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

STAFF NEWS

A warm welcome to new staff member, **Dr Kea Motlogeloa**, who has just joined us from North West University. Appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Commercial Law, Kea will be lecturing in Corporate and Company Law, as well as Banking and Finance Law.

Dr Motlogeloa was awarded her LLB from UNISA, following with an LLM and LLD from North West University. Kea worked at NWU as a research assistant, before doing a stint as Legal Analyst at Herbert Smith Freehills.

In addition to corporate governance, company law, and banking & finance law, Kea is also interested in aspects of data protection. We wish you a warm welcome!

JUSTICIA AWARD for Game Changers | Pioneers | Young Achievers

On 13 September 2024, legal leaders gathered at the Palace of Justice in Vienna, Austria to honor six stand-out women at the **Justitia Awards Gala**. Hosted by the *Women In Law Initiative*, the Justitia Awards are designed to highlight the exceptional contributions of women in law and to inspire continued advocating for gender equality.

Warm congratulations go to **Lauren Kohn**, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, who received the *Justitia Award for Game Changer| Pioneer| Young Achiever!* **Well done, Lauren!**

These awards form part of the annual *Women in Law Conference* in Vienna, at which Lauren also participated in two sessions. On 12 September Lauren participated in a panel on *Young Voices: the Future of Law*, and on 13 September Lauren participated in a session on *Breaking Down Barriers: Effective Ways to Ensure Access to Justice for All.*

The awards event recording, and further detail on the conference sessions are available at this LINK.

LECTURES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Cannabis Africana: Drugs and Development in Africa
SEMINAR

This seminar presents final project feedback and review of the *Cannabis Africana* projects and outputs, and will be detailing the project overall, results, outputs, findings and directions for new projects. The seminar will also touch on methodologies around studying drugs, the difficulty of *prohibition* as a topic, and the forthcoming book.

Co-presented by **Dr Simon Howell** (in-person/UCT), **Dr Neil Carrier** (online/Bristol), **Dr Gernot Klantschnig** (online/Bristol), **Dr Clemence Rusenga** (online/Bristol), the seminar will be held on 22 October 2024, 12h00 - 14h00 for primary discussion and 14h00 - 15h00 for discussion for anyone wishing to discuss issues raised.

Venue to be confirmed and shared via email.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
Human Rights and Constitutional Accountability
CONFERENCE

Many South Africans experience systemic human rights violations for which effective accountability appears increasingly elusive. As we mark the 30th anniversary of constitutional democracy in South Africa, the time is ripe to take stock of the constitutional institutions and processes for achieving constitutional accountability for human rights. This conference will feature papers by scholars and experts on a range of topics, including the judiciary, governance reforms, Chapter 9 institutions, commissions of inquiry, the role of customary law, and social accountability campaigns. Keynote addresses will be presented by Acting Deputy Chief Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga of the Constitutional Court and Advocate Adila Hassim SC of Thulamela Chambers, Johannesburg.

To secure your place as a participant at this conference, please register online. The registration fee for the two days of the conference is R1500, payable via the link provided upon completion of the registration form. The fee includes teas, coffees and lunches on both days of the conference as well as a cocktail reception on the evening of Thursday 28 November.

Questions or requests for further information can be directed to **Dr Anisa Mahmoudi** at anisa@sun.ac.za

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Seminar participants, Moot Court

The Centre of Criminology was very pleased to host **Dr Nicola Palmer**'s seminar on 9 October, titled *Distributing Mobility: Regressive Asylum Agreements and Racialised Difference***.** Nicola commented on X: "What a privilege to be able to present my paper ... . The questions were fresh, challenging and committed to rethinking migration from TWAIL & Southern perspectives."

AI Frameworks and Strategy - South Africa & Kenya

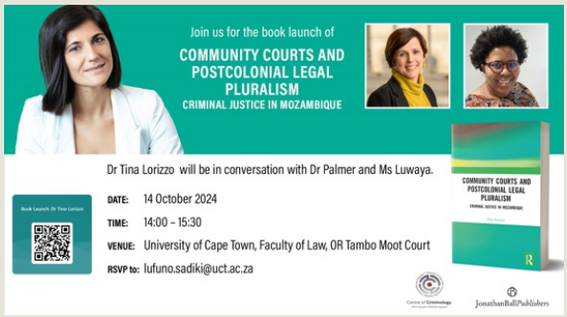
The *iNtaka Centre for Law & Technology*'s recent seminar on AI was well received by participants. Held on Weds 9 October, the session focused on AI policy frameworks and strategy in South Africa and Kenya - presented by iNtaka Research assistants, Amanda Zulu and Rebecca Namirimu. The session was recorded for those who missed it, and is available at this link.

Environmental Law Association brings learners to UCT Law

The Environmental Law Association of South Africa (ELA) hosted an energetic group of school learners at the Faculty for a full-day experience on Saturday 12 October. Bright minds from Steenberg High, Plumstead High, Cape Academy, Norman Henshilwood, Sibelius High, COSAT, and South Peninsula High came together for this inspiring *Game Changers for a Liveable Planet* seminar.

Organised by Iimbovane alumna Kirstin Meiring, this event brought together passionate speakers from agriculture, food security, and environmental law, along with valuable insights on youth-led initiatives and strategic financial advice from Standard Bank. **A/Prof Melanie Murcott**, of the Faculty's Institute for Marine & Environmental law, is current Chair of the ELA.

BOOK LAUNCH
Community Courts and Postcolonial Legal Pluralism:
Criminal Justice in Mozambique



The Centre for Criminology this week hosted the book launch of Community Courts and Postcolonial Legal Pluralism: Criminal Justice in Mozambique. **Dr Tina Lorizzo,** author, was in conversation with **Dr Nicola Palmer,** and **Nolundi Luwaya** of the Faculty's LARC Unit.

Contre la rhétorique

Distinguished Professor Philippe Salazar last week attended the launch of his latest book, *Contre la rhetorique,* in Paris. Additional information about the book is available at this link.

Below is an image D Prof Salazar has shared, signing books.

SCHOOL VISIT TO THE LAW FACULTY

The Faculty Office recently hosted a visit by school learner from Sizimisele Technical High School in Khayelitsha. Set up through UCT Admissions, this visit of 40 Grade 11 learners was designed to assist these prospective UCT students to understand the requirements for university admission, and to provide a great first campus experience.

From the Faculty side, the session was led by **Lwandile Nontsele**, Faculty Liaison Officer, who spoke on the Law admissions process and the support services the Law Faculty provides to its students.

PUBLICATIONS

Frontiers in Conservation Science - Conservation Social Sciences

Dr Annette Hübschle has co-edited a new Special Issue on *Transnational Maritime Environmental Crime* in Frontiers in Conservation Science - Conservation Social Sciences This timely issue brings together research examining the diverse and evolving threats to marine environments, including illegal fishing, underwater cultural heritage trafficking, and marine pollution, with a focus on the Global South. The special issue emphasises the importance of transboundary cooperation and adaptive regulatory frameworks grounded in southern blue criminology. Annette's contributions include an editorial, an original research article co-authored with Dr Jade Lindley, and a perspectives piece co-authored with our former colleague Dr Julie Berg.

The original research article presents case studies from the Philippines and Seychelles, spotlighting the critical impacts of IUU fishing and sea cucumber trafficking on local livelihoods. The paper advocates for community-led, gender-sensitive approaches to ocean governance.

The perspectives piece introduces a southern blue criminology framing, suggesting a shift from crime-centric perspectives to a broader conception of ocean harmscapes, whole-of-society responses, transcending Western centric governance models in favour of context-dependent strategies that respect local knowledges and practices and that expand the analytical frame from human-centric approaches to include human-non-human assemblages.

The full issue is available open access.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT REVIEW - Call for Conference Papers

The *Constitutional Court Review* journal and @SAIFAC_UJ will host a special conference from 22-24 April 2025 to reflect on 30 years of SA Constitutional Court jurisprudence.

Submit your abstracts to ropafadzom@saifac.org.za

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 22 OCTOBER.

More info is available on the AFRICAN LAW MATTERS website.

CALL FOR PAPERS - Melbourne Journal of International Law

The Editors of the *Melbourne Journal of International Law* ('*MJIL*'), Australia's premier generalist international law journal, are now inviting submissions for volume 26(1).

MJIL is a peer-reviewed academic journal based at Melbourne Law School (The University of Melbourne) which publishes innovative scholarly research and critical examinations of issues in international law. Past contributors have included HE Judge Hilary Charlesworth AM, Professor Philip Alston, Professor James Crawford, Phillipe Sands KC and The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.

The deadline for submissions is 29 January 2025. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to submissions-mjil@unimelb.edu.au. For more information, please visit https://law.unimelb.edu.au/mjil/submissions.

INTERNATIONALISATION

Prof Waheeda Amien is currently on a one-month Fellowship at *University of Warwick*, from 8 October to 6 November 2024, having completed her stint as Acting Judge on the bench of the Gauteng High Court. Prof Amien is delivering two seminars while away - today, 16 October, at Warwick University (see), and also at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) in London on 30 October.

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL - CALL FOR COURSE PROPOSALS

The call is currently out for new courses for the Stockholm University Law Summer Programme 2025. This Programme has been in place since 2017, and the number of participating students has steadily increased every year. SU Law are now looking for a lecturer/professor willing to teach a two-week course during the 2025 programme in Stockholm. Special attention will be given to course proposals in the following subjects: Public International Law; Criminal Law or Human Rights law, or Environmental law.

Teaching is in English, and the course will be aimed at international undergraduate students coming from SULaw partner universities around the world. If you are interested in teaching in this summer programme 2025, send us **a short course proposal** (max 2 x A4 pages) via the email address below **by Sunday 27 October**. Please include the general content and learning outcomes of the proposed course and the preferred session for teaching. summer@juridicum.su.se

Selection starts on Monday 28 October and announce the result in the beginning of November. Please contact Prof Fatima.Khan@uct.ac.za for further information.

RESEARCH ROUND-UP

Prof Waheeda Amien has put a call out looking for anyone working in the area of health and law - especially any work on Covid19.
Email waheeda.amien@uct.ac.za directly if you this is your area.

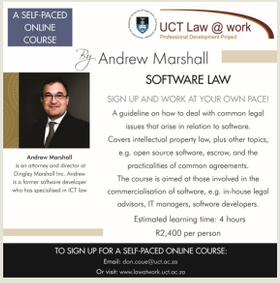
ALUMNI NEWS

Geoff Budlender SC (Faculty alumnus, Class of 1974) has been named the fourth recipient of the *George Bizos Human Rights Award*, an accolade that recognises exceptional leadership and lifelong dedication to the cause of justice and equality. This award, established in memory of the iconic **George Bizos**, honours those who embody his legacy of unwavering commitment to human rights. Budlender, one of the most distinguished legal minds of our time, stands as a testament to the spirit of human rights litigation at its finest, embodying the values and principles that both he and Bizos championed. *(text from LRC)*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES
LAW@WORK

SOFTWARE LAW

This self-paced online course explores areas of the law that are most applicable, and will attempt to give guidelines on how to deal with common legal issues that arise in relation to software. Further info on course content, format and cost is available on the Law@work site.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF WELLNESS

ICAS, the health and wellness service for staff, has been reformulated as LYRA WELLBEING. Please review the information below for the support they offer, information and contact details.

lyra wellbeing
Formerly ICAS

Employee Wellness Programme

1 Telephone Counselling 24/7/365:

Speak to a professional counsellor 24/7/365 for any issue impacting on your life.

2 Face-to-face Counselling:

You may be referred for one-on-one counselling sessions with a counsellor via a virtual platform or in an area convenient to you

3 LifeManagement™:

As you go through life it is likely that you will encounter unfamiliar situations where some guidance, information or, perhaps, simply someone to talk to can help you make more informed decisions

At times like these access to a practical, impartial and independent resource such as the LifeManagement™ service can be invaluable. Note: In country assistance is limited due to varying legislation.

3.1 Financial Information and Debt Management:

- Budgeting assistance
- Debt management
- Transactional banking
- Credit reports
- General financial enquiries
- Saving and investment solutions
- Retirement
- Wills and estate planning
- Insurance
- Home, vehicle and personal finance solutions

3.2 Legal:

- Marriage/co-habitation
- Separation/divorce
- Neighbourhood disputes
- Basic rights in law

3.3 Health@Hand:

- A medical advisory for health-related queries
- Information and support on COVID-19

4 Online Portal:

The online portal where you will find a wealth of information and useful articles on health and wellness issues.

5 Managerial Services:

As a manager/supervisor/leader you may at times need support and guidance in the people management aspect of your role.

You can use the EWP as a tool to equip you on how to refer employees to assist them to maintain or return to optimal functioning in their lives.

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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.