



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

It's MID-YEAR!

Exams are almost done, many of us are buried under piles of scripts or results uploads, many of us in preparation for mid-year conferences and events, and winter seems to have settled in. This will be the last Faculty Fortnight for a few weeks, with the next edition on Tuesday 29 July 2025 – but send your news in the meantime!

FACULTY CALENDAR

- 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
- 15 - 16 July** | Prof Michelle Louw hosts a 2-day *Banking Law Colloquium*
- 28 July** | Start of Semester 2
- 21 August** | *Annual Rabinowitz Lecture*, with Professor David Bichitz, Professor of Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Law, University of Johannesburg
- 10 & 11 September** | *Dispute Resolution Conference* at Kramer
- 11 September** | *Regional Teaching & Learning Conference* at Kramer
- 8 October** | ADRIU's inaugural *Annual Arbitration Lecture*, with Olu Funke Adekoya
- 16 October** | Ben Benart Memorial Lecture, with Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law, University of Galway

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

34th Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Excitement is building as we head towards the arrival of mooting teams from more than 70 universities across the continent, for the 34th Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition. All the information you need about who, what and where is available on UPL's Centre for Human Rights website. With the memorials submission deadline set for 31 May, and competing teams due to arrive on Sunday 29 June, the competition week at UCT Law promises to be filled with energy – with an abundant display of mooting skills from across Africa. With a one-day conference taking place on Monday 30 June, the actual competition happens from 1 – 3 July at Kramer and at the School of Economics. Friday 4 July is set aside for a group excursion, and the final takes place at Belmont Square on Saturday 5 July, followed by a gala celebration and awards evening.

We will share images and updates in the next issue of Faculty Fortnight.



Listen to the Dean's message about the upcoming competition.



10 & 11 SEPTEMBER '25

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADR CONFERENCE

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

SJCon2025

SJA Members In Person One Day - R 1198 Two Days - R 2 396	Non-Members In Person One Day - R1 815 Two days - R3 630	Virtual - 10 Sept Members - R620 Non-Members - R950
Students - R620 p/day		Recordings - 11 Sept Members - R870 Non-Members - R1 250

UCT Campus, Cape Town & Virtual

CONFERENCE THEME: INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO ADR

T's & C's apply | Social Justice Foundation Section 18A NPO 165-067

REGISTER HERE FOR SJCON25

PAST CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

2nd Conference on the State of Artificial Intelligence in Africa

Prof Caroline Ncube, SARChI Chair of Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development was a keynote speaker at the recent "2nd Conference on the State of Artificial Intelligence in Africa" (COSAA), which took place 3 – 4 June hosted by CIPIT at Strathmore University in Kenya. Prof Ncube's talk was focused around the *Future of AI Governance in Africa*, a topic that provided the ground for the panels that followed, exploring critical issues around AI policy, data governance, IP and ethics.



A number of Prof Ncube's PhD graduates and former postdocs featured prominently on the COSAA programme, including **Assoc Prof Chijioke** and **Prof Desmond Oriakoghba**.



Research and Applications in the Criminal Justice System

On Thursday 5 June, **A/Prof Irvin Kinnes** participated in a seminar on *Research and Applications in the Criminal Justice System*. One of the comments posted on Instagram (@lapoppiemediations) commented:

"It was such an informative collaboration between UWC, UCT and US with various stakeholders such as SAPS and DCS. Such engagements are so important as it gave rise to honest conversations expressing the challenges that they (stakeholders SAPS and DCS) encounter to facilitate research ... it was heart warming to see the passion and compassion from those working with offenders and upholding their rights with dignity. I loved observing the great minds such as Prof Irvin Kinnes and Prof Lukas Muntingh asking the difficult questions and essentially standing in the gap between key stakeholders in the justice system and researchers, navigating the tension for better understanding to enable research. I loved what Prof Kinnes said, "research that is not critical will not be recognised internationally". Thank you to all the organizers and to the stakeholders for imparting guidelines for research within your organisations."

NATIONAL INSTRUCTION 4 OF 2022
REQUEST TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

National Instruction (NI) 4 of 2022: Request to Conduct Research in SAPS, which describes and regulates the processes and standards for researchers from inside and outside the SAPS who wish to research for private purposes.

Submitted in - NI 4 of 2022, the following five (5) supporting documents submitted (as attached) with an application:

- Form A: Pro-forma research application;
- Form B: Pro-forma undertaking by a researcher;
- Application and sample (Excel proforma);
- Completed and approved research proposal; and
- Written letters or certificate by the academic institution from a similar institution's "Research Ethical Committee" (not only the supervisor) do not apply to independent researchers.

Southern Green Criminology

Dr Annette Hubschle recently participated in a webinar hosted by The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, on Southern Green Criminology. Delivered by Dr David Goyes, Dr Hubschle served as discussant on the issue. The full seminar can be viewed on youtube.



LARC Launches uMhlaba Talks Podcast Series

On the 21st of May 2025, the **Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC)** launched uMhlaba Talks. A groundbreaking seven-part podcast series dedicated to advancing rural democracy through in-depth discussions on land dispossession, traditional governance, and mining-affected communities. The launch event, held at Bertha House, brought together academics, students and members of civil society.

The event featured a screening of the first episode, *Understanding uMhlaba with Professor Nombonso Gasa*. In this episode, Professor Gasa leads a compelling conversation on the historical and ongoing realities of land dispossession in South Africa, highlighting the role of politics as a tool in the continued struggle for land justice. The episode is currently available on YouTube and other major streaming platforms.

The upcoming episode, titled *Decolonising Land: A Spiritual Perspective on Land and the Intergenerational Trauma of Dispossession*, will be released on 20 June 2025. In it Dr Christie van Zyl (Gogo Bazamile), an Indigenous healthcare advisor and traditional health practitioner, explores the spiritual dimensions of land, its significance in African psychology and ontology, and its role in intergenerational healing.

uMhlaba Talks is available on YouTube (@LARCUCT), Apple Podcasts, and Spotify. The series offers thought-provoking perspectives on the deep connections between land, identity, and justice in South Africa.

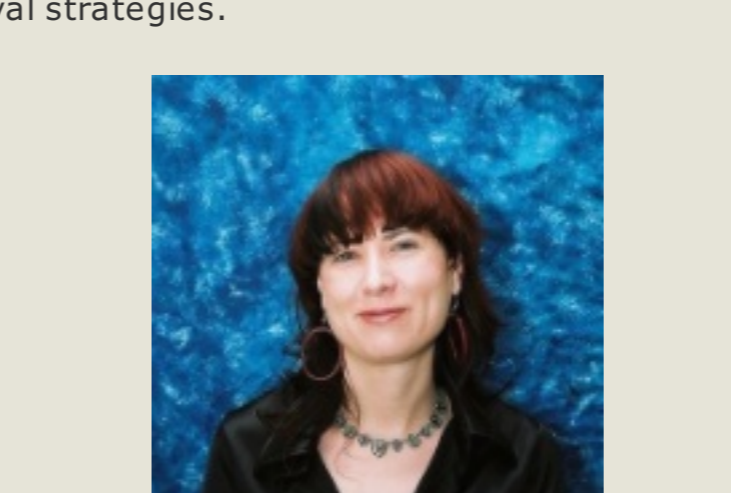
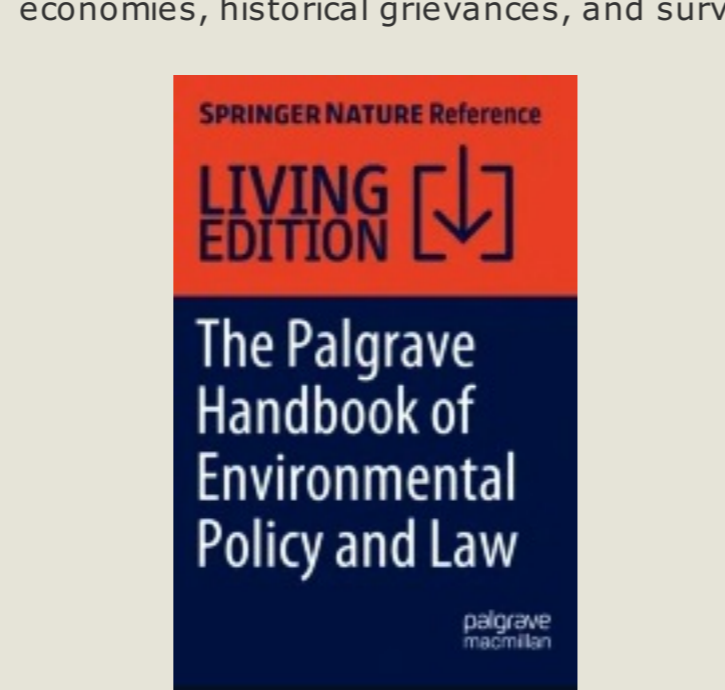


PUBLICATIONS

Contested Illegality: Understanding Legitimacy Challenges in Wildlife Governance

Dr Annette Hubschle has just published *Contested Illegality: Understanding Legitimacy Challenges in Wildlife Governance*, in The Palgrave Handbook of Environmental Policy and Law (eds. Brears & Lindley).

Drawing on years of fieldwork, and grounded in critical criminology and economic sociology, this chapter explores how laws governing wildlife trade and conservation are often contested—not just broken. From rural harvesters of rare succulents to elite collectors of endangered species, actors justify their actions using alternative moral economies, historical grievances, and survival strategies.



The chapter introduces a typology of contested illegality, showing how legality is socially constructed and often fluid, especially in postcolonial contexts where conservation laws may reproduce historic injustices. In this chapter, Dr Hubschle argues for a shift from enforcement-heavy approaches to legitimacy-building, restorative justice, and socioecological harm reduction—"whole-of-society" responses to wildlife harmscapes.

Although focused on wildlife trafficking, the concept of contested illegality speaks to broader environmental crimes, from illegal logging and fishing to pollution and waste trafficking, and beyond. Read the chapter here or get in touch for an author's version. Or access the publication at DOI: <https://lnkd.in/dQZ4nPny>

Yearbook of South African Law Vol 5 (2024)

The recently published *Yearbook of South African Law Vol 5 (2024)*, includes a list of Faculty academics and research associates as contributors. Sharing their knowledge in various fields, some as co-authors with others, are:

- Administration of Justice | **Em Prof Hugh Corder** and **Judge Dennis Davis** (with Jason Brickhill and Gilbert Marcus)
- Children's Law | **Associate Prof Amanda Barratt**
- Company and Close Corporation Law | **Em Prof Richard Jooste**
- Constitutional Law | **Michael Bishop** and **Dan Haffara** (with Jason Brickhill)
- Law of Evidence | **Prof Pi Schwikard**
- Law of Succession | **Prof Mohamed Paleker**



ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Constitutional rights for children: An urgent call for ECD in South Africa



CLS Director, **Nurina Ally** - together with civil society partners - has authored an op ed on *Constitutional rights for children: An urgent call for ECD in South Africa*. The article states that "The right to development must be understood holistically and is a legal entitlement rooted in international law. Access to early learning, nutrition, healthcare, responsive caregiving, safety, social services and play are not optional services, but are entitlements that enable children to survive, thrive, and participate fully in society. South Africa cannot claim

to uphold children's rights while the foundations for early childhood development (ECD) — the most critical phase of human development — remain legally invisible. Despite a growing budget and increased political support, the country's youngest six million citizens will continue to be deprived without a justiciable right to ECD." The full article is on the DM site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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