



RESEARCH UNIT: Law, Justice and Sustainability

Research Unit Newsletter
October 2018



E D I T O R I A L

It is hard to imagine that 2018 is almost over and that we are preparing for the end of this academic year. It is my pleasure, though, to write the opening words to the second of the Faculty of Law's Research Newsletters in its present format. As you will soon discover, this Newsletter is packed with information. It testifies to the fact that in the Faculty we are committed not only to high quality teaching and learning, but also to research of relevance. It is on the latter that the Faculty management focussed its attention when it recently developed the 2019 strategic objectives for research, submitted to the Office of the DVC in September.

While this Newsletter may suggest otherwise, it is necessary to mention that the past two years' dedication towards the development and implementation of the LLB Improvement Plan and the slow process of establishing one unitary faculty have had their impact on research.

In the unitary Faculty of Law it is now necessary for our research output and impact to steadily develop and mature – in terms of quality and quantity, and as far as concerns the profile and relevance of the work of our

established and emerging researchers.

It is along these lines that I wish to congratulate everyone mentioned in this Newsletter on their research achievements. I wish to thank them for working towards the ultimate objective of the institution of 'the university' – the establishment and maintenance of an inclusive community of scholars and outstanding scholarship.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to organise the large number of research events of the past few months – the three public lectures, the two Konrad-Adenauer Foundation conferences, the Research Series seminars and the Climate Change Week certainly served to bring people together around some of the foci of our Research Unit's work.

Last but not least, welcome to each and every one of our new colleagues. Quite a few academic colleagues joined us in the recent months and we look forward to their involvement in the work of the Research Unit: Law, Justice and Sustainability. A warm welcome also to our new post-doctoral fellow based on our Mafikeng Campus, Dr Oyesola Animashaun.

May the remainder of the summer of 2018 bring with it inspiration, dedication and excitement about all of the many legally relevant questions our research must aim to address.

Happy reading and writing!

Acting Director: Research

New on the shelf

Congratulations to Prof Howard Chitimira on the publication of his book: Principles of Market Abuse Regulation (Juta, 2018).

The Faculty's Sustainable Cities Research Project with the Freie Universität, Berlin is nearing its final stages and the research produced over the past two years will soon be out in the form of an edited volume to which Proff Francois Venter, Oliver Fuo, Anél du Plessis and Ms Angela van der Berg have contributed chapters: Helmut Aust and Anél du Plessis (eds)

The Globalisation of Urban Governance (Routledge, 2018).



Recent publications July - October 2018

Chapters in Books

Agbor, A "Boko Haram and the Abduction of Schoolgirls in Nigeria: Reflecting on 'Gender-Based Crimes' as a Legal Misnomer" in Strydom H and Iyi JM (eds) *Boko Haram and International Law* (Springer Cham 2018) 311-349

Munyai, A and Agbor, A "The impact of corruption on the right to development in Africa" in Ngang, CC, Kamga, SD and Gumede, V (eds) *Perspectives on the right to development* (Pretoria University Press 2018) 70-96

Chiduzo L "The Jurisprudence of the Zimbabwean Judiciary on the Protection of the Right to Property with Specific Reference to the Fast Track Land Reform Programme and Operation Murambatsvina" in Nhemachena A, Warikandwa T.V and Amoo S (eds) *Social and Legal Theory in the Age of Decoloniality: (Re) Envisioning Pan-African Jurisprudence in the 21st Century* Langaa Publishers (2018) 327-365

Chitimira H (2018) *Principles of Market Abuse Regulation: A Comparative South African Perspective* Juta

Du Plessis E (2018) How the Determination of Compensations is Influenced by the Disjunction between the Concepts of 'Value' and Compensation

tion” in Hoops B et al *Rethinking Expropriation Law III Eleven International Publishing* 191 – 222.

Kotzé LJ (2018). “Six Constitutional Elements for Implementing Environmental Constitutionalism in the Anthropocene” in E. Daly & J. May (eds.), *Implementing Environmental Constitutionalism*, United Kingdom, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (pp. 13-33).

Kotzé LJ (2018). “In Search of a Right to a Healthy Environment in International Law: Jus Cogens Norms” in J. Knox & R. Pejan (eds.), *The Human Right to a Healthy Environment*

Kloppers HJ (2018). CSR, Corporate Governance, and the King Reports In G. Gal & O. Akisik & W. Wooldridge (eds.), *Sustainability and Social Responsibility: Regulation and Reporting*, Singapore: Springer. (pp. 55-80).

Mbao, MLM (2018). “Reflections on the right to development for indigenous peoples in Cameroon” in Ngang, CC, Kamga, SD and Gumede, V (eds) *Perspectives on the right to development*, Pretoria: Pretoria University Press. (pp. 138-160).

Meyer TC, Verster E, Hattingh A, Snow T, Olivier NJJ, Du Plessis W (2018). Soil, Land and Agriculture in King ND & Strydom HA Retief FP (eds.), *Fuggle & Rabies’s Environmental Management in South Africa*, South Africa, Cape Town: Juta. (pp. 283-350).

Mwanawina I (2018). *New Public Management Issues in Zambia*

in B. Benon C & T. Lukamba-Muhiya (eds.), *New Public Management in Africa Emerging Issues and Lessons*, USA, New York: Routledge. (pp. 172-189).

Villavicencio Calzadilla PM, Mauger R, Du Plessis AA (2018). Climate Change Communication in Higher Education Institutions: The Case of the North-West & U. Azeiteiro & E. Manolas & H. McGhie & A. Azul (eds.), *Case Studies in Climate Change Communication, Switzerland*, Cham: Springer. (pp. 241-255).

Journal articles

Botes EJ, Kloppers HJ “Insurable Interest as a Requirement for Insurance Contracts: A Comparative Analysis” 2018 *African Journal of International and Comparative law* 130 – 154

Fourie L, Botes A “Disability discrimination in the South African workplace: the case of infertility” 2018 *International journal of human rights* 1 - 23

Carnelley, M and Bothma FP “Dekolonialisering van die Suid-Afrikaanse familiereg in die lig van transformasiegerigte konstitusionalisme: ’n praktiese benadering vir generasie Z” 2018 *LitNet Akademies* (Regte)

Carnelley M “In Search of the Perceived Quality and Impact of Accredited South African Law Journals: Exploring the Possibility of a Ranking System. A Baseline Study: 2009 – 2014” 2018 *Potchefstroom electronic law journal*

Chitimira H “Synoptical Analysis of the Legislature and Executive Functions Under the Zimbabwe Constitution” 2013 *Statute law review* 0 - 26

Chitimira H “Some Comments on the Enforcement Committee’s Jurisdiction in the Adjudication and Settlement of Market Manipulation Cases: Pather and Another v Financial Services Board and Others [2014] 3 All SA 208 (GP)” *Journal of African Law* 1 – 12

Du Plessis AA “The readiness of South African law and policy for the pursuit of Sustainable Development Goal 11 2017 *Law, Democracy & Development* 239 -262

Du Plessis AA “The Promise of Well-being in section 24 of the Constitution of South Africa” 2018 *SA Journal of Human Rights* 1-18

Gildenhuis A & Tabane T “Die Suid-Afrikaanse regsraamwerk rakende die produksie en verkoop van rou melk wat vir direkteverbruiksdoeleindes bestem” 2018 *LitNet Akademies* 1- 44

Kotzé LJ, French D “The Anthropocentric Ontology of International Environmental Law and the Sustainable Development Goals: Towards an Ecocentric Rule of Law in the Anthropocene” 2018 *Global Journal of Comparative Law* 5 - 36

Kotzé LJ “Constitutional international environmental law for the Anthropocene?” 2018 *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law* 1 - 15

Mauger R “Forced nuclear energy reactors shutdown in France: The Energy Transition Act’s mechanisms” 2018 *Journal of World Energy Law and Business* 1 - 12

Mauger R, Barnard M “Addressing fragmentation in the South African renewable energy governance effort – lessons to be learnt from France” 2018 *Journal of Energy in Southern Africa* 1 - 10.

Pienaar GJ “Resente statutêre ontwikkelings ten opsigte van die bestuur van gefragmenteerde eiendom” 2017 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 351 -365

Robinson JA “The Legal Nature of the Embryo: Legal Subject or Legal Object?” 2018 *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 1 - 319

Robinson JA “Divorcing parents and the best interests of the child” 2018 *Journal of contemporary Roman-Dutch law* 299 – 305

Venter F “The limits of transformation in South Africa’s constitutional democracy” 2018 *South African Journal on Human Rights* 1 - 25

Villavicencio Calzadilla PM “Human Rights and the New Sustainable Mechanism of the Paris Agreement: A New Opportunity to Promote Climate Justice” 2018 *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 1 - 39

Villavicencio Calzadilla PM, Kotze LJ “Living in Harmony with Nature? A Critical Appraisal of the Rights of Mother Earth in Bolivia” 2018 *Transna*

Environmental Law 1 - 28

Villavicencio Calzadilla PM, Mauger R “The UN’s new sustainable development agenda and renewable energy: the challenge to reach SDG7 while achieving energy justice” 2017 *Journal of energy and natural resources law* 1 - 23

Villavicencio Calzadilla PM “Equality, Human Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals: Learning from the Experience or Tripping Over the Same Stone?” 2018 *Revista Derechos y Libertades* 389 - 425

Viljoen G “South Africa’s water crisis: The idea of property as both a cause and solution” 2017 *Law, Democracy & Development* 176 – 200

Viljoen G “A Note On Licences as Property: Some Implications for the South African Water Regulatory Regime” 2017 *SAJELP* 195 -216

Viljoen G and Van der Walt K “Suid-Afrika se waterkrisis – ‘n Interdissiplinêre benadering” 2018 *Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe* 483 – 500

Faculty Research on the Move

- **Prof Louis Kotzé** attended the (Third Tarragona International Environmental Law Colloquium on Ecological Justice and Environmental Law in the Anthropocene, Universitat Rovira I Virgili in Tarragona, Spain from 17 – 18 May 2018). He presented a keynote paper entitled “A Global Environmental Constitution for the Anthropocene?”

- Dr JC Ashukem attended the (Ecological Integrity and Land Uses: Sovereignty, Governance, Displacements and Land Grabs conference from 26 June – 1 July 2018 in Salerno, Italy). He presented a paper on “Land grabbing and the dispossession of customary land right in Uganda: A critical reflection of the constitutional and legislative right to land.”
- Dr Brews Soyapi attended the (16th Annual Colloquium of the Academy of Environmental Law: The Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Innovation, Risk and Resilience in Edinburg United Kingdom from 2 - 6 July 2018). He presented a paper entitled “Courts and the right to a healthy environment in Eastern and Southern Africa: an innovative application of EIA and the precautionary principle?”
- Dr Germarié Viljoen attended the (16th Annual Colloquium of the Academy of Environmental Law: The Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Innovation, Risk and Resilience in Edinburg United Kingdom from 2 - 6 July 2018). She presented a paper entitled “Comparative reflections on water in the ‘public space’.”
- Prof Anél du Plessis attended the (16th Annual Colloquium of the Academy of Environmental Law: The Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Innovation, Risk and Resilience in Edinburg United Kingdom from 2 - 6 July 2018). She presented a paper entitled “The Metabolism of the Innovative City and the Pursuit of Urban Climate Resilience.”
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- Ms Mathabo Baase attended a (Teaching & Learning workshop at UCT from 9-10 July 2018). She presented a paper entitled "Ratification of inadequate surrogate motherhood agreements and the best interest of the child: a critical analysis" at the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 -13 July in Cape Town.
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- Dr Anri Botes attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "Protection against sexual harassment in the workplace from a human rights perspective: How does the law of South Africa and Canada compare?"
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- Mr Philip Bothma attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). He presented a paper entitled "Promissory oaths in South Africa: From settlement to unification."
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- Prof Marita Carnelley attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "Is the teaching of positivistic legal principles to generation Z learners appropriate for a decolonised South African legal curriculum in light of transformative constitutionalism with specific reference to family law."
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- Prof Howard Chitimira attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern

Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). He presented a paper entitled "A synoptical examination of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Zimbabwe (SECZ) And Its Role in Combating Market Abuse Practices in Zimbabwe.

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- Prof Helene Combrinck attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "A Touch of Madness: Psychosocial Disability and a Transformative Law Curriculum".
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- Ms Chantelle Feldhaus attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "Transformation of the legal profession within a constitutional democracy".
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- Ms Naeema Gabru attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "Muslim marriages in South Africa: A roadmap during turbulent legislative processes".
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- Mr Siraaj Khan attended a (Teaching & Learning workshop at UCT from 9-10 July 2018). He presented a paper entitled "Are close of pleadings now irrelevant? An evaluation of the Nkala judgment in light of the principles governing litis contestatio" at (the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July 2018 in Cape Town).
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- Dr Kesolofetse Lefenya attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern

Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "The Legal Protection of the Media During Armed Conflict; Current DRC Crisis"

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- Dr Ilya Mwanawina and Dr Germarie Viljoen attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). They presented a paper entitled "Tracing the constitutional justification for calls to decolonise legal education."
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- Mr Gideon Rossouw attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). He presented a paper entitled "Net Neutrality."
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- Ms Michelle Schoeman attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). She presented a paper entitled "The use of experiential learning to enable the development of 21st Century graduate attributes among law students - NWU pilot project."
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- Mr Cornelius Visser attended the (Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's conference from 11 to 13 July in Cape Town). He presented a paper entitled "The concurrence of breach of contract and delict in a constitutional context."
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- Prof C Rautenbach attended the (10th International Congress of Comparative Law: Multicultural challenges in family law in Fukuoka, Japan from 20-30 July 2018). She presented a paper entitled "South Africa's family laws: a potpourri of some sort?"
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- Prof Klaus Beiter attended the (Fairness, Morality and Ordre Public in Intellectual Property Law conference at the Hanken School of Economics Helsinki, Finland, 4 – 8 August). He presented a paper entitled "Access to Textbooks in Schools in Developing Countries, Copyright, and the Right to Education – Embracing the Concept of Extraterritorial State Obligations under International Human Rights Law for Intellectual Property Law".
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- Prof Howard Chitimira attended the (Private Law and Social Justice Conference from 5 to 8 August 2018 at the Nelson Mandela University Port Elizabeth). He presented a paper entitled "Towards The Promotion of Financial Inclusion for the Poor, Vulnerable and Low Income Earners in South Africa."
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- Mr Siraaj Khan attended the (Private Law and Social Justice Conference from 5 to 8 August 2018 at the Nelson Mandela University Port Elizabeth). He presented a paper entitled "Does South African Law have an Adequate Response to Baby Swapping Cases."
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- Dr Lovemore Chiduzo attended the (28th International Conference on Human Rights paper in Changi, Singapore on 20-21 August 2018), He presented a paper entitled "The Expropriation of Land Without Compensation in South Africa: Lessons from Zimbabwe."
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- Mr Gideon Rossouw attended the (2018 Telos Europe Conference from 31 August to 2 September in Ragusa Sicily). He presented a paper on "#RhodesMustFall – Poverty, Property and Power - the Imperial legacy and Constitutional Narrative of Post-Apartheid South Africa."
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- Prof Howard Chitimira attended the (3rd International Consumer Law Conference 2018 from 25 - 27 September 2018 at the University of Pretoria). He presented a paper entitled "The Consumer's Right to Safe, Good Quality Goods and Its Protection Under the Consumer Protection Act 68 Of 2008 After Tiger Brands Listeriosis Scandal."
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- Prof Oliver Fuo attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). He presented a paper entitled "14 Years after the Khosa Judgment: Why the exclusion of permanent residents from receiving free basic water and sanitation services in South African municipal indigent policies is unconstitutional."
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- Mr John Rantlo attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). He presented a paper entitled "Retrospective Authorisation as a potential instrument for environmental injustice."
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- Mr Andrew Molaiwa attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). He presented a paper entitled "Municipal courts and environmental justice in South African local government."
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- Ms Melandri Steenkamp attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). She presented a paper entitled "The authority and functions of municipalities in the protection and management of cultural heritage resources".
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- Ms Nicolene Steyn attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). She presented a paper entitled "Drones, precision farming and environmental sustainability: The pros and cons of utilising drones for agricultural productivity in SA."
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- Dr Germarié Viljoen attended the (ELA Conference on Links between Environmental Protection and Justice in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 27 September 2018). She chaired sessions at the Student and annual conference of the ELA.
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- Prof Elmien du Plessis attended a (Conference in Poland on Expropriation Law on the 27 – 29 September 2018). She delivered a paper entitled "Msi-za & just and equitable compensation'."

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- Prof Christa Rautenbach will attend a (Conference Between Handcraft and Confession, Empiricism and Normativity: Self-Determination in International Jurisprudence on 17 -21 October 2018 at Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany). She will deliver a paper entitled “The Influence of German Precedent on Post-Apartheid Constitutional Law in South Africa”.
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30 November 2018 as a Research Fellow of the Tajudeen Abduraheem Visiting Fellowship for Policy Researchers. The purpose of her scholarship is to produce a substantial academic report and a policy brief focussing on SPS and SPS Measures as non-tariff barriers to trade in the Sub-Saharan context.

Dr Anri Botes was cited by the Consitutional Court in the matter of Assign Services (Pty) Limited v National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa and Others [2018] ZACC 22.

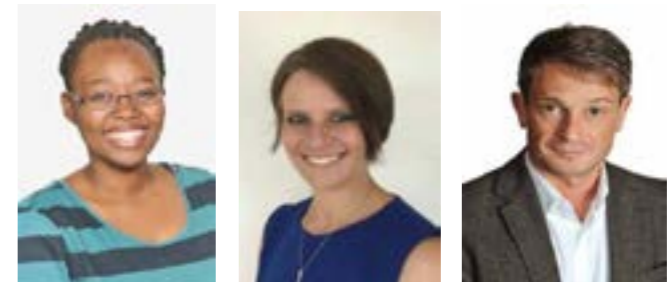
Prof Louis Kotzé has been invited to serve as Associate Editor for the new Elsevier journal established by Frank Biermann called, Earth System Governance. He will be responsible for editing the juridical contributions in the framework of Earth system governance. See:<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/earth-system-governance/editorial-board>.

Ms Mathabo Baase has been announced as the winner of the Oxford University Press Prize for the “Best first time presenter” for her presentation titled “Ratification of Inadequate Surrogate Motherhood Agreements and the Best Interest of the Child: A Critical Analysis.” She presented this paper at the Conference of the Society of Law Teachers at the University of Cape Town earlier this year.

Our Researchers Make us Proud!



Ms Biandri Joubert, PhD candidate of the Faculty, is visiting the United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning/Institut Africain de Development Economique et de Planification (IDEP) from 3 September to





Profs Avitus Agbor and Anél du Plessis and Drs Germarié Viljoen and Niel Lubbe all received NWU UCDG grants to conduct research towards NRF rating or re-rating in the coming 24 months.

Prof Elmien du Plessis has been invited to make submissions to the Constitution Review Committee of Parliament on the possible revision of section 25 of the Constitution on 4 September 2018.



Ms Angela van der Berg received a Tilburg University Alumni Fund grant for the purposes of a research visit from 5 November 2018 until 1 February 2019. She will complete her doctoral studies (a joint PhD) during this period.

Prof Christa Rautenbach has been cited in the media as a customary law expert on recent developments in the field of traditional healers and tra-



ditional medicine:



2018 Family Law Teachers' Colloquium – Ms Olivia Vaughan Reports from VC

The 2018 Family Law Teacher's Colloquium was hosted by Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth from the 20th to the 21 September 2018. Presentations by top Family Law and Law of Persons academics were the order of the event on recent developments in the sphere of Family Law. The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University staff were excellent hosts and the colloquium gave rise to valuable discussions on the various topics raised.

During the colloquium, Ms. Helen Krause reported that the South African Law Reform Commission has put out a call to all Family Law experts with regards to a collaboration on the following points:

1. There is a call, especially from the Department of Home Affairs, to sim-

plify regimes by creating one matrimonial regime, including civil unions and customary marriages, in order to lighten the administrative burden on the state.

2. There is a call to simplify matrimonial property regimes through liaison between researchers, experts and the legislature.

Furthermore, there is a call for more participants in the research sphere who have an appetite for advancing causes within Family Law, whilst understanding budget constraints and policy with regards to social justice areas.

The colloquium successfully raised current issues facing the South African community and a golden thread that emerged was the consideration of public policy in Family Law issues. Throughout discussions it was evident that courts should always consider the boni mores of society in order to ensure that the rights enshrined in chapter 2 of the Constitution are protected.

Research Unit: Lecture Series @ Faculty of Law



PROJECT: VULNERABLE SOCIETIES

DATE: 26 JULY 2018

THEME: VULNERABILITY IN DIFFERENT SPHERES: THE POSITION OF INDIGENT FOREIGNERS PERMANENTLY LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA; AND THE SCIENTIFIC FREEDOM OF ACADEMICS UNDER THE ICESCR 1966

SPEAKERS: Prof Oliver Fuo on the institutionalised exclusion of permanent residents from accessing municipal indigent benefits in South Africa.
Prof Klaus Beiter on caveats to guide the interpretation on the rights to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application in art 15(1)(b) of the ICESCR 1966

BRIEF FEEDBACK:

The presentations showed how attempts are made in Socio-Economic Rights Law to address the vulnerability of two different groups of people, academics and foreigners, from an international and national law perspective. Overall, the talks were of high quality, meaningful and provocative. Colleagues and students raised important questions about the issues presented and discussions continued over lunch.



PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

DATE: 11 OCTOBER 2018

THEME: THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAND ISSUE

SPEAKERS: Dr Caiphas Soyapi on courts and the right to a healthy environment in Eastern and Southern Africa: an innovative application of EIA and the precautionary principle. Dr Michelle Barnard on climate change litigation in South Africa and the evolution of Environmental Impact Assessments.

BRIEF FEEDBACK:

The issue of land expropriation without compensation is an emotive and controversial topic in South Africa at the moment in the light of recent developments in Parliament. To bring the facts and the various viewpoints to the Faculty, the problem was approached on the day from an alternative perspective - more practical and with the focus on possible successes. The two speakers kept the audience enthralled for longer than an hour, setting out the practical and legal problems with some possible solutions. The number of questions and the variety of opinions expressed in an open and non-judgemental manner clearly indicated the success of the day.

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NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION AMENDMENT BILL

2017 [B23A-2017] & [B23B-2017]

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CALL FOR NRF RATING OPENS IN OCTOBER 2018

Faculty members should plan accordingly with the input and assistance of the nwu and faculty's research offices.

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SEVERAL UCDP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

SCHEDULE FOR UCDP FUNDING 2018	
Forms are available on efundi, Research Unit, Resources	
TYPE OF APPLICATION	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION
Emerging researchers completion of own research	31 July
Staff mobility 2019 NRF rating applications	As soon as possible (June) closure date was 15 May)
Publication workshops for completion of studies (NWU personnel)	Dean to nominate 5 persons
Post-Graduate Supervision Training Workshop: Supervisors Phd/Masters degree candidates	Potchefstroom 28 June Mahikeng 5 September Vaal 17 October
Publication workshop: Proposal development workshop	27 June
Publication workshop: Post-graduate thesis and publication	27 June
Publication workshop: Scientific writing and publication for early career	27 June



Announcements: Conferences & Workshops

1 SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF LAW TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS (AIPLITL) CONFERENCE
4 - 5 July 2018
[Read more >>](#)

2 ASSAF ANNUAL YOUNG SCIENTIST CONFERENCE
IF YOU ARE 40 AND YOUNGER + HAVE A LL.M DEGREE
13 - 14 September 2018
[Read more >>](#)

3 TAU SA ANNUAL CONGRESS 2018
19 September 2018
[Read more >>](#)

4 SOUTH AFRICA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION
17 - 19 September 2018
[Read more >>](#)

5 INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CONFERENCE (UPICLC)
25 to 27 September 2018
[Read more >>](#)



Upcoming Workshops

@ Faculty of Law



DATE: 2 August 2018

THEME: Institutional Design of Medium-Sized Municipalities in South Africa - A Workshop

ORGANISED BY:
Prof Anél du Plessis &
Ms Angela van der Berg

[Register >>](#)

DATE: 13 & 14 September 2018

THEME: A Conference on Traditional Leadership and Authority versus Local Government - The Co-Existence of Traditional and Local Governance Structures in a Democratic Dispensation: Challenges and Successes

ORGANISED BY:
Prof Christa Rautenbach

Interesting Reading



1. Stias Annual Report 2017 – Read more >>
2. South Africa’s university students face a crisis: nearly a third go hungry
Read Now >>
3. South African Journal of Criminal Justice - latest Issue
Read Now >>
4. Law Reports Advance Notification 9 September 2018
Read Now >>
5. Law Reports Advance Notification 10 October 2018
Read Now>>
6. Can you remove the executor of a deceased estate
Read Now>>
7. A Matter of Justice: Judge upholds employees’ rights in union dispute
Read Now>>
8. Pace Law Announces New Sustainability Measures to Move Towards a Plastic-free Campus
Read Now>>
9. A Matter of Justice - No ‘rationale’ or ‘justification’ for Kenya’s travel ban
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