



## **4<sup>TH</sup> Annual National Postgraduate Student Conference**

*A multidisciplinary research landscape in the  
quest for a resilient urban future*

15 - 17 November 2023

VIRTUAL

Conference registration on / before:

14 November 2023 @ <https://forms.office.com/r/aq3303pd94>

## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2023

MS Teams Link: <https://msteams.link/KI4D>

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### 09:00 Word of Welcome

**Prof Willemien Du Plessis**

*Caretaker of the South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability*

*(North-West University)*

### 09:30 Opening Address

**Dr Thomas Coggin**

*Senior Lecturer at the School of Law*  
*(University of the Witwatersrand)*

## SESSION I

**Theme:** Climate change and energy

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Chair: **Dr Chantelle Moyo** (KAS, Programme Manager - Regional Programme Energy Security and Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa)

### 10:00 – 10:15 Not just hot air: soft law and the protection of climate change induced displaced children's rights

*Bryony Fox,*  
*Stellenbosch University*

### 10:15 – 10:30 The city-level legal landscape for enhancing urban climate resilience in South African cities

*Maricéle Botes,*  
*North-West University*

### 10:30 – 10:45 The South African electricity crisis in the context of the right to a healthy environment: a far-fetched goal or realisable expectation?

*Seraphine Kwanje,*  
*North-West University*

### 10:45 – 11:00 DISCUSSION & BREAK

## SESSION II

**Theme:** The urban reality of environmental law

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Chair: **Dr Johandri Wright** (Postdoc fellow at the South African Research Chair: Multilevel Governance, Law and Development (Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape))

### 11:15 – 11:30 The role of politics in local environmental governance: the case of South African municipal councillors

*Nonhlanhla Ngcobo,*  
*North-West University*

### 11:30 – 11:45 The chequered state of Webuye Town in Kenya (1880-2010) - an analysis of the impacts of environmental degradation to

## major towns

*Benson Nyamweno,  
Egerton University*

**11:45 – 12:00**      **Local governance instruments and environmental law compliance: the case of Knysna Municipality**

*Viandrie Robertson,  
North-West University*

**12:00 – 12:15**      **DISCUSSION**

**END OF DAY 1**

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## DAY 2: THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2023

**MS Teams Link:** <https://msteams.link/LZG2>

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**13:45**              **Introducing CLES*InPress***  
**Maric lle Botes (Member of the Editorial Team)**  
*North-West University*

### SESSION III

**Theme:** Urban governance

*Chair: Dr Nicolene Renske Steyn (Senior Lecturer at University of the Witwatersrand)*

**14:00 – 14:15**      **The readiness of South African local government law and policy for collaborative modes of municipal service delivery**

*Krisdan Bezuidenhout,  
North-West University*

**14:15 – 14:30**      **Stakeholder relations in the realisation of gender equality and urban infrastructure in Johannesburg**

*Kelebogile Kegakilwe,  
University of Free State*

**14:30 – 14:45**      **The nexus between public sector innovation and district development model: a merger for building a capable developmental state in South Africa**

*Mzwakhe Samuel Khasodi  
North-West University*

**14:45 – 15:00**      **Land Corruption as an impediment to sustainable urban development in Botswana**

*Cassius Latlhang,  
North-West University*

**15:00 – 15:15**      **DISCUSSION & BREAK**

## SESSION IV

**Theme:** People and enforcement

*Chair: Dr John Rantlo (Lecturer at University of Pretoria)*

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- 15:30 – 15:45**      **Visible but unheard communities of the global south**  
*Elsie Bokaba,*  
*North-West University*
- 15:45 – 16:00**      **Legal liability of South African cities for negligent service delivery**  
*Thato Mphahlele,*  
*North-West University*
- 16:00 – 16:15**      **A multidisciplinary approach to enhancing resilient urban future: exploring the nexus of South African criminal law and criminal procedure**  
*Carissa Pretorius,*  
*North-West University*
- 16:15 – 16:30**      **DISCUSSION**

**END OF DAY 2**

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## DAY 3: FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2023

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## SESSION V

**Theme:** Waste and urban infrastructure

*Chair: Dr Lourens Erasmus (Administrator at the South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (North-West University))*

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- 09:00 – 09:15**      **Enhancing sustainability through performance evaluation and impact analysis of the dual drum composter operated by the Barangay local government unit of Población in Muntinlupa City, Philippines**  
*Paolo Yves De Silos,*  
*Colegio de Muntinlupa*
- 09:15 – 09:30**      **Food waste management in eThekweni, Johannesburg and Mangaung metropolitan municipalities: a comparative analysis**  
*Ledile Sekwakwa*  
*North-West University*
- 09:30 – 09:45**      **A multidisciplinary research landscape in the quest for a resilient urban future: the built environment and urban infrastructure**  
*Themabela Mtoto,*

**09:45 – 10:00      DISCUSSION & BREAK**

**SESSION VI**

**Theme:** Water security and the city

*Chair: Dr Rochiné Melandri Steenkamp (Grant Officer at Sustainable Energy Africa)*

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**10:15 – 10:30      The law regulating the investment and financing of water infrastructure projects**

*Meeschka Diedericks,  
North-West University*

**10:30 – 10:45      Resilient cities through the perspective of an urban drought risk regulatory framework**

*Henrike Saunders  
North-West University*

**10:45 – 11:00      DISCUSSION**

**11:00 – 11:15      Virtual Award Ceremony**

**Prof Willemien Du Plessis**  
*(CLES, North-West University)*

**11:15 – 11:30      Word of Thanks**

**Prof Willemien Du Plessis**  
*(CLES, North-West University)*

**NOTE:**

Considering the ongoing instability of our electrical supply 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.