



3rd Annual National Postgraduate Student Conference

*Rethinking City Governance in an Era of Change:
Collaboration, Circular Cities, and Involved
Communities*

16 - 18 November 2022

VIRTUAL

Conference registration on / before:

12 November 2022 @

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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022

MS Teams Link: <https://bit.ly/3eBWYMy>

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09:00 **Words of Welcome**

Dr Neo Morei

(Dean: Faculty of Law, North-West University)

Prof Anél du Plessis

South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)

09:30 **Keynote Address**

Dr John Endres (TBC)

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Institute for Race Relations*

SESSION I

Theme: The Right to the City

Chair: Dr John Rantlo (CLES, NWU)

10:00 – 10:15 **Urban Homeless and Their Right to the City: How Should South African Cities Respond to Homelessness?**

*Francesca Visagé,
University of the Western Cape*

10:15 – 10:30 **Heal the World, Make it a Better**

**Place – Communal Spaces and
the Right to the City**

*Zunaida Moosa Wadiwala,
University of the Witwatersrand*

10:30 – 10:45

**(Re)Claiming the Zoopolis:
Critical Animal Studies and the
Plights of the City Animal**

*Hugo Uys,
Stellenbosch University*

10:45 – 11:00

DISCUSSION & BREAK

SESSION II

Theme: Sector Specific Issues in Southern African Cities

Chair: Krisdan Bezuidenhout (CLES, NWU)

11:15 – 11:30

**The Legal Conundrum and
Opportunities in the Generation
and Procurement of Electricity
in South African Cities**

*Chantelle Moyo,
North-West University*

11:30 – 11:45

**Urban Water Security in the
Face of South Africa's Water
Crises: Making Law and Policy
Work**

*Melandri Steenkamp,
North-West University*

11:45 – 12:00

Minimising the Impact of Water

**Stress on Cities Through
Disaster Risk Law, Local
Government, and Community
Engagement: The Case of
Gqeberha**

*Henrike Saunders,
North-West University*

12:15 – 12:30

**The Role of Spatial Planning
Law in the Protection of Urban
Green Spaces in Botswana**

*Cassius Lathlang,
North-West University*

12:30 – 12:45

DISCUSSION

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

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13:45

Introducing CLES*InPress*

Maricéle Botes

North-West University

SESSION I

Theme: Urban Governance

Chair: Dr Johandri Wright (CLES, NWU)

- 14:00 – 14:15** **City-level Legislation Towards Urban Climate Resilience in South Africa**
*Maricéle Botes,
North-West University*
- 14:15 – 14:30** **Alternative Resident-led Governance in the Housing Sector: The Case of Ruo Emoh, Cape Town**
*Jevon Jacobs,
University of the Witwatersrand*
- 14:30 – 14:45** **Buffalo City Metro – Is Bigger Better? The Hierarchy of Urban Labels and Why They Matter?**
*Mildred Nakkungu,
University of Cape Town*
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Small Municipalities Continue to Struggle to Effectively Deliver Basic Services in the Kwazulu Natal Province, South Africa**
*Mpahathesithe Mkhize,
Mangosuthu University of Technology*
- 15:00 – 15:15** **DISCUSSION & BREAK**

SESSION II

Theme: Urban Governance

Chair: Dr Derrick Cho (CLES, NWU)

15:30 – 15:45 **Municipal Service Delivery in South Africa: The Legal Relevance of Emerging Modes of Collaboration**

*Krisdan Bezuidenhout,
North-West University*

15:45 – 16:00 **The Role of Rule of Law and Good Governance in Development: A Reflection of David Trubek's Ideas in Contemporary South African Municipalities**

*Patience Mufaro Nyaruwanga,
University of Pretoria*

16:00 – 16:15 **Governance in the Era of Change: The Role of Political Parties in Transformative Environmental Governance**

*Nonhlanhla Ngcobo,
North-West University*

16:15 – 16:30 **DISCUSSION**

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2022

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SESSION I

Theme: Sector Specific Issues in South African Cities

Chair: Nonhlanhla Ngcobo (CLES, NWU)

09:00 – 09:15

Reimagining Public Participation in Circular City Governance: A Philosophical Analysis of the Community's Role Within a Just and Sustainable Transition to a Circular Economy

*Gisela Diedericks,
North-West University*

09:15 – 09:30

An Integrated Approach for the Implementation of a Circular Economy Model in South African Cities

*Tafadzwa Moyo,
North-West University*

09:30 – 09:45

The Role of Local Government in Managing and Regulating Food Waste in Cities

*Ledile Sekwakwa,
North-West University*

09:45 – 10:00

DISCUSSION & BREAK

SESSION II

Theme: Human Rights and the City

Chair: Chantelle Moyo (NWU, CLES)

10:15 – 10:30

The South African Human Rights Commission and the Protection of the Environmental Right

*Meeschka Diedericks,
North-West University*

10:30 – 10:45

The Extent of Local Government Powers and Responsibilities in Pursuit of Realizing the Bill of Rights under the Constitutional Dispensation

*Siyasanga Ntsokotha,
North-West University*

10:45 – 11:00

DISCUSSION

11:00 – 11:15

Virtual Award Ceremony

11:15 – 11:30

Word of Thanks

Prof Anél du Plessis
(CLES, NWU)

NOTE:

Considering ongoing electricity instability and other unforeseen challenges, some connectivity and other technical issues may arise during the conference for which we apologise in advance. All possible measures will be taken to ensure a smooth delivery of the conference programme.