

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 NEWS**



Warm congratulations go to **Prof Caroline Ncube** for being the recipient of the South African Department of Science & Innovation (DSI) award for *Distinguished Women Researcher in the category of Humanities & Social Sciences*.

Presented at a gala ceremony on 15 August by Dr Blade Nzimande, this award recognises and rewards excellence by women scientists and researchers.

**As one of the most prestigious national research awards bestowed upon a woman researcher in South Africa**, the award carries with it a fund for the researcher to be utilised as the recipient sees fit.



*"An absolute honour and privilege to have been nominated, shortlisted and awarded the Distinguished Women Researchers Award. Standing alongside all the phenomenal finalists was awesome. Thanks to the @ds.gov.za for the recognition,"* tweeted Prof Ncube after the ceremony.



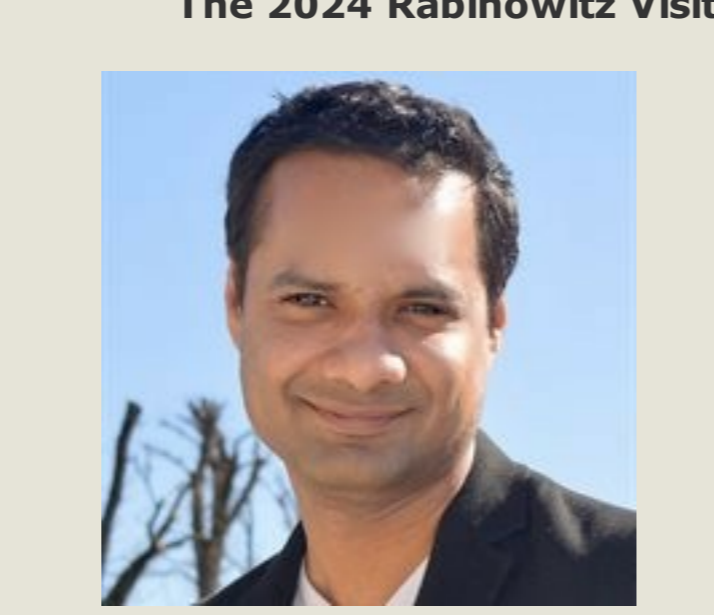
**International Visitors Leadership Programme**

**Mbekezeli Benjamin**, of DGRU's Judges Matter project, has been nominated by the US Ambassador to South Africa for the prestigious International Visitors Leadership Programme (IVLP) award for 2024. The IVLP is the US State Department's premier leadership and professional development programme. Each year, US missions around the world nominate emerging and established leaders in strategic fields, who are invited to spend up to six weeks in a professional exchange with experts in government, business, and civil society in the US. Mbekezeli is the only person nominated for the *Rule of Law – Judiciary* stream for 2024, and will spend the whole of October 2024 meeting judges, court administrators, and other judiciary stakeholders in at least four major US cities starting in Washington DC.



In addition to sharing our experience in South Africa based on work the DGRU has done in the judiciary over the last few years, Mbekezeli hopes to gain insights that will feed into the DGRU's work on judicial governance.

**The 2024 Rabinowitz Visitor - Professor Tarun Khaitan**



The Faculty is honoured to be hosting **Professor Tarun Khaitan** as the 2024 Rabinowitz Visitor. Part of this visit is to deliver a public lecture (taking place this evening, Tuesday 20 August), and to hold a staff seminar (details below - Weds 21 August).

**Professor (Chair) of Public Law at the LSE Law School since August 2023**, Professor Khaitan remains an Honorary Professorial Fellow at Melbourne Law School. Prior to taking up his role at LSE, he served as Head of Research at the Bonavero Institute. In addition, Prof Khaitan was a Fellow at Mansfield College, and a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, specialising in legal theory, constitutional studies, and discrimination law. Further, Prof Khaitan was the founding General Editor of the *Indian Law Review* and founder of the Junior Faculty Forum for Indian Law Teachers.

**New Post-Doc in Commercial Law**

The Faculty welcomes **Dr Sebastian Krafzik** as the new postdoc in Commercial Law. Sebastian's expertise lies in comparative business law, specifically corporate, banking and finance. He read law and economics at the *Goethe University Frankfurt* and has practical experience in investor protection and proxy advising. Back in academia, Sebastian contributed to a research project in banking regulation at the *University of Leuven* before he was invited to teach at the *Catholic University of Malawi* Faculty of Law. This experience inspired him to aspire to work in Sub-Saharan Africa again in the future.



Sebastian emphasises the challenge of striking the right balance between regulation and *Laissez-faire*.

Sebastian obtained his doctorate from the *University of Basel*, focusing on internal governance in response to various scandals in the Board of Directors of public limited companies. He is dedicated to promoting ethical practices, which is why his current research is centred on regulating financial firms and markets.

If you have any insights to share or would like to extend a welcome to Sebastian, and have a chat, he would be pleased to receive an email from you, or visit his office - Room 5.16.

**FACULTY CALENDAR - forthcoming events**

- **Annual Rabinowitz Lecture** | 20 August: with Professor Tarun Khaitan (LSE)
- **Seminar with Professor Khaitan** | 21 August: 10H00 - 12H00 Faculty Common Room
- **Insolvency and Business Rescue Law Conference** | 29 - 30 August
- **Mediation goes Mainstream** | 5 - 6 September
- **Africa Law & Society Colloquium** | 6 - 7 September
- **Regional Teaching & Learning Conference** | 12 September @ Stellenbosch

**LECTURES, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

**Rabinowitz Seminar - Guarantor Institutions**

**Professor Tarun Khaitan** will be giving a staff seminar on *Weds 21 August* on the topic *Guarantor (or the So-called "Fourth Branch") Institutions*, with discussant **Lauren Kohn**.



**When:** Weds 21 August 10h00 – 12h00  
**Where:** Faculty Common Room

The paper for the seminar was shared by Leo Boonzaier on email on Thursday 15 August.



For those interested in doing some pre-reading, Prof Khaitan's recent article on guarantor institutions, published in the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*, is available here. Lauren Kohn is about to finish her PhD on closely related topics and has published some of that work in the *Constitutional Court Review* in 2022: see here.

**Communicating Consent and Criminal Justice Reform**

**CENTRE OF CRIMINOLOGY**  
in conversation with  
**DR KHOMOISO MOSHAKO**  
Communicating Consent and Criminal Justice Reform  
**21 AUGUST**  
11:00 - 12:30  
**BRAM FISCHER SEMINAR ROOM**  
RSVP: [lufuno.sadiki@uct.ac.za](mailto:lufuno.sadiki@uct.ac.za)

Colleagues are invited to join the Centre of Criminology's seminar on **Communicating Consent and Criminal Justice Reform**, with **Dr Khomotso Moshako**.  
**When:** Weds 21 August 11h00 - 12h30  
**Where:** Bram Fischer Seminar Room, Kramer  
**RSVP to** [Lufuno.Sadiki@uct.ac.za](mailto:lufuno.sadiki@uct.ac.za)

**INTAKA Centre for Law & Technology Lunchtime Seminars - Women's Month**

All staff are invited to join the INTAKA August lunchtime seminars.



**Friday 23 August 2024**  
1pm-2pm  
with Anthea Ramos, Senior Magistrate, on *Career Pathway to the Bench: Navigating the Legal Profession*.

**Friday 30 August 2024**  
12pm - 1pm  
with Ashlynn Mafuva, Legal Project Manager

**Book Launch - Invitation**

The Land & Accountability Research Centre cordially invites you to attend the launch of *These Potatoes Look Like Humans* by Mbuso Nkosi.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 28 August 2024  
**Time:** 17:00 - 19:00  
**Venue:** Centre for African Studies Gallery  
UCT Upper Campus  
Harry Oppenheimer Institute, Engineering Mall  
(Refreshments will be served)  
**Link to join virtually:** <https://tinyurl.com/BookLaunchAug24>  
**RSVP for in-person and virtual attendance to** [Amilinda.Wilkinson@uct.ac.za](mailto:Amilinda.Wilkinson@uct.ac.za)

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*These Potatoes Look Like Humans* critiques the narrow materialist and legalistic arguments about the land question to recognise that, for most Black South Africans, the meanings of land and dispossession are linked with spirituality and being. It offers a unique understanding of the intersection between land, labour, dispossession, and violence experienced by Black South Africans from the apartheid period to the present. In this ground-breaking book, Mbuso Nkosi criticises the historical framing of this debate within narrow materialist and legalistic arguments. His assertion is that, for most Black South Africans, the meaning of land cannot be separated from one's spiritual and ancestral connection to it, and this results in him seeing the dispossession of land in South Africa with a perspective not yet explored.

**WIPO - WTO Colloquium & IPSA Conference**



By all accounts, the recent WIPO-WTO Colloquium and IPSA Conference went very well, with positive comments and feedback during and following the conference. Said participant Roshan Saeed Khan, *"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the exceptional Caroline B Nicube and the team at the WIPO Academy, led by Martha Chikwore to roll out the WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Intellectual Property Teachers and Scholars in Africa"*.

**REMINDER: Call for Contributions Alchemical tales: A conference in honour of Albie Sachs**

**Alchemical tales: a conference in honour of Albie Sachs**  
19 - 21 February 2025  
*Submit your proposals - for a paper, a performance, or a poem*  
Deadline: 10 August 2024  
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

UCT Law, UWC and SU are holding a conference in honour of **Justice Albie Sachs** on 13 - 14 February 2025. Organisers are looking for papers, performance, poetry, works of art - anything that you think speaks to the range of themes around which the conference will focus, including themes such as:  
• Judgment • Law and activism • Law and politics • Law/grace/compassion • The past/present/future of constitutionalism • The common law/indigenous law and the Constitution • On difference and the right to be different • Law/ art/ architecture • Culture/struggle • and more.

Details available on the conference web page. PLEASE SHARE THIS CALL WITH COLLEAGUES IN YOUR NETWORK.

**RESEARCH ROUND-UP**

**Please share with your postgrad research students**  
**Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit**, Senior Research Fellow in the Centre of Criminology and the Department of Public Law, is looking to appoint a part-time research assistant, starting in September 2024, to work on his *International Prison Law and Policy* book project. What he needs is someone who can check through a large set of UN documents and make accurate and usable extracts from them. Accuracy is the very important and knowledge of international law/human rights would be helpful.

Applicants must have completed their LLBs or have an equivalent qualification with an excellent academic record and a demonstrable knowledge of research methods. This position should be particularly suitable for students who are pursuing Masters' or PhD studies but is not limited to persons in this category.

The successful applicants will be reimbursed on an hourly basis at the appropriate UCT rate, depending on qualification and experience.

To apply, please send an introductory email to [dirk.vanzylsmit@uct.ac.za](mailto:dirk.vanzylsmit@uct.ac.za) including an academic CV, information on how much time you are likely to have available, and any other information that may be of relevance. **Applications must be received by 17h00 on Monday 26 August.**

**ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP**

This Women's Month, Jenna Maujean and Mbekezeli Benjamin wrote a piece celebrating the progress women have made in the judiciary in South Africa, and also highlighted the challenges to women's advancement. These challenges include insufficient numbers of women judges in judicial leadership; policies not geared towards women's inclusion; sexism and sexual harassment; and unfair opportunities for women to advance their careers in legal practice, which would prepare them for the judiciary. Maujean and Benjamin also propose solutions in their article.  
  
The piece was published in the Daily Maverick, and Benjamin spoke to Bridget Masinga on SAfm on the topic - listen here: <https://omny.fm/shows/the-full-circle/legal-aid-celebrating-women-s-month-progress-and>

**ANNOUNCEMENT & NOTES**

**LAW FACULTY WELLNESS DAY**  
Law will be having a *Wellness Day* in the Pius Langa quad on Wednesday 4 September from 09h00 - 16h00. Please complete the booking form at this link to secure your spot for the health assessment. You need not be a member of Discovery to participate. Staff must bring their ID documents as identification and staff on Discovery Health must bring their membership card. Some additional service providers will be Lyra Wellbeing (formerly ICAS), SADAG (South African Depression and Anxiety Group) and Old Mutual, who will have exhibition tables in the Quad in case you want to make enquiries about their services. Old Mutual will also provide two massage therapists who will do head and shoulder massages.

**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](mailto: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.

Got something to share? Have thoughts on what we should include in Faculty Fortnight?  
Please send your news & ideas to [shapingthefuture@uct.ac.za](mailto:shapingthefuture@uct.ac.za) - we'd really like to hear from you.