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Dr John Tiisetso Rantlo is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the NRF South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES) at the Faculty of Law, North-West University (NWU). He completed his LLB at the National University of Lesotho in 2012. John was admitted as an advocate of the High Court of Lesotho, wherein he practised as such for some time. John enrolled for his LLM in Environmental Law and Governance in 2015 at NWU. He later enrolled for LLD. His LLD thesis titled "*Ex post facto* environmental authorisation in South Africa" examined the challenges of *ex post facto* environmental authorisation and drew lessons from foreign jurisdictions for South Africa.

During his LLD studies, John organised Global Climate Change Week (GCCW) for the Faculty of Law in 2017-2019. John was a research assistant for Prof Willemien du Plessis. Further, John served as a temporary lecturer at the Faculty of Law from 2018, wherein he lectured Administrative law, Fundamental Rights law, Administrative law in the law enforcement and Statutory Interpretation. Additionally, John gets invited as a guest lecturer in the LLM module of South African Environmental Law. He has supervised several LLB students and currently co-supervising an LLM student.

John has acted as a peer reviewer for such journals as *Journal for Juridical Science* and *De Jure*. Further, John also served as an external critical reader for the LLM proposal for the University of Witwatersrand School of Law. He is currently an external moderator for the postgraduate Environmental law module offered by the University of Free State. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Association of South Africa (ELA).

John has presented papers at several international and national conferences which were organised amongst others by ELA and the International Association for Impact Assessment. In 2020, John was invited to present a paper at the South African Right of Way Association (SARWA).

John's scholarship is devoted to environmental impact assessments, climate change law and local government law with specific reference to cities. Currently, John is part of the following projects: a) Water-Energy-Food communities in South Africa: multi-actor nexus governance for social justice? b) Local law and policy transitions in Southern African cities towards climate resilient development (Alexander von Humboldt Digital Cooperation Fellowship Project 2021-2022) and c) Legislative and policy initiatives towards mitigation of climate change in African cities (KAS Project 2022-2024)