	Article equivalents in SA journals	20	21	14	23
2.3	Number in international journals	25	29	27	33
2.4	Article equivalents in international journals	41	46	69	57
3 Publications in other journals					
3.1	Number of articles			12	5
3.2	Article equivalents			8.5	5
4	Project Reports			1	2
5	Conference Publications			-	1
6	Patents				
7	Monographs/Books			-	6
8	Chapters in books			23	27

9. OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES OF PARTICIPANTS (SUMMARY)

See detailed list of conference attendance under par 11 below and scholarly activities in the yearly RU reports under par 13 below.

		2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Number of different national conferences	16	2	2	16
2	Number of participants at national conferences	15	2	2	40
3	Number of papers/posters at national conferences	15	2	2	40
4	Number of keynote addresses at national conferences				
5	Number of different international conferences attended	40	4	3	17
6	Number of participants at international conferences	40	4	3	17
7	Number of papers/posters at international conferences	40	4	3	10
8	Number of keynote addresses at international conferences				3
"National" is interpreted as conferences of South African Societies.					
"International" is interpreted as conferences abroad, being either of an international society or a national society abroad, as well as conferences of international organizations that take place in South Africa.					

10. RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

List of Journals and Citation – [link to list](#)

Law, Justice, and Sustainability 2019 – [link to list](#)

Law, Justice, and Sustainability 2020 – [link to list](#)

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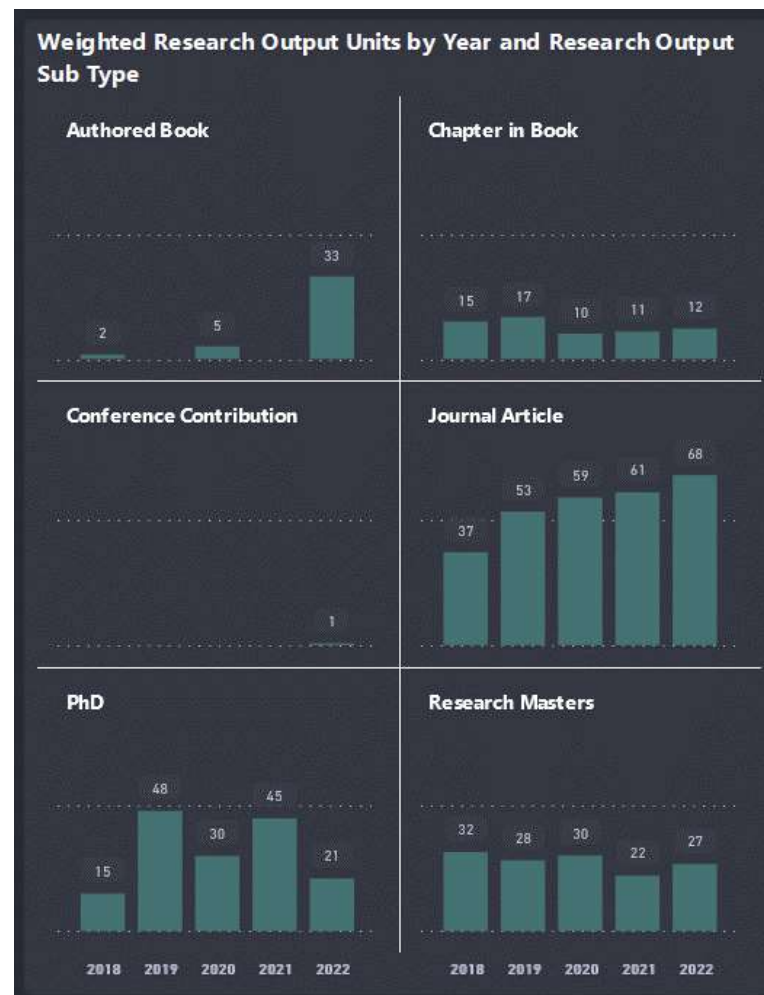
Law, Justice, and Sustainability 2022 – [Link to list](#)

Combine Research Outputs of Participants – [Link to list](#)

Accredit Publications per Author for 2020 – 2023 – [Link to list](#)

11. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

[Link to combine Conference attendance 2019 - 2022](#)



Please take note that Research M & PhD does NOT refer to graduate HEADS, but to WEIGHTED output units (research portion of M, and PhD heads x 3)

12. LIST OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (TITLES ONLY)

[Link to Research Projects list](#)

[Link to Research Projects Website](#)

13. LIST OF SPECIAL RESEARCH-RELATED HIGHLIGHTS WITHIN THE REPORTING YEAR

Efundi site: [Research Unit](#)

[RU Report 2019](#)

[RU Report 2020](#)

[RU Report 2021](#)

[RU Report 2022](#)

14. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FUNDING 2022

The Dean allocated funding to the Research Unit according to the budget in 2022. The project leaders submitted budgets after consultation with the project members and funds were allocated accordingly. A number of colleagues received funding from the Research Office to complete their doctoral or master studies or to do research to improve their NRF Rating. The NRF-rated researches receive funding that is used for students and research visits of the researcher and his or her students.

Prof Oliver Fuo received an Internal Grant of 6225 Euro from Freie University (FU), Berlin for 3 month's research visit (April 09 to 02 July) to FU in order for him to prepare and apply for the Alexander-von-Humboldt George Forster Fellowship for Experienced Researchers under supervision of Prof. Dr. Helmut Aust.

Dr Neels Killian received a grant from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for an ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Research project.

Prof Rautenbach received funding of R85 000.00 from the Konrad Ardenauer Foundation (KAS) to host a two-day online workshop from 14-15 November 2022 on 'The Role of Women in Traditional and Minority Governance Structures in Southern Africa and Elsewhere'. The workshop is also one of the initiatives resulting from three-year Alumni Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in that Prof Rautenbach received in 2019.

Prof Oliver Fuo and Prof Brews Soyapi was awarded a two-year Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Postdocs from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

The WEF Nexus project (NRF-NWO) is funded by the NRF. Proff W du Plessis and G Viljoen travelled (with two post-doctoral fellows from the NWU and various other researchers from the University of Utrecht and the University of Fort Hare) between 3 – 14 April to visit the case study areas: Eastern Cape (Matatiele) and Northern Cape (Vaalharts). The team attended various workshops, set up multiple meetings, and conducted research through interviews and field shops.

Appendix B: Research Entity Financial Report

[Combine Appendix B Research Entity Financial Report link](#)