

Dr Felix Dube

Dr Felix Dube is a postdoctoral fellow at the North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa (NWU). He obtained the LLB at the University of Venda in 2014. In 2016, he completed his LLM in Public Law and Legal Philosophy at the NWU and enrolled for the LLD at the NWU in 2017. His doctoral research, titled “Enhancing democratic accountability through constitutionalism in South Africa,” examined the possibility of improving public trust in the government, Parliament, the judiciary and Chapter 9 institutions by means of the application of the tenets of constitutionalism. He surveyed the theoretical foundations of constitutional law and found that the accountability crisis is rooted in political, social and economic circumstances in which South Africa finds itself. Dr Dube graduated with his doctorate in 2019.

While he was pursuing his doctorate, Dr Dube taught constitutional law and legal history at the Vaal Campus of the NWU, after which he joined the South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES) as a Research and Projects Coordinator. After the end of his doctoral studies, Dr Dube commenced a postdoctoral fellowship at CLES and published several papers in both national and international journals, which include the *Journal of African Law* and the *South African Journal on Human Rights*. His postdoctoral research traverses developments in constitutional law and human rights in South Africa with specific reference to cities, the demarcation of state authority between the three spheres of government, and the relationship between the three branches of government. Dr Dube has also devoted considerable scholarly focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cities, human rights and the environment.

As part of his postdoctoral fellowship, Dr Dube supervises postgraduate students at CLES and in the NWU Faculty of Law. He also co-lectures LLM students in Constitutional Law and Human Rights and organises the National Postgraduate Student Conference, which will be hosted for the third time in 2022. He has presented papers in several national and international conferences, including the Global Summit on Constitutionalism, in which he delivered a paper on the Constitutional Court’s search for South Africa’s constitutional identity. His other presentations include papers on justice, transformation and tolerance of diversity, and various aspects of COVID-19.