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Anél du Plessis (BA Law, LLB, LLM, LLD) is Professor of Law and the South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability at the Faculty of Law (SARChI CLES), North-West University, South Africa. Her scholarship is devoted to critical socio-legal interrogation of urban governance and local government and its intersection with environmental, climate change and constitutional law. Her research has a strong focus on South Africa and the African region albeit in relation to and within the context of the global discourse.

She is an established researcher with a significant number of international and national scholarly publications. To date, she has presented 44 international conference papers and 45 national conference papers. She is the editor of the "Research Handbook on Cities and Climate Change Law" forthcoming with Edward Elgar as well as of "Environmental Law and Local Government in South Africa" (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Juta, 2021). She also recently published "The Globalisation of Urban Governance: Legal Perspectives on Sustainable Development Goal 11" (Routledge, 2019), co-edited by Prof. Dr. Helmut Aust from the Freie Universität, Berlin. She is a rated researcher of the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF – C1). This rating translates into her being deemed a researcher of standing in South Africa and internationally.

Since December 2018, she holds the position of a SARChI Chair. In this capacity, 21 fulltime and part-time post-graduate student researchers and postdocs work under her supervision. Research capacity building and knowledge transfer is one of the chief objectives of the Chair. The Chair partners with UN Habitat, the South African Local Government Association, the South African Cities Network and international funders (e.g. the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation) to advance different aspects of the urban law and governance research agenda in South Africa, on the African continent and beyond.

Anél was the co-project leader of a four-year international research project with the Freie Universität, Berlin focusing on "Safe and Sustainable Cities" from 2015-2019. She is an alumnus of the scholarship programmes of the DAAD, Fulbright, Max Planck Association and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. She is member of the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Association of South Africa for the past thirteen years and serves on the Teaching Committee of the international IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. She served as assistant editor of the Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal for ten years and is currently the Special Series editor for a series devoted to urban law and governance publications. She coordinated the North-West University's LLM Programme in Environmental Law and Governance from 2015-2018 and served as Acting Director: Research of the North-West University, Faculty of Law from June 2018-January 2019. 8 of her former and ongoing postgraduate students are currently in the full-time employment of universities in South Africa and 2 are employed as academics in the Netherlands and Nigeria. 3 of her former PhD students currently serve in post-doctoral positions. 5 postdoctoral fellows have worked under her mentorship.

Prior to the award of the SARChI Chair, Anél lectured Environmental Law as well as Local Government Law at undergraduate level and Research Methodology and Local Government and Environmental Law, at postgraduate level. In 2011, she developed the first module in Climate Change Law and Governance to be taught at a South African university. The module is ongoing. Currently she lectures Local Government and Environmental Law at Masters level.

## QUALIFICATIONS

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*Baccalaureus Artium* (BA) (Law) (Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education) (2001)  
*Legum Baccalaureus* (LLB) (Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education) (2003)

*International Legal Studies* (LLC Exchange Student) (University of Leiden, August – December 2002)

*Legum Magister* (LLM) (North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus) (2004)

*Legum Doctor* (LLD) (North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus) (2009)

*Post-doc* (Fulbright Scholar) (Pace Law School, USA) (2010)

*Post-doc* (Alexander von Humboldt Scholar) (Humboldt University, Germany) (2014)

## NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF) RATING

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C1 Rating (January 2021)

## PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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### SCHOLARLY ARTICLES PUBLISHED / ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

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#### NATIONAL

- Du Plessis AA and Le Roux E Summer 2004 "Local Government and the Environment: Some Success Stories" *Woord en Daad* 1-5
- Du Plessis AA 2006 "Land Restitution through the Lens of Environmental Law: Some Comments on the South African Vista" *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 1-46
- Du Plessis AA and Sinclair I 2007 "Therapeutic Jurisprudence: An Assessment of its Possible Application to Cases of Domestic Violence in Magistrates' Courts" *Stellenbosch Law Review* 91-117
- Du Plessis AA 2008 "Public Participation, Good Environmental Governance and Fulfillment of Environmental Rights" *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 1-29
- Du Plessis AA 2008 "Adding Flames to the Fuel: Why Further Constitutional Adjudication is Required for South Africa's Constitutional Environmental Right to Catch Light" *South African Journal for Environmental Law and Policy* (SAJELP) 75-83
- Du Plessis AA 2009 "The Sweet and Bitter of the Legal Framework for 'Local Environmental Governance' in South Africa" *SA Public Law* 56-96
- Rautenbach C and Du Plessis AA 2009 "Fragmentation: Friend or Foe in the Effective Implementation of the Cultural Diversity Convention in South Africa?" *South African Yearbook of International Law* (2009) 34 132-158

- Du Plessis AA 2009 "Perceptive Approaches to the Interpretation and Realisation of South Africa's Constitutional Environmental Right" *South African Journal for Environmental Law and Policy* 16(2) 129-156
- De Wet E and Du Plessis AA 2010 "The Meaning of Certain Substantive Obligations Distilled from International Human Rights Instruments for Constitutional Environmental Rights in South Africa" *African Human Rights Law Journal* 10(2) 345-376
- Du Plessis AA and Rautenbach C 2010 "Legal Perspectives on the Role of Culture in Sustainable Development" *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 27-71
- Du Plessis AA 2010 "'Local Environmental Governance' and the Role of Local Government in Fulfilling s 24 of the South African Constitution" *Stellenbosch Law Review* 21(2) 265-297
- Du Plessis AA 2011 (27) "South Africa's Environmental Right Generously Interpreted: A Focus on the Role of Poverty" *SA Journal of Human Rights (SAJHR)* 279-307
- Du Plessis AA 2011 "Waar staan SA se 'ontwikkelingsgerigte plaaslike regering in 2010?" *Woord en Daad* 3-8
- Du Plessis AA and Van der Berg A 2013 "*Conflicting Constitutional Rights in Local Disaster Management: Perspectives based on Pheko v Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality*" *SA Public Law* 28(2) 448-468
- Du Plessis AA and Van der Berg A 2014 "*RA le Sueur v Ethekewini Municipality* 2013 JDR 0178 (KZP): An Environmental Law Reading" *Stellenbosch Law Review* 25(3) 580
- Du Plessis AA and Alberts RC 2014 "Cooperative environmental governance: At the coalface of sustainable infrastructure development in South Africa" *SA Public Law* 29(2) 441-468
- Du Plessis AA 2015 "The Tomorrows of the Unborn: Legal Perspectives on the Future's Implications for 'Climate Resilient Development' in South Africa" *SA Journal on Human Rights* 31(2) 269-293
- Du Plessis AA 2015 "Towards next-level understanding of the 'principle of subsidiarity' in the context of global environmental governance and transnational environmental law" *CILSA* 48(2) 281-316
- Fuo ON and Du Plessis AA 2015 "In the face of judicial deference: taking the 'minimum core' of socio-economic rights to the local government sphere" *Law, Democracy and Development* 1-28
- Du Plessis AA 2015 "The 'Brown' Environmental Agenda and the Constitutional Duties of Local Government in South Africa: A Conceptual Introduction" *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 18(5) 1846-1880

- Du Plessis AA 2018 "The Readiness of South African Law and Policy for the Global Pursuit of the Sustainable City" *Law, Democracy and Development* 21 239-262
- Du Plessis AA 2018 "The Promise of 'Well-being' in Section 24 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa" *South African Journal on Human Rights* 1-18
- Du Plessis AA 2019 "The Judiciary's Role in Shaping the Urban Spaces We Want" *South African Journal of Environmental Law and Policy* 5-43
- Stoffels M and Du Plessis AA 2019 "Piloting a Legal Perspective on Community Protests and the Pursuit of Safe(r) Cities in South Africa" *SA Public Law* 34(2) 1-26

#### INTERNATIONAL

- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2006 "The inception and role of international environmental law in domestic biodiversity conservation efforts: the South African Experience" 6(1) *Queensland University of Technology Law and Justice Journal* 1-24
- Du Plessis AA and Kotzé LJ 2006 "Regulation of International Trade in Biodiversity Resources: Towards Sustainable Trade in South Africa" *Tilburg Foreign Law Review* Vol 13(4)
- Du Plessis AA 2010 "A Government in Deep Water? Some Thoughts on the State's Duties in Relation to Water Arising from South Africa's Bill of Rights" *Review of European Community and International Environmental Law (RECIEL)* 19(3) 316-327
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2010 "Some Brief Observations on Fifteen Years of Environmental Rights Jurisprudence in South Africa" *Journal of Court Innovation (Winter)* 157-176
- Du Plessis AA and Kotzé LJ 2014 "The Heat is On: Local Government and Climate Governance in South Africa" *Journal of African Law* 58(1) 145-174
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2014 "A Gold Rush to Nowhere? The Rights-based Approach to Environmental Governance in South Africa's Mining Sector in Question" *Verfassung und Recht in Übersee* (4) 447-480
- Du Plessis AA and Fuo ON 2017 "Governing authorities in the same boat and a tale of two schedules: Marius Nel v Hessequa Local Municipality (2015)" *Commonwealth Local Government Journal* 1-12
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2020 "Putting Africa on the Stand: An Assessment of Climate Change Litigation on the Continent" *Environmental Law* 615-663
- Dube F and Du Plessis AA 2021 ""Unlawful Occupiers, Eviction and the National State of Disaster: Considering South Africa's Emergency Legislation and Jurisprudence During COVID-19" *Journal of African Law* (forthcoming)

## BOOKS, EDITED BOOKS & CO-EDITED BOOKS

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### NATIONAL

- Kotzé LJ, Lynn-Field T and Du Plessis AA (eds) 2012 *Introduction to Law and Legal Skills in South Africa* (Oxford University Press)
- Du Plessis AA (ed) 2015 *Environmental Law and Local Government in South Africa* (Juta, Cape Town)
- Du Plessis AA (ed) 2021 *Environmental Law and Local Government in South Africa* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Juta, Cape Town)

### INTERNATIONAL

- Du Plessis AA 2009 *Fulfilment of South Africa's Constitutional Environmental Right in the Local Government Sphere* (Wolf Legal Publishers, Nijmegen) (Published LLD thesis)
- Martin P, Du Plessis AA, Le Bouthillier Y and Tianbao Q (eds) 2012 *Environmental Governance and Sustainability* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Northampton)
- Angelo M and Du Plessis AA (eds) 2017 *Research Handbook on Climate and Agricultural Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Northampton)
- Aust H and Du Plessis AA (eds) 2019 *The Globalisation of Urban Governance: Legal Perspectives on Sustainable Development Goal 11* (Routledge)
- Kennedy A, Du Plessis AA *et al* (eds) 2021 *Teaching and Learning in Environmental Law: Pedagogy, Methodology and Best Practice* (Edward Elgar Publishing Northampton)
- Du Plessis AA (ed) *Research Handbook on Cities and Climate Change Law* (Edward Elgar) (forthcoming)

## CONTRIBUTIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED VOLUMES (PUBLISHED, ACCEPTED / SUBMITTED)

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### NATIONAL

- Du Plessis AA 2009 "Understanding the Legal Context" in Paterson S and Kotzé L (eds) *Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in South Africa: Legal Perspectives* (Juta, Cape Town) 11-40
- Du Plessis AA 2012 "The balance of sustainability interests from the perspective of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights" in M Faure and W Du Plessis *The Balancing of Interests in Environmental Law in Africa* (Pretoria University Law Press) 35-48

- Du Plessis W and Du Plessis AA 2012 "Striking the Sustainability Challenge in South Africa" in M Faure and W Du Plessis *The Balancing of Interests in Environmental Law in Africa* (Pretoria University Law Press) 413-458
- Du Plessis AA 2012 "Working with Legal Problems" in Kotzé LJ, Lynn-Field T and Du Plessis AA (eds) *Introduction to Law and Legal Skills in South Africa* (Oxford University Press) 347-370
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2012 "Sources of Law and Legal Authority" in Kotzé LJ, Lynn-Field T and Du Plessis AA (eds) *Introduction to Law and Legal Skills in south Africa* (Oxford University Press) 121-148
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2012 "Classification of South African Law" in Kotzé LJ, Lynn-Field T and Du Plessis AA (eds) *Introduction to Law and Legal Skills in South Africa* (Oxford University Press) 149-167
- Du Plessis AA and Nel JG 2015 "An Introduction" in Du Plessis AA (ed) *Environmental Law and Local Government in South Africa* (Juta) 3-39
- Nel JG and Du Plessis AA 2015 "Key Elements for Municipal Action" in Du Plessis (ed) *Local Government and Environmental Law in South Africa* (Juta) 41-90
- Nel JG, Du Plessis W and Du Plessis AA 2015 "Instrumentation for Local Environmental Governance" in Du Plessis (ed) *Local Government and Environmental Law in South Africa* (Juta) 91-166
- Van der Berg A, Du Plessis AA, and Murphree M 2016 "Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in South Africa's Response to Climate Change" in Humby T et al (eds) *Climate Change Law and Governance in South Africa* (Juta, 2016) 12.2-12.33
- Du Plessis AA 2016 "The potential role of planning law in regulating hydraulic fracking: a local authority perspective" in Glazewski J (ed) *Hydraulic Fracturing in South Africa* (Juta)
- Du Plessis AA 2018 "Local Government and the Pursuit of Urban Sustainability in South Africa" in King ND, Strydom HA and Retief FP *Fuggle and Rabie's Environmental Management in South Africa* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed (Juta, 2018) 263-281
- Du Plessis AA 2019 "The Global Aspiration of 'Safe, Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive' Cities: South African Local Government Shaping Up" in Chigwata TC *et al* (eds) *The Journey to Transform Local Government* (Juta, 2019) 9-32
- Du Plessis AA 2020 "Local Government and the Pursuit of Urban Sustainability in South Africa" in Makomeni WT and Smit SJ (eds) *Environmental Management: A Business Management Approach* (Juta, 2020) (reprint)

- Du Plessis AA and Raboshakga N "Working with Legal Problems in Humby T et al (eds) Introduction to Law and Legal Skills (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) (Oxford University Press) (forthcoming 2021)

## INTERNATIONAL

- Sinclair I and Du Plessis AA 2007 "Domestic Violence Adjudication in South Africa: A View on Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Human Rights Protection and the Position of the Female Victim" in Reinhardt G and Cannon AM (eds) *Transforming Legal Processes in Court and Beyond* (Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, Sydney)
- Du Plessis AA 2011 "Environmental Law Compliance and Enforcement Measures: Some Opportunities and Challenges of South African Local Authorities" in Paddock L *et al* (eds) *Compliance and Enforcement in Environmental Law: Toward More Effective Implementation* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Northampton) 379-404
- Du Plessis AA 2011 "Local Agenda 21+15: A Rights-based Approach to Local Environmental Governance" in Boer B *et al* (eds) *Rio+10* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Northampton) 47-65
- Du Plessis AA 2012 "Climate Governance in South African Municipalities: Opportunities and Obstacles for Local Government" in Richardson B (ed) *Local Climate Change Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing Northampton) 353-387
- Du Plessis AA 2013 "Governance of Socio-Ecological Change: A Legal Response Based on Constitutional Environmental Law" in Siebenhauer *et al* (eds) *Long Term Policies: Governing Socio-Ecological Change* (Routledge) 71-89
- Du Plessis AA and Du Plessis W 2014 "Reflections on the Intricate Relationship between Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) and the Protection of Human Rights" in Kotzé LJ and Marauhn T (eds) *Transboundary Governance of Biodiversity* (Marthinus Nijhoff)
- Du Plessis AA 2017 "South Africa's Constitutional Environmental Right and the Pursuit of a Country Where 'Well-being' Thrives" in *United Nations Environmental Programme "New Frontiers in Environmental Constitutionalism* (UNEP, 2017) 250-261
- Villavicencio Calzadilla P, Mauger R and Du Plessis 2018 "Climate Change Communication in Higher Education Institutions: The Case of the North-West University in South Africa" in Filho WL *et al* (eds) *Handbook of Climate Change Communication Vol. 3 Case Studies in Climate Change Communication* (Springer, 2018) 241-255
- Aust HP and Du Plessis AA 2018 "Goal 11: Cities" in Kotzé LJ and French D *Global Goals: Law, Theory and Implementation* (Edward Elgar, 2018) 201-221
- Kotzé LJ and Du Plessis AA 2019 "The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and Environmental Rights Standards" in Turner, S *et al* *Environmental Rights: The Development of Standards* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)



- Du Plessis AA and Du Plessis W 2021 "Supervision of doctoral level research in environmental law – Part 1" in Kennedy A *et al* (eds) *Teaching Environmental Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021)
- Du Plessis W and Du Plessis AA 2021 "Supervision of doctoral level research in environmental law – Part 2" in Kennedy A *et al* (eds) *Teaching Environmental Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021)
- Du Plessis AA "Some of the Changing Features of Urban Governance as Cities respond to Global Climate Change" in Nijman J and Aust HP (eds) *Research Handbook on International Law and Cities* (Edward Elgar, 2021) (forthcoming) 93-115
- De Visser J and Du Plessis AA "Federalism in South Africa and local climate governance" in Jodoin S, Chebenova D and Gonzalez, P (eds) *Federalism and Climate Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) (forthcoming)
- Du Plessis, AA "SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" in Ebbesson J and Hay, E (eds) *Handbook on the Sustainable Development Goals and International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) (forthcoming)
- Roos V, Du Plessis AA and Hoffman, J "Municipal Service Delivery to Older Persons: Understanding the Contexts and Gaps Towards ICT Interventions" in Roos V and Hoffman J *ICT Innovation and Impact for All Ages* (Springer, 2021) (forthcoming)
- Du Plessis AA and Moyo C "The Role of Cities in the Low-Carbon Transition" in Bellatuono, G, Godden. L *et al* (eds) *De Gruyter Handbook of Energy Law in the Low Carbon Transition* (forthcoming)

#### POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION RECORD

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- Van Wyk HSJ (LLM) "Local Governance for Environmental Sustainability: A Survey of South African Law" (graduated in 2006)
- Viljoen S (LLM) "An Environmental Law Perspective on Corporate Social Responsibility in South Africa" (graduated in 2007)
- Van Zyl L (LLM) "The Impartial and Independent Composition of the International Arbitral Tribunal: A Critical Survey" (graduated in 2007)
- Christie L (LLM) "The Role of Local Government in the Environmental Regulation of the Mining Sector" (graduated in 2010)
- Schoeman H (LLM) "A Critical Analysis of the Role of Local Government in South Africa's Legal Response to Climate Change" (graduated in 2010)
- Van der Walt S (LLM) "The Use of Tax Based Measures in the Legal Response to Climate Change" (graduated in 2011)
- Louw A (LLM) "Uranium Mining Regulation in Namibia" (graduated in 2012)
- Hofmeyr W (LLM Dissertation) "Local Government Accountability in the Water Law Sector" (graduate in 2013)
- Humphries F (LLM) "A Legal Framework for Carbon Emissions in South Africa: A Critical Assessment of Existing Strengths and Weaknesses" (graduated in 2012)

- Ndongeni T (LLM) "Developing Draft Standard Environmental Bylaws for Sustainable Local Environmental Governance and Service Delivery in the North-West Province" (graduated in 2012)
- Grobler R (LLM) "Regulating the Environmental Impacts of Factory Farming in South Africa: Legal Perspectives" (graduated in 2013)
- Van der Bank M (LLM) "The Role of Building Regulations in Sustainable Local Governance" (graduated in 2012)
- Shakung M (LLM) "Protecting and Realising the Procedural Rights of Indigenous People in the Face of Mining in South Africa" (graduated in 2014)
- Malatji M (LLM) "Critical Perspectives on the Legal Framework for Domestic Waste Management in the Limpopo Province" (graduated in 2014)
- Geduld A (LLM Dissertation) "The Role of Local Government in Realising the Right to Sanitation from an Environmental Justice Perspective" (graduated in 2015)
- De Jongh D (LLM) "The Regulation of Small-scale Mining in Namibia" (graduated in 2014)
- Rea T (LLM) "Regulation of Carbon Capture and Storage: A Critical Evaluation of the Existing South African Legal Framework" (graduated in 2014)
- Lubbe R (LLM) "Environmental Law Perspectives on the Role of Commercial Game Ranching in Fostering South Africa's Green Economy" (graduated in 2014)
- Van Heerden A (LLM) "Social Impact Assessment in Environmental Law and the Protection of Children's Fundamental Rights Entrenched in South Africa's Constitution" (registered 2012, graduated in 2015)
- Düring D (LLM) "The protection of cross-border environmental refugees: an analysis of the African Union and SADC legal framework" (graduated in 2014)
- Van der Berg A (LLM) "Legal Perspectives on the Role of Public Private Partnerships in Local Disaster Management" (graduated in 2014)
- Alberts RC (M Env Man) "Waste Management in the Local Government Sphere in South Africa: Future Legal Perspectives" (graduated in 2014)
- Cilliers C (M Env Man) "The Environmental Management Function of Local Government in South Africa: A Case Study Based Evaluation " (graduated in 2015)
- Kriek S (M Phil) "The legal framework for environmental auditing in the public sector in South Africa" (graduated in 2017)
- Nel S (LLM) "Waste law and policy perspectives on municipal 'land-fill to gas' CDM projects in South Africa" (graduated in 2016)
- Martin S (LLM) "Corporate social responsibility and related legal checks in the pursuit of environmental protection in South Africa" (graduated in 2017)
- Campher A (LLM) "Klimaatsaanpassing in die Suid-Afrikaanse landbousektor: 'n beskouing van nuwe regsontwikkeling" (graduated in 2017)
- Steenkamp M (LLM) "Cultural heritage protection: the authority and functions of municipalities" (graduated in 2018)
- Molaiwa A (LLM) "The role of municipal courts in local environmental governance in South Africa" (graduated in 2020)
- Ngcobo N (LLM) "A human-rights perspective on local economic development and the informal economy in South Africa" (graduated in 2021)
- Botes M (LLM) "Micro-climate regulation as an urban ecosystem service: a legal analysis" (graduated in 2021)

- Mofokeng M (LLM) "An investment law perspective on sustainable mobility infrastructure in South African cities" (graduated in 2021)
- Gaigher L (LLM) "Legally safeguarding spaces of intangible cultural heritage in Johannesburg" (registered 2019, ongoing)
- Bondamakara C (LLM) "Air quality offsets in urban informal settlements from the perspective of South African environmental law (registered 2019, ongoing)
- Osiele O (LLM) "City planning for the meeting of climate change law targets in the cities of South Africa" (registered 2020, ongoing)
- Diedericks M (LLM) "The regulation of vector-borne diseases in cities in terms of South African law" (registered 2021, ongoing)
- Lubbe N (PhD) "Cross-boundary Governance of Biodiversity Resources in Southern Africa" (graduated in 2016) (Assistant promoter)
- Fuo O (PhD) "The Role of Cooperative Government in Realizing the Right to Social Security" (graduated in 2014) (Promoter)
- Viljoen G (PhD) "The South African Water Right and the Public Trust Doctrine" (graduated in 2016) (Co-promoter)
- Ashukem JC (PhD) "An Environmental Rights Approach to Foreign-agro Investment in Africa" (graduated in 2016) (Co-promoter)
- Owosuyi I (PhD) "Meeting the Sustainable Development Demands of International Cultural Law and Governance in South Africa" (graduated in 2018) (Co-promoter)
- Van der Berg A (PhD) "Planning Law in the Pursuit of Sustainable Cities in South Africa" (graduated in 2019) (Promoter)
- Omidire K (PhD) "Hydraulic Fracturing and Human Rights" (graduated in 2019) (Co-promoter)
- Steyn N (PhD) "Urban water management and information system technology towards the realisation of the constitutional water right in South African cities" (graduated in 2021) (Promoter) **\*Youngest ever PhD graduate at the Faculty of Law, NWU**
- Karsten J (PhD) "Local Government Liability in South Africa: An Environmental Law Reading" (registered 2016, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Stoffels M (PhD) "The *nexus* in South African law between civil disobedience, failing municipal services and the pursuit of social justice" (registered 2014, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Martin S (PhD) "An environmental law appraisal of the regulation of construction procurement agreements in South Africa" (registered 2017, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Steenkamp M (PhD) "Human security and climate adaptation law from the perspective of the global North and South" (registered 2018, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Mosdell S (PhD) "A constitutional law perspective on structural poverty in South Africa" (registered 2017, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Wright J (PhD) "Legal perspectives on the prevention and minimisation of corruption for sustainability in South African municipalities" (registered 2019, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Fambasayi R (PhD) "The rights of children in African cities: a comparative legal analysis" (registered 2019, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Kaywood L (PhD) "Public value in terms of the legal framework on local financial management in South Africa" (registered 2019, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Moyo C (PhD) "South African municipalities' autonomy in energy law and governance" (registered 2020, ongoing) (Promoter)
- Ngcobo N (PhD) "The role of party politics at the local level in the realisation of South Africa's constitutional environmental right" (registered 2021, ongoing) (Promoter)

- Botes M (PhD) "A critical assessment of the state of environmental bylaws in South Africa" (registered in 2021, ongoing (Promotor)

#### AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & RESEARCH GRANTS

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- 2006: *Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst* (DAAD) Scholarship (LLD) (6 months)
- 2007-2011: NRF Thuthuka Grant (Project Title: Local Government and Environmental Rights) (4 years)
- 2007: *Max Planck Institut für Ausländisches Öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht* Fellowship Grant (3 months)
- 2009: *Max Planck Institut für Ausländisches Öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht* Fellowship Grant (3 months)
- 2010: USA Fulbright Association Post-doctoral Scholarship (6 months) – Environmental Law Institute (Washington DC) and Pace Law School (New York)
- 2013: NRF Competitive Support for Unrated Researchers (Office of the Vice Rector (NWU): Research) towards one month research visit to Melbourne University and University of Sydney, November 2013)
- 2014: Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Post-doctoral Scholarship (Jan 2014 – Jan 2015) – Von Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany – Research Chair in Public International Law: Prof Georg Nolte
- 2016-2018: Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Research Interlinkages Research Grant (May 2016 – May 2018) for international research exchange between the Free University in Berlin and the NWU
- 2019-2024: NRF / Nedbank SARChi Chair in "Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability"

#### ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2003-present: Member of the Environmental Law Association, South Africa
- 2004-present: Member of the International Association for Impact Assessment, South Africa
- 2006-2008: Member of the Association for Legal Historians in South Africa
- 2006-present: Member of the Academy of Environmental Law of the IUCN
- 2007-2018: Member of the Forum of Editors of Academic Law Journals in South Africa
- 2009-present: Member (Commissioner) of the International IUCN Commission on Environmental Law
- 2009-2012: Member of the Academic Partnership for Environment and Development in Africa
- 2011: Elected Member of the Volkswagen Stiftung Global Young Faculty
- 2012-2017: Elected Member of the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS)
- 2017-2019: Member of the International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights
- 2018-present: Member of the International Society of Public Law (ICON•S)

## EDITORIAL EXPOSURE & PEER REVIEWING

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- 2006: Edition editor - Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (PELJ 2006(3))
- 2007-2018: Assistant-editor of the Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (PELJ)
- 2009: Co-editor - Project 25 (Draft Consultation Paper) "Statutory Law Revision (Legislation Administered by the Department of Provincial and Local Government" (South African Law Reform Commission)
- Regularly acts as reviewer for the South African Law Journal (SALJ), South African Journal for Environmental Law and Policy (SAJELP), Stellenbosch Law Review (SLR), Speculum Iuris, Acta Juridica, Litnet Akademies, Constitutional Court Review and Impact Assessment Academic Project Appraisal Journal (IAPA), African Journal of Wildlife Research, Urban Forum, SA Journal of Human Rights, Journal on Human Rights and the Environment and RECIEL
- 2018-present: Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Rural Law and Policy
- 2020-present: Special Series Guest Editor of the Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (PELJ)