



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

Welcome to our new Finance colleagues

We wish a warm welcome to the Faculty's new Finance Manager and Assistant Finance Manager, who both took up their new roles on 1 June. Our new Finance Manager is **Ms Shaahid Champion** who, although starting on 1 June, will be effecting his transition from the Faculty of Science over June and July. Our new Assistant Finance Manager, joining us from the Faculty of Health Sciences, is Ms Odile Duminy who also started on 1 June 2025.

In his introductory note, the Dean wrote: "Both appointees come with considerable experience and I have every hope that they will serve the Faculty really well."

More details bios and photographs will be shared in the next Faculty Fortnight.

The Faculty also bid farewell on Friday 30 May to **Ms Thabi Mgawada** and **Ms Leona Grobler** who have left the Finance Office over the last few months. In thanking these two Finance colleagues for their contribution to Faculty Finance operations, the Dean noted: "They came in when we were in desperate need and have done more than we expected them to do."

FACULTY CALENDAR

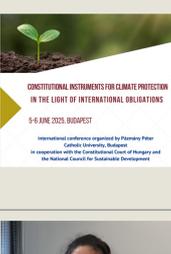
12 June | Celebrating the career of **Em Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit** (venue TBC)
29 June - 5 July | **Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition** – the most important gathering of students, scholars and judges on human rights in Africa
21 August | Annual Rabinowitz lecture, with Professor David Bickel, Professor of Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Law, University of Johannesburg
8 October | ADRU's inaugural **Annual Arbitration Lecture**, with Olufunke Adekoya
16 October | Ben Beinart Memorial Policy, with Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law, University of Galway

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Constitutional Instruments for Climate Protection in light of International Obligations

On 5-6 June Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, in cooperation with the Constitutional Court of Hungary and the National Council for Sustainable Development, is hosting a conference on the theme: *Constitutional Instruments for Climate Protection in light of International Obligations*.

A/Professor Melanie Murcott has been invited by the conference host, Professor Marcel Szab (Justice of the Constitutional Court of Hungary) to speak on the second day of the conference (6 June) on "The value of transformative environmental constitutionalism in climate litigation".



Championing human rights-based research and teaching towards climate justice in Africa

When:
5 June 2025, 10:00 - 12:00 SAST

Where:
Environmental and Seminar Room 5, Geographical Sciences Building, Upper Campus, University of Cape Town and Online (Zoom)



Associate Prof Melanie Murcott will be participating in the morning panel, from 10H00 - 12h00 SAST, titled **Setting the Scene: Framing human rights, climate action and climate justice from an African perspective**.

3rd International Conference on Children's Rights. The Global Digital Future we Seek: Artificial Intelligence, Online Safety and Children's Rights in the Digital Environment.

A three-day conference will be held at the Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, from 09-11 September 2025, with around 100 participants attending the event in person. Online participation will be considered by the organisers.

To find out more about this conference, read the conference blog.

The Social Justice Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference 2025

10 & 11 SEPTEMBER '25

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADR CONFERENCE

IN COLLABORATION WITH UCT, FACULTY OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL LAW

SJA Members	Non-Members	Virtual - 10 Sept
In Person	In Person	Members - R620
One Day - R1 190	One Day - R1 815	Non-Members - R950
Two days - R2 396	Two days - R3 630	
Students - R620 p/day		Recordings - 11 Sept
		Members - R870
		Non-Members - R3 250

UCT Campus, Cape Town & Virtual **REGISTER**

CONFERENCE THEME: INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO ADR

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REGISTER HERE FOR SJCON25

Inaugural Annual Arbitration Lecture

We are pleased to let you know that the University of Cape Town (UCT)'s Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Unit (ADRU) will be hosting its Inaugural Annual Arbitration Lecture in Cape Town on **Wednesday 8 October 2025**. The lecture, entitled "**Representation and Reality: The Role of African Practitioners in Shaping the Future of Arbitration**", will be delivered by prominent West African arbitrator **Funke Adekoya**.

We would be delighted to welcome you to Cape Town, and encourage you to register your interest in attending the event (in person or by remote connection) by clicking here. Please also feel free to circulate this invitation to colleagues who might be interested in attending.

Save the Date for the Inaugural UCT Annual Arbitration Lecture 2025

10 OCT 10:00-12:00 (UCT Campus, Cape Town)
 10 OCT 10:00-12:00 (Virtual)
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Funke Adekoya (Speaker)
Uwe Sieber (Moderator)

The UCT Law Faculty is pleased to announce the Inaugural Annual Arbitration Lecture 2025. The lecture, entitled "Representation and Reality: The Role of African Practitioners in Shaping the Future of Arbitration", will be delivered by prominent West African arbitrator Funke Adekoya. The event will be held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and will be available for remote viewing. The Inaugural ADU Arbitration Lecture will be the highlight of the 2025 UCT Arbitration Week. For more information, please visit the event page.

Register your interest here

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The Kate O'Regan Intersersity Moot Competition

Owing to UCT's hosting of the Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Competition this year, the annual Kate O'Regan moot will take place in February / March 2026. We will share further details when they are available.



Past Conferences, Seminars and Events



Race, Refuge & Repair: Rethinking Migration from the Global South

On Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May 2025, **Dr Nicola Palmer**, **Dr Lutano Sadiki**, **Prof Fatima Khan**, **Dr Nonfundo Ramalekana**, **Joanna Rahmatoulay Bakilana** and **Sky Kruger** were part of an inter-university organising committee that hosted the international colloquium *Race, Refuge and Repair: Rethinking Migration from the Global South* at the Faculty of Law.

The colloquium brought together the crucial empirical work currently organised under the banner of 'border criminologies' with critical legal analysis, including Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL), to examine the intersections of refugee law, race, decolonisation and criminalisation. The keynote address was given by Prof Tendayi Achiume, Professor of Law at Stanford University, who also served as the first woman to fill the role of United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. The colloquium took Achiume's seminal work on decolonial migration as its intellectual entry point to address the central question of what is owed, by whom, to Global South citizens on the move?

With opening remarks from **Prof Danwood Chirwa**, **Prof Fatima Khan** and **A/Prof Kelley Mout**, the plenary speakers included **Prof Siphamandisa Zondi**, (University of Johannesburg), **Prof Mary Bosworth** (University of Oxford), **Prof Noura Erakat** (Rutgers-New Brunswick), **Prof Fatima Khan** (UCT), **Shazia Sader** (UCT), **Jonathan Klaaren** (WITS University), **Dr Nonfundo Ramalekana** (UCT), **A/Prof Catherine Bridgick** (University of Oxford), **Dr Nicola Palmer** (UCT) and **Dr Uttara Shahani** (University of Oxford).

With over 350 people registered online and 50 invited participants in the room, the colloquium brought together speakers from 14 countries to examine issues of racialisation, refugee and repair in Palestine, Rwanda, South Africa, Tunisia, Egypt, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Libya, and Italy alongside regional discussions looking at the Sahel and the European Union.

The event was co-hosted by the Centre of Criminology and the Refugee Rights Unit at UCT Law; the Refugee Studies Centre in the Oxford Department of International Development and Border Criminologies in the Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford; and the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD) at King's College London.

The colloquium formed part of **Dr Palmer's British Academy mid-career fellowship** and was also supported through funding from the Leverhulme Trust, the Dickson Poon School of Law Research Fund, at King's College London, the Refugee Rights Unit at UCT and the Douglas Norgan Fund at the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford.



Visiting Researcher Prof Noam Peleg hosted by the Centre for Law & Society

Associate Professor Noam Peleg (University of New South Wales, Sydney) visited the Faculty from 27 April to 14 May, during which time he was hosted by **Nurina Ally** and the Centre for Law and Society. Noam is an Associate Professor and Director – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Faculty of Law and Justice at UNSW. He works in international children's rights law, human rights law, childhood studies, and family law. During his visit Prof Peleg contributed to teaching and civil society organisations involved in the field of children's rights. The visit enabled children's rights researchers in the Faculty as well as other UCT researchers to connect and engage with a leading international children's rights scholar, with potential for future collaboration.

Gaza, Children's Rights and International Law

3rd Annual Yoliswa Dwane Memorial Lecture co-hosted by the Centre for Law & Society

On 4 May, Equal Education and the Centre for Law and Society co-hosted the 3rd Yoliswa Dwane Memorial Lecture on the topic: *Gaza, Children's Rights and International Law*. The public lecture was delivered by Professor Noam Peleg (University of New South Wales Sydney). The annual lecture is held in memory of EE's co-founder, Yoliswa Dwane, who sadly passed away on 21 October 2022. She graduated from the University of Cape Town in 2007 with a degree in film and media studies and a graduate LLB. The lecture was well attended by Faculty staff and students, as well as members of Equal Education and the general public.



The full Yoliswa Dwane lecture is available on GroundUp here: [Yoliswa Dwane Lecture – the war on Palestinian children](#).

Constitutionalising children's right to development



On 9 & 10 May, **Nurina Ally** (Department of Public Law) and **Tatiana Kazim** (Centre for Law and Society) participated in a 2-day symposium on children's rights hosted by the Real Reform for ECD Campaign. The symposium centred on a framework for constitutionalising children's right to development, prepared by Ally and Kazim.

The framework will form the foundation of a right to development campaign led by RR4ECD. Prof Noam Peleg (visiting researcher at the Centre for Law and Society) delivered the keynote address.

MULTILINGUALISM – Call for Information

Prof Tjakkie Naude has made a call for information about any actions taken by colleagues in the Faculty to promote multilingualism, for example in teaching or in interaction with the public, or in translation of abstracts, as well as any planned projects to promote multilingualism. If you are busy with, or have implemented, something along these lines, please share the information with tjakkie.naude@uct.ac.za.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Maughan v Zuma



On 17 May, the DGRU's **Mbekezeli Benjamin** attended the Franschhoek Literary Festival as a discussant on the solo-panel titled *Maughan v Zuma*. Facilitated by **Judge Dennis Davis**, the discussion was based on legal journalist **Karyn Maughan's** new book *I Will Not Be Silenced*. The panel discussed Maughan's experience of reporting on the 20-year trial of former president Jacob Zuma, including analysing the role of the judiciary, the legal profession and the state of the rule of law under South Africa's constitutional democracy. A conversation on the same theme was held on the Judge Davis's show *Judge For Yourself* on eNCA, which aired on 29 May 2025.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UCT Law @ work

Professional Development Project

The Faculty's professional development short courses unit, Law@work, has loads of new and repeat short courses on offer. Visit their course list page to get a full sense of everything on offer, including a wealth of self-paced online courses.

UCT staff and students get 50% discount off Law@work course fees (excluding 2-hour webinar courses and mediation courses).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

