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FACULTY NEWS

STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to **Dr Gaopalelwe** Mathiba, who will be the first UCT Law academic to visit Notre Dame Law School as part of the new MoU signed between the two Law schools in April this year. Dr Mathiba is planning to visit Notre Dame in the second semester of 2025, to deliver lectures in the two broad fields that he currently teaches in the Faculty, namely Property Law and Mining Law. He will also hold research seminars and is planning his visit partnership with Notre Dame Law's Professor Bruce Hurber. While the details are yet to be ironed out, the Faculty is looking forward to being represented at Notre Dame Law School by Dr Mathiba.

STUDENT NEWS

Daniel Erasmus (LLB Class of 2023) has joined the community of more than 4 500 Rhodes Scholars, a good number of whom either graduated from or work at our Faculty. Daniel's Rhodes Trust biography shares the following: Daniel is motivated by a radical desire for a more caring world. As a student of law, they are interested in the philosophical and political challenges that confront its modern-day role in South Africa and beyond. During their studies at the University of Cape Town (BCom and LLB), Daniel prioritised involvement in student leadership, most notably serving as the Secretary General of the Students' Representative Council (2020/21). Daniel enjoys the art of advocacy and has participated in both national and international moot competitions, including winning the Kate O'Regan Inter-varsity Moot Competition (2022). They have also completed research papers on the right to further education and on abolitionist constitutionalism. Daniel cherishes time spent running, especially when alongside their brother, and playing in the occasional cricket match.

We wish Daniel all the best at Oxford University!



LECTURES, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

SEMINAR

LSGL Webinar on Competency Based Legal Education *There is still time to register for this event!*

LSGL WEBINAR COMPETENCY-BASED LEGAL EDUCATION	Law Schools Gobel League
MODERATOR: Prof. Lucas Lixinski (UNSW)	14 NOVEMBER 2024
SPEAKERS:	22:00 (CET)
Prof. Alyson M Carrel (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law)	15:00 (CST)
Dean Eleonora Lozano Rodriguez	16:00 (COLOMBIA)
(Universidad de los Andes)	18:00 (BRAZIL)
Prof. Marine Esterbourg (EC)/ SD)	09-00 (SYDNEY, 15 NOVEMBED)



The **Law Schools Global League (LSGL)** is invites you to its first open-to-the-public webinar on *Competency-Based Legal Education*, featuring a distinguished panel of global experts, to explore the evolving landscape of legal education and the critical role of competency-based approaches in preparing the next generation of legal professionals.

Date: 14 November 2024

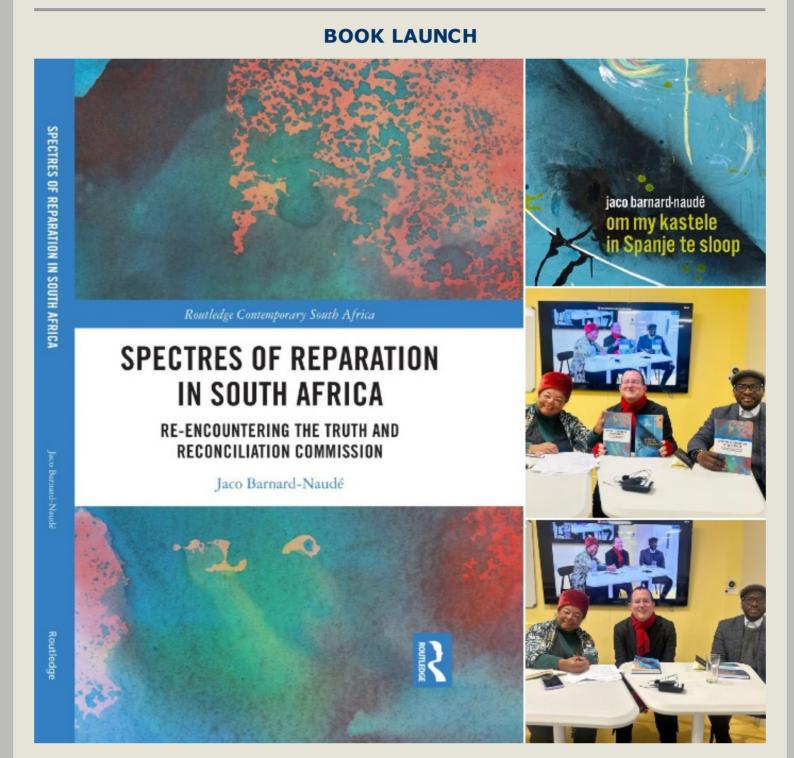
Time: 22:00 (CET) | 15:00 (CST) | 16:00 (Colombia) | 18:00 (Brazil) | 08:00 (Sydney - 15 November)

Speakers:

Prof. Alyson M Carrel (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law) Dean Eleonora Lozano Rodríguez (Universidad de los Andes) Prof. Marina Feferbaum (FGV SP) Prof. Casey-Lee Hirst (UNSW) Moderated by Prof. Lucas Lixinski (UNSW)

Why Attend? Competency-based legal education is a transformative approach that focuses on equipping students with the practical skills and knowledge they need to excel in the legal field. As the legal profession continues to evolve in response to globalization, technological advancements, and new societal challenges, it is essential for educators and students alike to understand and adopt these forward-looking educational practices.

REGISTER HERE



Somewhat delayed (but better late than never - *Faculty Fortnight motto*), herewith some photographs from the 18 July launch of two of **Prof Jaco Barnard-Naude**'s books (*Spectres of Reparation in South Africa* and Jaco's debut poetry anthology in Afrikaans, *om my kastele in Spanje te sloop*). This launch formed part of the *Rulci Colloquium on Law, Literature and Interpretation*, held at the Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape. Prof Barnard-Naude was joined in conversation by South African poet, Diana Ferrus, and Prof Tshepo Madlingozi, thinker and activist. Prof Barnard-Naude has said to watch for the texts that will come out in 2025, based on the colloquium conversations.

RULCI is the Research Unit for Legal and Constitutional Interpretation, a joint venture of the Universities of Stellenbosch (US) and the Western Cape (UWC).

PUBLICATIONS

Prof Michelle Kelly-Louw has just copublished a chapter (Ch 24) in the recent comparative analysis of the harmonising effects of the UCP, titled *Soft Law in International Trade Finance: A Comparative Analysis of the Harmonizing Effect of the UCP* (Brill, 2024) edited by Agatha Brandão de Oliveira, Lauro Gama & Geneviève Saumier.

Written with Prof WG Schulze, the chapter is titled *The Nature and Incorporation of UCP 600 under South African Law.* The book is a 720-page volume divided into 30 chapters and includes invaluable contributions from 36 national rapporteurs (covering 28 jurisdictions) and two special rapporteurs. Professors Kelly-Louw and Schulze were the South African rapporteurs invited to

contribute to this book advancing highlevel scholarship in the field of soft law.

SOFT LAW IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FINANCE

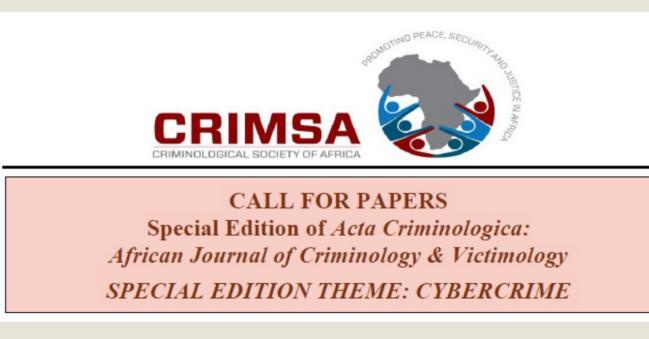
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The jurisdictions covered include Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechia, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, Venezuela and Vietnam.



A reminder that abstracts for the Special Edition of *Acta Criminologica* are due for submission by or on 15 November 2024. This is a special issue focused on cybercrime. Submissions should be emailed to EditorActaCriminologica@gmail.com

The full call is available from **A/Prof Irvin Kinnes**.

RESEARCH

ETHICS APPROVAL

This is a reminder that the Law Faculty REC has extended their submission date for ethics approval for the final meeting of 2024. The committee is accepting applications for ethical clearance requests until Wednesday, 13 November 2024 at13h00.

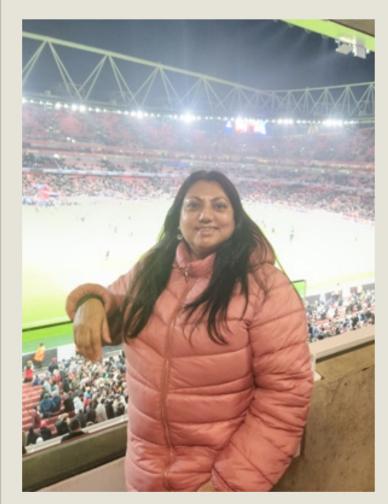
FINAL REVIEW MEETING DATE FOR 2024: 27 November.

INTERNATIONALISATION



Prof Ada Ordor spent 6 - 13 October at Harvard Law School, speaking about her research at the *JD Comparative Law Workshop*, as well as serving as a respondent on a panel discussion on the theme of *International Actors and Rule of Law Reform in the Global South*.

Prof Ordor was also a panellist at the inaugural conference of Harvard's African alumni tagged **2024 Africa Alive!** These invitations followed her time as the *Henry Steiner Visiting Professor in Human Rights* at the Harvard Law School in the Spring Semester of 2024.



In case we think its all work and no play, Prof Amien shares a pic of her at an Arsenal v Shaktar Donetsk game (Arsenal won 1-0). **Prof Waheeda Amien** recently returned from a research fellowship at Warwick University. Coming out of this fellowship is one publication and two research collaborations.

Prof Amien gave two seminars while in the UK, one at Warwick Law School and the other at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) on *Human Rights Implications of Implementing Alternative Dispute Resolution in South African Muslim Family Law'*.

In addition, Prof Amien met with Professor Adam Habib (Rector of SOAS), Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali (Warwick University), Professor Samia Bano (SOAS), Dr Rajnaara Akhtar (Warwick University), Dr Zainab Naqvi (Manchester Metropolitan University), and Emeritus Professor Werner Menski.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Prof Waheeda Amien has recently conducted a number of media interviews on the JJ v Minister of Home Affairs, Bloemfontein High Court judgment about equality regarding surnames in marriages in South Africa:
Cape Talk with John Maytham (22 October 2024)

Smile FM with Benito Vergitini (22 October 2024) NewzroomAfrika (23 October 2024)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

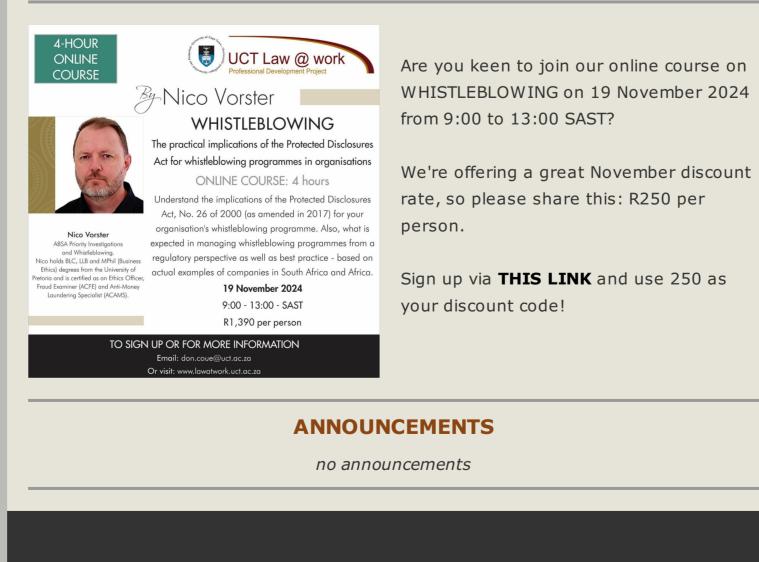


Law@work is the Faculty's professional development unit, running short courses, seminars and workshops on topical legal issues. Profit generated from course fees is fed back into the Faculty via the Faculty's "endowment" fund, and the Dean's Discretionary Fund. Courses currently on offer can be viewed on the Law@work site.

Law@work is always looking for new topics and presenters, so please be in touch with the unit if you have suggestions. Law@work is currently looking for presenters for the following online short courses:

- Corporate due diligence approx. 6 hours
- Commercial loan financing approx. 4 hours
- Legal aspects of corporate finance approx. 4 hours
- Commercial contract drafting approx. 6 hours
- Syndicated loan financing transactions -approx. 6 hours

If you're keen to present or know of someone who may be, please contact don.coue@uct.ac.za.



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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.