Faculty Fortnight
UCT Law Faculty News & Updates
30 April 2024
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the Law Faculty's internal newsletter to keep you posted on things you might have missed and events, publications and initiatives to look out for.

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FACULTY VISION | APRIL ACCENT

A key area of work in achieving our Faculty Vision is ...

the capability to curate, host and provide access to Africa's largest and most diverse legal information collection.

The Faculty's Vision 2030 statement is available on our website as a pdf for easy download.

FACULTY NEWS

UCT Law signs MoU with Notre Dame Law School

On Weds 24 April 2024, the Faculty held a formal signing ceremony for its new Memorandum of Understanding with Notre Dame Law School. The Dean of Notre Dame University' Law School, Dean G. Marcus Cole, decided to partner with UCT Law out of many international Law school options that were presented to him as possible partners. This wide-reaching and historic MoU builds on a long tradition of engagement between the two Law Schools, which started with Notre Dame Law School supporting the anti-apartheid struggle in South African through provision of LLM-level Human Rights Law education to South African lawyers who returned to South Africa to contribute to and play a key role in the struggle. Additional information on this history is available on the Notre Dame Law School website.

Business & Human Rights in Africa | Conference

The first partnership initiative under this new MoU was the Business & Human Rights in Africa conference co-hosted by UCT Law and Notre Dame Law School (who provided generous funding support to ensure that participants from across the globe could attend and participate), partnering with the Business & Human Rights Journal and the University of Saskatchewan. Held from 24 -26 April, this conference was focused on discussion of papers for a forthcoming special issue of the Business & Human Rights Journal.
The conference included an opening dinner event, which also celebrated the signing of the MoU, and was concluded with a multi-stop Peninsula Tour on Saturday 27 April.

Business & Human Rights in Africa
University of Cape Town 24-26 April 2024

Law PASS Forum | First meeting

The **Law Pass Forum** met for the first time on Friday 19 April. Attended by 14 members of staff, the Forum held a fruitful discussion recognising the extent to which the "PASS" label groups together a wide range of job types and payclasses. The Forum discussed immediate challenges, proposed possible solutions, and suggested ways of building a greater sense of teamwork and collaboration amongst the PASS staff across categories. Amongst other initiatives, it was resolved that:

- The Forum should meet quarterly, before the Faculty Board meetings, to be able to contribute agenda items/ proposals at Board (for 2024, this would be June for the next meeting; August – Board is on 21 August; October – Board is on 16 October)
- The Forum will hold a monthly coffee gathering, on Wednesdays at 10.30 – 11.30 partly to spend productive time together, and partly to use the opportunity for units to introduce themselves and their work
- A Teams TEAM would be set up for Law Administration.
- Each unit/ operating team will produce small one-pagers on, for example, what to know about Finance at UCT, what to know about Marketing at UCT, what to know about academic administration etc.

Student Moot Success - UCT Law mooting on the rise!

The UCT Law Moot Society has just taken part in the CALS Public Interest Law Moot, under the keen mentorship and coaching of Daniel Erasmus and Art Wynberg. The competition was strong, and the overall results of the competition (from 240 registered teams) were as follows:

1st place: UCT — Farisai Jaka, Tadiwanashe Magadzire, and Frances Lancaster (pictured right, with awards)

2nd place: Wits

3rd place: UCT — Hlumani Ndlovu, Luyanda Mtembu, and Ropafadzo Zharare

4th place: University of Fort Hare

This competition was ultimately settled by a UCT–Wits final. The bench for the final was composed of 10 'justices', headed by Thuli Madonsela and including prominent advocates, former judges, and academics. It was a special experience for the teams, and the hard work put in through the long hours of practice with the teams certainly paid off. In the top six best speaker awards, the UCT participants placed 2nd–5th (Farisai Jaka - 2nd, Hlumani Ndlovu - 3rd, Ropafadzo Zharare - 4th, and Tadiwanashe Magadzire - 5th). What makes the results even more special was that the winning team had never mooted before this competition — their first in-person arguments were delivered in the Constitutional Court. In addition, UCT had two other teams participating (Joseph Clacey and Justin Uys; Qhawe Mkebe and Meli Xulu) who made the round of 16. This is an achievement in itself. Congratulations to all our student participants!

LECTURES, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Faculty Calendar - SAVE THE DATES

30 April | The annual Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture with Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart

1 - 3 May | The Right to Privacy in Private Law - Conference in the Moot Court

4 May | UCT Open Day

7 May | Prof Mohamed Paleker's Inaugural Lecture

8 - 9 May | Law Careers Expo - Pius Langa Quad

15 May | Last day of Semester 1 Lectures

5 - 6 September | Mediation goes Mainstream - Conference

6 – 7 September | Africa Law & Society Colloquium

12 September | Regional Teaching & Learning Conference (Stellenbosch)

AI & Law Conference

3 - 5 July 2024

*** REGISTER NOW * (extended till 10 May!)**

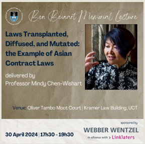
Registration for this conference has been Don't miss the window! Register HERE and use the code **UCTStaffStudent.** *Click on the green box saying "Tickets", and a screen will appear with the different ticket options. Please enter the reg code at the top of the screen before you select your ticket. Any problems? Please e-mail* Caroline Ncube.

Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture

Prof Mindy Chen-Wishart is this year's Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture guest speaker. We look forward to hear her talk on the topic "Laws Transplanted, Diffused, and Mutated: the Example of Asian Contract Laws".

Date: Tuesday 30 April
Time: 17h30 - 19h30
Venue: Oliver Tambo Moot Court, Level 5, Kramer Law

This is an in-person event and refreshments will be served in the Faculty Common Room after the lecture. ALL WELCOME.



Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture

Laws Transplanted, Diffused, and Mutated: the Example of Asian Contract Laws

delivered by
Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart

Venue: Oliver Tambo Moot Court | Kramer Law Building, UCT

30 April 2024 | 17h30 - 19h30

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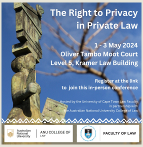
The Right to Privacy in Private Law



The Right to Privacy
in Private Law

1 - 3 May 2024
Oliver Tambo Moot Court
Level 5, Kramer Law Building

Register at the link
to join this in-person conference

Hosted by the University of Cape Town Law Faculty
in partnership with
the Australian National University College of Law

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Dr Khomotso Moshikaro and **Dr Jelena Gligorijević** are this week hosting a 3-day conference on the theme The Right to Privacy in Private Law.

The conference will be held in the Oliver Tambo Moot Court from 1 - 3 May 2024, with the conference dinner taking place on Weds 1 May. Enquiries to khomotso.moshikaro@uct.ac.za

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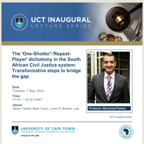
Professor Mohamed Paleker | Inaugural

Please join us next Tuesday 7 May 2024 for Professor Mohamed Paleker's Inaugural Lecture. Prof Paleker will be speaking on the topic *The "One-Shotter"-"Repeat Player" dichotomy in the South African Civil Justices system: Transformative steps to bridge the gap.*
Time: 17h30 - 19h30
Venue: Oliver Tambo Moot Court, Kramer Level 5

Refreshments will be served in the Faculty Common Room after the lecture. ALL WELCOME.



UCT INAUGURAL
LECTURE SERIES

The 'One-Shotter'-'Repeat-Player' dichotomy in the South African Civil Justice system: Transformative steps to bridge the gap

Date
Tuesday 7 May 2024

Time
17:30 – 19:30 SAST

Venue
Oliver Tambo Moot Court, Level 5, Kramer Law

Professor Mohamed Paleker

#UCTInauguralLecture

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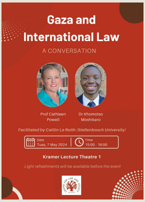
REMINDER: Gaza and International Law | A Conversation

The Centre for Law and Society invites you to a conversation on **Gaza and International Law**. **Professor Cathleen Powell** and **Dr Khomotso Moshikaro** will discuss current developments in proceedings and processes at the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court. The conversation will be facilitated by **Caitlin Le Roith** (Stellenbosch University).

Cathleen Powell is an Associate Professor in Public Law at the University of Cape Town. She has published in the areas of international law, international organisations, legal theory, and the interface between law and politics in the international arena. **Khomotso Moshikaro** is a Senior Lecturer in Private Law at the University of Cape Town and a Fellow in Criminal Law and Evidence at the University of Edinburgh. At Edinburgh, he researches and teaches on issues relating to fair labelling, including the problem of defining and proving genocide.



Gaza and
International Law

A CONVERSATION

Prof Cathleen Powell
Dr Khomotso Moshikaro

Facilitated by Caitlin Le Roith (Stellenbosch University)

Date
Tues, 7 May 2024

Time
15:00 - 16:00

Kramer Lecture Theatre 1

Light refreshments will be available before the event

Date: Tuesday, 7 May 2024
Time: 15h00-16h00
Venue: Kramer Lecture Theatre 1
Light refreshments will be served before the event from 14h30.
All welcome!
RSVP: pbl-cls@uct.ac.za

Africa Law and Society Colloquium - Research and Teaching in the Global South – Reflections

Invitation to attend the Africa Law and Society Colloquium, September 2024

The Centre for Law and Society (CLS) will be convening the **Africa Law and Society Colloquium** - ***Research and Teaching in the Global South – Reflections*** in September 2024.

This event aims to reflect on 10 years of CLS's Africa Law and Society programme, including recognition of **Professor Dee Smythe**'s contributions to the programme. Taking place on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September 2024, the two-day programme will consist of multiple panel presentations and facilitated conversations on the following themes: *Teaching and Supervision in the Global South*; *Early Career Scholars – reflections from the Global South*; *Engaged Scholarship in the Global South*; and *Addressing Skewed Knowledge Production: Partnerships, Collaborations and Building Networks*.

If you would like to attend this event, we encourage you to please **RSVP by 15 May 2024** and complete the registration form here.

Regional Teaching & Learning Conference

Please save the date for the regional Teaching & Learning conference to take place on Thursday 12 September at *Stellenbosch Law Faculty* (Ou Hoofgebou, Ryneveld Street).

The theme is *AI and legal education*. Said **Professor Tjakie Naude**: "We welcome any informal thoughts or more formal papers on the challenges and opportunities of AI in legal education. You may also speak about any other teaching and learning related topic of your choice, for example, some best practices in teaching. We hope to have a lecturers' panel on the topic too, as well as a student panel. Please volunteer for the lecturer panel, or for a standalone paper. We also hope to get a perspective from a legal practitioner on how AI is used in legal practice". Contact Tjakie.Naude@uct.ac.za for more information.

Faculty Seminar

The first Faculty Seminar for 2024 was delivered by **Prof Kari van Marle,** Professor in the Department of Public Law and Jurisprudence at the University of the Western Cape and holder of the research chair in *Gender, Transformation and World-Making*.

Keep an eye open for announcement of the 2nd Semester Faculty Seminar date, topic and speaker.

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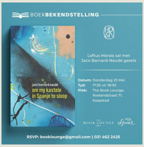
PUBLICATION



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Loftus Marais sal met Jaco Barnard-Naudé gesels

Datum: Donderdag 23 Mei
Tyd: 17:30 vir 18:00
Plek: The Book Lounge, Roelandstraat 71, Kaapstad

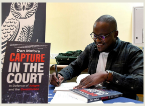
RSVP: booklounge@gmail.com | 021 462 2425

Professor Jaco Barnard-Naude does not just publish on legal topics. Jaco's latest publication is a collection of poetry in Afrikaans with Human & Rousseau. The collection took Jaco 15 years to write and is the culmination of his Masters in Creative Writing completed at UCT in 2011.

Book Launch - ALL WELCOME!
Date: Thurs 23 May 2024
Venue: The Book Lounge, Roeland Street
Time: 17h30 for 18h00
RSVP: booklounge@gmail.com

Capture in the Court

UCT News has published a great piece on the launch of Dan Mafora's *Capture in the Court*, hosted recently by the Centre for Law and Society. The article is also on the Faculty's home page at www.law.uct.ac.za


Dan Mafora
CAPTURE IN THE COURT
In Defence of Judges and the Constitution

INTERNATIONALISATION

Prof Francois du Toit recently participated in the *Equitable Research Partnerships Summit*, held at the University of Southampton in the UK, from 15-19 April 2024. The Summit was themed around establishing equitable research partnerships, especially between the global North and South. Day 1 focused on the context of North-South research partnerships; Day 2 on the processes of establishing equitable partnerships between research institutions in the global North and South; Day 3 on the role people - especially research leaders - play in fostering equitable research partnerships; and Day 4 on how equitable partnerships enhance sustainable research. Day 5 was used to review the deliberations and plot a way forward. Francois presented on Day 3, providing a South African perspective on strengthening partnerships through research leadership. The Summit was attended by colleagues from the University of Southampton as well as colleagues from the following other African institutions: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana); Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (Kenya); Nelson Mandela University (South Africa); and the University of Ghana.

Public Law's **Global Risk Governance Programme (GRGP)** recently hosted **Janine Heim**, a PhD researcher from Maastricht University's Department of Criminal Law and Criminology. Janine's ongoing PhD project focuses on the international trade of *Bitis*, a species of venomous vipers. Having completed the European phase of her research, Heim is currently working under the guidance of co-supervisor Dr Annette Hübschle (GRGP), studying the African side of the trade. Heim's methodology involves a "zooming-in, zooming-out" strategy, which aids in reconstructing the *Bitis* trade path and examining any security vulnerabilities. During her stay, she focused on studying practitioners of the Bitis trade in South Africa through attending animal expos and conducting interviews with key stakeholders.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Serving on the South African Human Rights Commission

Dr Lufuno Sadiki has been asked to serve as a member of the South African Human Rights Commission's Section 11 committee on the National Question and Anti-racism. The SAHRC is a Chapter 9 institution established in terms of section 181(1)(b) of the Constitution, to strengthen constitutional democracy in the Republic of South Africa. The Commission was established to promote respect for human rights; to promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights; and to monitor and assess the observance of human rights in the Republic, per section 184(1) of the Constitution.

Serving on the committee offers members a platform to make a meaningful impact on human rights issues in South Africa and uphold the dignity and rights of all citizens.

Lufuno explains that she "will be tasked with, inter alia, advising the Commission on issues of national importance, including but not limited to, land, nationalism, and anti-racism initiatives; and determining interventions the Commission should adopt to change legislation, policy and/or the national narrative" and that, in addition, she has been tasked with contributing to the Section 11 Committee with a focus on *'decolonising the criminal justice system'*. This role entails critically examining the existing structures and practices within the criminal justice system to propose reforms that align with principles of justice, equality, and human rights.

Lufuno, who will serve for a period of 12 months, takes up this role with fellow Commissioners Felicity Harrison (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation), Victoria Collis-Buthelezi (University of Johannesburg's Centre for the Study of Race, Gender and Class), Christi van der Westhuizen (Research Programme at the Centre for the Advancement of Non-Racialism and Democracy (CANRAD), Nelson Mandela University), Mmatshilo Motsei (Afrika Ikalafe Pluriversity), Kneo Makgopa (Nelson Mandela Foundation), Zulaikha Patel (Dare to Change), Mazibuko Jara (Zabalaza Pathways Institute), Charmika Samaradiwakera Wijesundara (Witwatersrand University), and Sanele Sibanda (University of Pretoria).

Collaborating with SAC-IAWJ (Western Cape)

iNtaka had the great pleasure of collaborating with SAC-IAWJ (Western Cape) and the South African Legal Technology Network for the launch of IAWJ's *Mentorship Programme* on Saturday, 20 April at UCT Law. There is great potential in this initiative for the mentees.

REMINDER | FACULTY MARKETING & EVENT PROMOTION

If colleagues would like to take advantage of the wide general reach of the Faculty's communications channels to share their events on our internal mailing lists, and/or on the Faculty's website and official social media (LinkedIn, X, Facebook, Instagram), you can send your event information to gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za.

However, **there are specific requirements for posting via these channels**. Please see the short requirements list below. You will need to:

- send the event text in an email, including the event title, purpose, speakers, date, time, venue and any link for online participation and/or registration
- include an enquiries email address for people to contact with any questions
- include any event poster/ flyer/ image as a jpeg or png image file
- indicate clearly and specifically who you are wanting to promote the event or announcement to (your target audience)
- provide a few lines outlining the significance of the event and why it is important.

PLEASE DO NOT only send pdf documents. It is not possible to post these anywhere without all the information in (1 – 5) above, provided in text format.

ANNOUNCEMENT & NOTES

ACCESS TO FACULTY COMMON ROOM

The staff common room access control panel is now activated. The kitchen door will be locked after hours, so staff should your access card to gain entry.

FACULTY DROP-BOX | REMINDER

In the interests of inclusivity and being able to share any concerns you may have about the Faculty, the Transformation Committee runs a Vula site on which you can share these concerns. If you are new and are not on this Vula site, please email Benjamin.cronin@uct.ac.za and you will be added. Generally, what the TC is looking for via this channel is feedback of a more general or structural nature on matters relating to inclusivity/transformation which the TC can work on going forward as part of its operations. Share your thoughts - visit the *INCLUSIVITY DROPBOX* on vula.

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Got something to share? Have thoughts on what we should include in Faculty Fortnight?

Please send your news & ideas to gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za – we'd really like to hear from you.