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UCT Law Faculty News & Updates
1 August 2025

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

SEMESTER 2 HAS BEGUN!

Any notions that the mid-year vacation period is some kind of "down time" for the Law Faculty were swiftly dispelled during this June/ July break. It is doubtful whether the Faculty and colleagues have ever been busier!

Apart from the significant *Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition* taking place, the Faculty has hosted an emerging researchers colloquium and a banking & finance law gathering. In addition, colleagues have travelled far and wide to participate in conferences, present papers, represent the Faculty, and generally carry the Faculty flag high! And, during this busy time, we have also welcomed new staff!

All the news is detailed below, with more to follow in the next issue of **Faculty Fortnight.**

RECRUITING FOR A NEW DEAN

As staff are aware, **Professor Chirwa** announced some months ago his intention to conclude his time in the role of Dean, and that he would continue to serve in the role until a new Dean was appointed.

Recruitment for a new Dean of Law is now underway and the post is currently being advertised. Please share this opportunity with those in your networks - the information is on the UCT Vacancies page at THIS link. **Deadline 24 August 2025**.

STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

Big congratulations to **Professor Jaco Barnard-Naude** on his recent "dual" appointment at the University of London's *Birkbeck College* - the result of almost twenty years of scholarly effort. **Professor Barnard-Naude** is currently both the elected *Visiting Professor* in the *Birkbeck College School of Law* (for a period of three years) while simultaneously holding the position of *Honorary Research Fellow* in the *Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities (BIH)*. As one of his first commitments in this dual role, Jaco recently taught (alongside the likes of Slavoj Žižek, Jacqueline Rose and Costas Douzinas) on the highly esteemed annual *London Critical Theory Summer School* (of which Jaco is a 2010 alum).

The *2025 London Critical Theory Summer School* took place from 23 June to 4 July, on Birkbeck's campus in central London. This Summer School hosted an exceptional list of tutors, of whom one was **Professor Barnard-Naude** (see the School's site for more tutor details). These Summer Schools are designed to explore the genealogy and reach of critical theory, while encouraging intellectual elaboration and reflection – with the explicit aim of stimulating progressive, dissident being and thinking, through a substantial programme of debates, breakout groups, discussions, live and pre-recorded talks, as well as access to archival resources.

Professor Barnard-Naude commented on these dual appointments, saying "The Summer School teaching this year - a first - is a kind of 'full circle' moment for me, as it allows me to both invoke [in the context of his forthcoming book, so watch this space…] my masters in these lectures, *and* depart from them in ever so subtle ways … 'in the same breath'. My other (and I enlist this word purposefully) 'master', Philippe-Joseph Salazar, remains never far removed from the overall 'picture', as we desperately attempt to blindly navigate, both individually and collectively a perhaps unprecedented present 'moment politique' of the (post)modern age".

Congratulations to **Dr Tshepo Mosaka** who has been awarded a prestigious *Humboldt Research Fellowship* from the *Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung* in Germany. This Research Fellowship is a highly competitive award, comprising a 24-month fellowship that allows researchers to travel to a German university or research institution to conduct research, and to participate in *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation* activities, including seminars, professional workshops, German language classes and orientation sessions on German culture. Dr Mosaka will be using it to complete two books he is currently working on.

NEW STAFF

The Faculty is very pleased to welcome a number of new colleagues this semester. Firstly, we welcome **Professor Tsepho Mongalo** *(below left)* who joined us on 1 July as part of the Corporate Law group. He will be teaching *Corporate Law and Governance* as well as *Corporate Finance Law*.

We are also delighted to welcome **Associate Professor Regis Simo** *(below right)*, who will be teaching *Business Law 1* in Semester 2 and *International Trade Law* next year.

Fuller profiles of our new colleagues will be shared in due course, and we will introduce other new colleagues as they join the Faculty.

Contract Staff

The Faculty is always home to a number of contract staff who take on course lecturing to cover for various kinds of special leave, including sabbaticals. This semester we have (amongst others), **Caitlin le Roith** (*below left*) lecturing Delict in the Private Law Department, and **Catherine Willis-Smith** (*below right*) lecturing Administrative Law in the Public Law Department.

FACULTY CALENDAR

5 - 7 August | *uMhlaba Film Festival* hosted by LARC
13 August | *Guest Lecture* – Mr Ezra Davids, Chair, Bowmans
21 August | *Annual Rabinowitz lecture,* with Professor David Bilchitz, Professor of Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Law, University of Johannesburg
9 September | *Faculty Graduation* (14h00) preceded by celebrations at the Faculty
10 & 11 September | *Dispute Resolution* Conference at Kramer
11 September | *Regional Teaching & Learning Conference* at Kramer
17 September | *Guest Lecture* – Norton Rose Fulbright
8 October | ADRU's inaugural *Annual Arbitration Lecture*, with OluFunke Adekoya
16 October | Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture, with Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law, University of Galway

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

uMhlaba Film Festival
presented by LARC
5 – 7 August | Kramer LT2

In 2025, the Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC) launched the uMhlaba Film Festival; a new initiative generated from the success of our podcast, *uMhlaba Talks*. The festival is happening at UCT Law and it is pushing forward LARC's mission of growing public awareness of the related issues of land, identity, and social justice, particularly among the rural communities in South Africa.

uMhlaba Talks opened fresh channels of popular education and debate by integrating law, politics and spirituality in conversation with activists and academics. The podcast has now become the creative gem for the uMhlaba Film Festival, realised on the screen through documentaries that amplify rural voices and push against the legacy of land dispossession.

The festival will showcase a thematically edited selection of films such as *Umhlaba Wokhokho: Land of My Ancestors, Mathonga Elizwe: Spirits of the Land, A Piece of Ground*, and *This Land*; each of them addressing different themes of land repossession, ecological preservation, and inner-city housing struggles. These are not merely visual stories but advocacy films, encouraging viewers to reflect on the spiritual and political significance of land in South Africa.

By creating a space for critical screening, discussion, and reflection, the uMhlaba Film Festival invites students, academics, community members, and the broader public into a collective dialogue about restoring dignity through land justice.

A full booklet of the films being screened is available from
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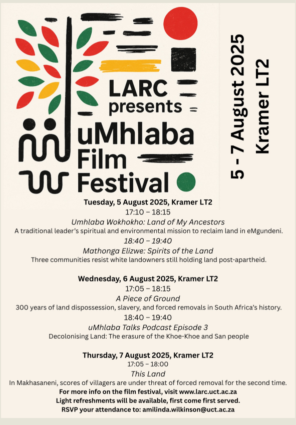
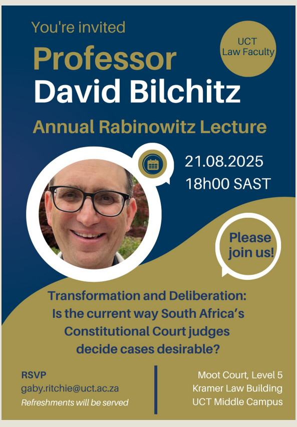


Tuesday, 5 August 2025, Kramer LT2
17:10 – 18:15
Umhlaba Wokhokho: Land of My Ancestors
A traditional leader's spiritual and environmental mission to reclaim land in eMgundeni.
18:40 – 19:40
Mathonga Elizwe: Spirits of the Land
Three communities resist white landowners still holding land post-apartheid.

Wednesday, 6 August 2025, Kramer LT2
17:05 – 18:15
A Piece of Ground
300 years of land dispossession, slavery, and forced removals in South Africa's history.
18:40 – 19:40
uMhlaba Talks Podcast Episode 3
Decolonising Land: The erasure of the Khoe-Khoe and San people

Thursday, 7 August 2025, Kramer LT2
17:05 – 18:00
This Land
In Makhasaneni, scores of villagers are under threat of forced removal for the second time.
For more info on the film festival, visit www.larc.uct.ac.za
Light refreshments will be available, first come first served.
RSVP your attendance to: amilinda.wilkinson@uct.ac.za

THE ANNUAL RABINOWITZ VISITORSHIP & PUBLIC LECTURE



You're invited
Professor
David Bilchitz
Annual Rabinowitz Lecture
21.08.2025
18h00 SAST
UCT
Law Faculty

Transformation and Deliberation:
Is the current way South Africa's
Constitutional Court judges
decide cases desirable?

RSVP
gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za
Refreshments will be served

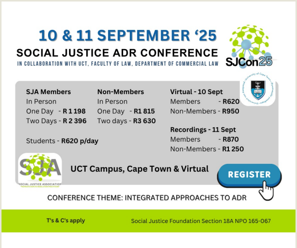
Moot Court, Level 5
Kramer Law Building
UCT Middle Campus

Please join us for this year's **Rabinowitz Lecture**, to be delivered by **Professor David Bilchitz** on the theme outlined above. The lecture takes place at 18h00 on Thursday 21 August, in the Oliver Tambo Moot Court.

David Bilchitz is a Professor of Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Law at the University of Johannesburg and Director of the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC). He is also a part-time Professor of Law at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. He was appointed as an Acting Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa from February to May 2024, the first full-time academic to have been appointed directly to act as judge on the Court in over 20 years. His talk will reflect on aspects of that experience.

FACULTY SPRING GRADUATION - 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Faculty will be celebrating its PhD, LLM, MPhil and LLB graduands on **9 September 2025** during UCT's *Spring Graduation Week*. We will be sharing details shortly of the PhD and research celebration, as as well as the LLM, MPhil and LLB celebration that will be held in the Faculty prior to the formal ceremony on Upper Campus. So **SAVE THE DATE!**



10 & 11 SEPTEMBER '25

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADR CONFERENCE

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

SJCon25

SJA Members
In Person
One Day - **R 1 198**
Two Days - **R 2 396**

Students - **R620 p/day**

Non-Members
In Person
One Day - **R1 815**
Two days - **R3 630**

Virtual - 10 Sept
Members - **R620**
Non-Members - **R950**

Recordings - 11 Sept
Members - **R870**
Non-Members - **R1 250**

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CONFERENCE THEME: INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO ADR

T's & C's apply

Social Justice Foundation Section 18A NPO 165-067

REGISTER HERE FOR SJCON25

UCT ARBITRATION DAY - 8 OCTOBER 2025

UCT ARBITRATION AND
DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT

We are pleased to let you know that the Faculty'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**.

Please also feel free to circulate this invitation to colleagues who might be interested in attending. You're encouraged to register your interest in attending the event (in person or by remote connection) by **REGISTERING HERE.**

PAST CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

34th Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Anyone who was around Kramer during the Christof Heyns Human Rights Moot Court Competition would have been aware of the energetic buzz in the building, from Level 1 all the way to Level 6. It was a hugely successful competition, with teams from Kenya and Mozambique emerging victorious. While the final was held at the Belmont Conference Centre, the rest of the competition and its accompanying first-day conference was held in the Kramer Building, with use of additional rooms in the School of Economics. With participation from almost 60 universities (41 anglophone, nine francophone and seven lusophone teams), the planning and implementation was something of a mammoth undertaking.

With **Prof Danwood Chirwa** leading the hosting team, logistics credit must go to **Faiza Mohamed** who served as the organisational centre point in the months leading up to, and all the way through, competition week. Faiza was supported during Moot Week by an incredible group of student volunteers, led by LSC Secretary **Cayleen de Bruyn** and LSC President, **Sanele Tshabalala**, without whom we would not have had the levels of success that were achieved. This volunteer team included translators from the Faculty of Humanities. In addition, a number of staff members played pivotal support roles, **including Ibtisaam Ahmed**, **Ben Cronin**, and **Damion Jacobs** – and of course our UCT team coaches, **Salona Lutchman** and **Sapna Mesthrie**.

A big thank you to the many, many colleagues who assisted in multiple ways with the competition event, and especially to **Barnadette Vorster'**s cleaning team who pulled off miracles in the lead up to, and during, the competition.

Energy Law Association of South Africa
Constitutive Meeting

On Monday, **Professor Hanri Mostert'**s MLiA unit hosted the constitutive meeting of the *Energy Law Association of South Africa*. This inaugural meeting was held in the Faculty Common Room on 28 July at 17h00. The session was relatively brief, with refreshments served afterwards. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the association's constitution and elect a steering committee to prepare for the Association's first AGM to be held in the next month. Office bearers from the legal fraternity were in attendance, including representatives such as the Chair of the Law Society and the Head of Legal Services for the Western Cape Government.

2025 Banking and Finance Law Colloquium

Prof Michelle Louw with Prof Vivienne Lawack, Prof Danwood Chirwa and other colloquium participants

The Faculty was recently host for the 2025 *Banking and Finance Law Colloquium*, co-sponsored by Juta & Company.

The colloquium - which served also as the launch of the new book titled *Contemporary Banking and Finance Law* (see below under *Publications* for full detail) - opened with welcoming addresses by **Professor Danwood Chirwa,** UCT Law Dean, and **Professor Benyam Mezmur,** Deputy Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies at UWC.

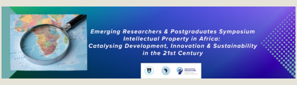
Held in a hybrid format, the 2-day colloquium featured keynote addresses by **Sindiswa Kahla-Makhubalo** from the **Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)** and **Nthupang Magolego** from the **National Credit Regulator (NCR)**. In addition to the keynote speeches, the event showcased presentations from various chapter authors of the new book - including South African and African academics, postgraduate students, legal practitioners, and regulators. Two dedicated panels highlighted the work of **early career scholars at UCT**, featuring impressive research presentations by **Dr Sebastian Krafzik, Dr Kea Motlogeloa, Dr Elfas Torerai**, and **Luyanda Xulu**. The colloquium was well-attended both in person and online, with delegates representing a wide array of institutions, including the **Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, FSCA, South African Reserve Bank (Prudential Authority)**, **NCR**, **Competition Commission, Central Bank of Eswatini, Centre for Financial Regulation and Inclusion (Cenfri)**, as well as various law firms, academia, and postgraduate students.

The organising committee consisted of Professors Louw and Lawack and Dr Sebastian Krafzik. UCT colleagues that assisted with the colloquium include Toni Murphy, Alexandra Visser, Luyanda Xulu, Opeyemi Faith Adeniji, and Wesley Mwafulirwa.

See below for full details of *Contemporary Banking and Finance Law (Juta)* edited by Prof Michelle Louw and Prof Vivienne Lawack.

Emerging Researchers Symposium

SARChI Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation & Development



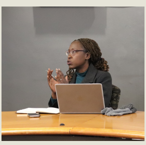
Emerging Researchers & Postgraduates Symposium
Intellectual Property in Africa:
Catalysing Development, Innovation & Sustainability
in the 21st Century

Prof Caroline Ncube recently hosted the Emerging Researchers & Postgraduates Symposium on Intellectual Property in Africa: Catalysing Development, Innovation & Sustainability in the 21st Century. Held in the Faculty's Moot Court from 7 - 10 July, the symposium offered a combination of presentations, writing blocks and feedback sessions (see symposium page & programme) structured to ensure a productive week for all participants.

The symposium sought to reflect on the progress made in, challenges faced by, and future opportunities in IP law across Africa - and to explore issues aligned with the overarching vision of the African Union's Agenda 2063, taking into consideration Africa's economic, social, and technological advancement, and the opportunities/challenges presented by the AfCFTA.

This symposium was held especially to mark the 10th anniversary of the *South African Intellectual Property Law Journal (eds. Prof Caroline Ncube and A/Prof Lee-Ann Tong).* In celebration of this significant anniversary, a special edition of the journal will be published with contributions from emerging researchers.

About the symposium, Prof Ncube commented: "*Gatherings such as this colloquium are a really important opportunity for new and emerging researchers to share their work, to get feedback, and to gain experience in the rigour required in presenting one's work to others. These opportunities are especially important in IP and innovation because of the rapid development of knowledge in the field - particularly (but not only) due to the speed of advances in AI*".



Southern African Law Teachers Conference – Faculty Participation

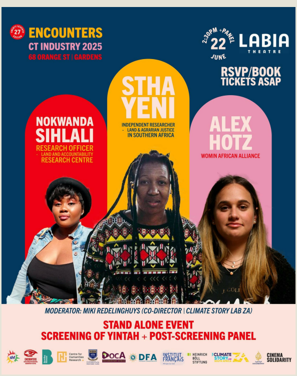
The recent SALTC, *themed Reflections on constitutional supremacy in Southern Africa: reviewing the impact on law teaching, learning, and practice,* was hosted by University of Pretoria Faculty of Law.

Monique Carels presented a paper titled *The importance of teaching negotiation and mediation at the LLB level: Insights and revelations from a lecture*r at the 2025 Southern Africa Law Teachers Conference (SALTC) hosted by the University of Pretoria. The conference started on Sunday, 13 July and ended on Friday, 18 July 2025.

Other delegates from UCT were Lindani Mkhwanazi (who presented a paper) and Tshepo Mosaka who chaired one of the presenter sessions at the Society of Law Teachers Conference hosted by the University of Pretoria.

LARC participates in Encounters Film Festival Panel Discussion

Nokwanda Sihlali from the *Land and Accountability Research Centre* (LARC) participated in the 22 June *Encounters Film Festival* panel discussion accompanying the screening of the film *Yintah*. This powerful documentary follows the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs and community members in British Columbia, Canada, as they defend their unceded territory against the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline. The film traces their legal battles, land defence actions, and the broader political struggles against settler-colonial resource extraction. During the screening, Sihlali emphasised the striking parallels between Yintah and ongoing land justice struggles in South Africa. In particular, *LARC* highlighted the film's portrayal of Indigenous governance systems, the assertion of customary land rights, and the defence of sacred land devoid of state recognition, drawing strong connections to the experiences of communities resisting mining and land dispossession in the former bantustans of South Africa. *LARC* notes that *Yintah* offers an important international lens through which to understand how customary land rights and environmental issues intersect in Indigenous struggles globally, reinforcing the importance of legal recognition and meaningful consultation processes.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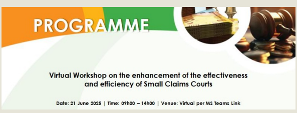
Enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of Small Claims Courts


PROGRAMME
Virtual Workshop on the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of Small Claims Courts
Date: 21 June 2025 | Time: 09h00 – 14h00 | Venue: Virtual per MS Teams Link

Prof Mohamed Paleker recently hosted an online workshop on *Small Claims Courts*, which drew an impressive 300 participants, including lawyers, advocates, judicial officers, Department of Justice officials, and other interested stakeholders.

As Chairperson of the National Steering Committee, **Prof Paleker** coordinated the workshop, which was also attended by the *Deputy Minister of Justic*e, **Mr Andries Nel MP**. This event served as a strategic precursor to the upcoming two-day National Convention on Small Claims Courts, scheduled for the end of this year. Taking the form of a problem-solving session, the workshop sought to identify key challenges within the small claims court system. These issues will be brought forward at the year-end convention, where delegates will be invited to form working groups tasked with proposing legislative amendments and developing practical, cost-effective solutions to logistical and systemic problems. Notably, the Deputy Minister stayed for the full five-hour workshop, and contributed concluding comments at the end. This hopefully signals that there will be significant developments in addressing the deteriorating civil justice system in SA.

Centre for Comparative Law in Africa - UPDATES

Law Regional Integration and Development in Africa (LRIDA)
LLM Negotiation Simulation

The LRIDA flagship negotiation simulation was held on 14 May 2025. Providing LLM students registered for the LRDIA course with a platform for developing regional multilateral negotiation skills, this simulation equips participants with practical introductory experience of trade negotiations, as well as diplomatic engagement. Participants represented various African countries and regional blocs, assuming the roles of trade negotiators and policymakers, while CCLA team members served as observers from labour, civil society and international agencies. This year, LRIDA negotiators made submissions on the *African Continental Free Trade Agreement* (AfCFTA) *Protocol on Trade in Goods and Digital Trade*, while also proffering proposals for addressing the significant challenges women and youth face in formal trade on the continent. The simulation served as a valuable learning experience, enhancing students' knowledge of the various countries they represented and deepening their appreciation of Africa's trade governance landscape. It also reinforced CCLA's commitment to experiential learning and to building the capacity of future African trade law experts and legal scholars.

CCLA Researchers Participate in Global Conference on Trade and Sustainability

CCLA researchers **Dr Victor Amadi**, **Dr Raisa Nyirongo**, and **Mr Chebo Tamajong**, attended the conference on *Reimagining Cooperation on Trade and Sustainability: An African Perspective* held from 26–27 May 2025 at UCT's Graduate School of Business.

The event was hosted by the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance in collaboration with the *Remaking Trade for a Sustainable Future Project, the Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs, and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).*

The conference provided a convening forum for trade ambassadors, UNECA representatives, AfCFTA Secretariat officials, as well as policymakers, government officials, academics, and trade specialists from across the globe. Discussions explored key themes such as industrialisation, value chain development, new sources of financing, and Africa's positioning in global trade reform efforts. The event also fed into policy conversations ahead of the G20 Summit and reflected the CCLA's continued collaboration with the Nelson Mandela School on trade and development governance.

CCLA's Keynote Address at the 4th SADC Law Conference

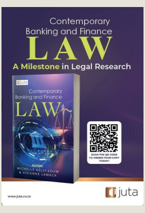
CCLA Director **Professor Ada Ordor** recently delivered the keynote address at the *4th SADC Law Conference* (themed *Reflecting on the Current State of Regional Integration in Africa's sub-regions: Comparative Perspectives from the EAC, ECOWAS, SADC*) which was hosted at the University of the Western Cape on 8 - 9 May. **Prof Ordor**'s paper was titled *African Integration: The Coming of Age of a Movement*, while CCLA postdoc **Dr Raisa Nyirongo** presented a paper on the subject *Striking a Balance: Enforcement vs Regional Cohesion in African Integration –Lessons from ECOWAS, SADC and EAC*.

The conference, established by Prof Moses Retselisitsoe Phooko and Dr Mkhululi Nyathi of Wits University, was a collaboration between the Oliver Tambo Chair in Human Rights at the University of Fort Hare and a number of other institutions, including the African Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice at UWC, the National University of Lesotho, the King Ceasor University in Kampala, Uganda and the University of Lay Adventists of Kigali, Rwanda.

PUBLICATIONS

Professor Michelle Louw has recenlty had published a new book, co-edited with **Prof Vivienne Lawack**. This academic book, titled *Contemporary Banking and Finance Law*, comprises 18 rigorously double-blind peer-reviewed chapters. The book brings together leading and emerging scholars, practitioners, and postgraduate students to advance cutting-edge legal research and knowledge in the field of Banking and Finance Law. This work reflects how the field has evolved, once focused mainly on core regulatory topics and traditional payment systems, the field of banking and finance law now encompasses a dynamic range of issues, including fintech, crypto assets, central bank digital currencies, and financial consumer protection. The book's 18 chapters address South African and broader African legal perspectives, with references to international developments, and not only celebrates academic excellence but also supports the *Banking Lawyers' Alliance of South Africa* (BLASA) in its mission to nurture the next generation of thought leaders in banking and finance law. One of BLASA's inaugural initiatives was the publication of this book. Included in the book are chapters by **Professor Michelle Louw**, **Ms Sapna Mesthrie** and a UCT LLM student (**Megan Dyamond**).

The book, published by *Juta* with generous support from the **University of the Western Cape (UWC)**, was launched during the recent *Banking & Finance Law Colloquium* held at the Faculty, which brought together key stakeholders in this specialised field of law.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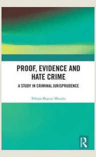
Full information about this publication can be found on the Juta website.

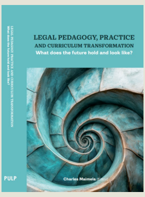
Dr Tshepo Mosaka has recently had published his book *Proof, Evidence and Hate Crime: A Study in Criminal Jurisprudence* (London: Routledge, 2025).


PROOF, EVIDENCE AND HATE CRIME
A STUDY IN CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE
Tshepo Bogosi Mosaka

The book's abstract shares some detail about the focus of this new publication:
Proof is the property of a disputed fact being established inferentially from an extant fact. This book explicates the structural components of this phenomenon in the context of hate crimes across various jurisdictions around the world. It departs from the orthodox conception of evidence and proof as being a general, value-neutral (or non-normative) and epistemic subject, and offers a relativistic conception of this area of law. The core argument is that proof is both semantically and methodologically determined by three conditions of materiality, process and probativity. This argument is then justified by the context-specific application of this relativistic theory of proof to hate crimes. This theoretical application of proof is sustained throughout the book using multiple examples and illustrations of hate crimes around the world. The discussion, both at the level of proof and hate crimes, while focusing on the grounds of race, religion and ethnicity specifically, is framed in jurisprudential, cross-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary terms. The book will be of interest to academics and researchers working in the areas of criminal law, legal philosophy and procedural law.

Full detail about the book can be found on the Taylor & Francis site.

Dr Anthea-lee September-van Huffel has recently had two works published - an article in the Journal of Law, Society & Development, and a chapter in t new book on *Legal Pedagogy, Practice and Curriculum Transformation* (see below right).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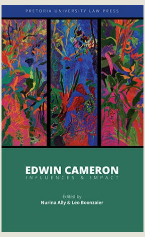
Exploring Biodiversity Conflict as a Result of Conservation Practices and Private Property on Local and Indigenous Communities' Land Tenure Rights is the title of the newly published article by **Dr September-Van Huffel.** The abstract shares that "*Structural inequalities in land tenure rights persist today alongside, and in competition with, private ownership and public interest concerns that seek to protect vested economic interests like infrastructure development, agricultural expansion, conservation, and tourism ... This article critically discusses the biodiversity conflict between conservation interests and the informal land tenure rights of local communities and indigenous peoples, focusing on their continued access to and benefit from natural resources.*"

The Centre for Law and Society is pleased to announce the publication of *Edwin Cameron: Influences & Impact* edited by **Nurina Ally** and **Leo Boonzaier**. The collection of essays, published by Pretoria University Law Press, celebrates the life and work of **Justice Cameron** and is available both online (open-access) and in print. To order a hard copy of the book, contact Jemima Thomas – Jemima.Thomas@uct.ac.za.



"An outstanding collection of essays written by some of the leading scholars of South African law which has resulted in a fitting tribute to Edwin Cameron's contribution to our constitutional project."
Kate O'Regan
Former Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa

"Edwin Cameron's life and incomparable contribution to the law are justly celebrated in this thoughtfully curated set of essays penned by people who have walked parts of the path with him."
Jason Brickhill
Member of the Johannesburg Bar

Further information is available on the PULP site.

Mr Naleen Jeram (UCT LLB Class of 1996 and UCT LLM 2004), Adjunct Lecturer in the Commercial Law Department, has recently had published his chapter on death benefits, in the latest edition of the *Manual on Retirement Funds* (2025) edition. This is an online publication on LexisNexis.

FACULTY RESEARCH | ANNOUNCEMENT

The Faculty Research Office this week sent out an email poll to find out whether there is an interest in kick-starting the Faculty's research seminar series. The idea is to have one seminar per month, starting August until the end of October, ensuring we could accommodate three seminars this semester.

Please respond to that email below so that the *Law Research Office Directorate* can start with the logistics. You can also respond to the poll via this direct link.

The deadline to respond is 06 August 2025. Further information – contact Lamize.Viljoen@uct.ac.za

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Erik Doxtader, who has been associated with the Faculty's *Centre for Rhetoric Studies* almost since its founding in 1995, has passed away after a devastating illness. Professor Doxtader was considered as a leading light in critical rhetoric. His work on reconciliation stands out.

And excerpt from his obituary
Erik William Doxtader (1966 - 2025), 59, was a professor and scholar of rhetoric and critical theory. Born in Fort Collins, Colorado to Kenneth and Gail, he took a BA at the University of Kansas and both an MA and PhD from the Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University. He lived in Columbia, South Carolina, in Cape Town, South Africa, and on the side of a quiet caldera in northern New Mexico. Doxtader passed away at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas on 22 June, after what he termed "a tussle and a tarry" with advanced melanoma. He is immediately survived by partner and spouse Sara Schneckloth, parents Gail and Kenneth Doxtader, brothers Mark and Neil, and dearest friends Chris Shannon and Philippe-Joseph Salazar. Dr Hussein Tawbi and the teams at MD Anderson have our enduring gratitude for their intelligence, compassion, and relentless tenacity. Doxtader was a Professor of Rhetoric in the Department of English at the University of South Carolina and the editor of Philosophy & Rhetoric, an international journal in his field. When once asked for a "simple definition" of rhetoric, he framed it as the intersection of speech, reason, and action. In scholarship vitally engaged with questions central to language and ethical life, Doxtader addressed the philosophy of rhetoric, critical and contemporary rhetorical theory, transitional politics, human rights discourse, and South African political history. He authored and edited numerous essays and volumes on the effects of violence on the potential of language and expression, and the dynamics of recognition and reconciliation. His decades of close engagement with the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission illuminated evolving relationships of language and politics in deeply divided societies. His lasting contribution to a philosophy of rhetoric is his unique insight into the public sphere as a site of conflict where the engagement between competing desires can reveal our interconnectedness and open pathways to ethical action.

The full obituary is available here.

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COLLEGIAL COURTESIES

EVENT INFORMATION | If you're holding any kind of event in the Faculty, please take the time to **inform the staff at the Security Desk on Level 4**. They are the front line for visitors at Kramer, but have are often without with the information required to play an informed and welcoming role. It helps enormously to put something onto an A4 sheet, indicating event name, date, time, venue and anticipated number of participants, and give this to security perhaps with prestik or tape so that it is visible for security staff.

STAFF COFFEE SUPPLIES | The coffee supply in the Level 4 staff kitchen is restocked early very morning. This provision is repeatedly finished within 30 minutes of re-stocking, and it is evident that the entire pot of instant coffee is being emptied and taken away. Please **don't remove the coffee from the staff room** - our colleagues ALSO need their morning caffeine shot! ALSO, please **only use a dry teaspoon** in the sugar pots. Teaspoons that are wet with coffee cause unhygienic clumps in the sugar, and we would like to keep our shared kitchen clean and inviting for everyone. Thank you.

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