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Publications:

Journal of Comparative Law in Africa

The CCLA continues to successfully run the Journal of Comparative Law in Africa, for which a steady flow of contributions, both in English and French, has been secured. The fifth and sixth editions of the Journal of Comparative Law in Africa (JCLA) were published in March and October 2016 respectively. See the Call for Papers as well as the Editor's Guide on the home page of CCLA website www.comparativelaw.uct.ac.za.

LLM in Comparative Law in Africa

The LLM programme in Comparative Law in Africa continues to increase the Law Faculty postgraduate course offerings. The two core courses for the LLM in Comparative Law in Africa are Comparative Legal Systems and African Law. Electives include Civil Law, Common Law, Chinese Law and Investments in Africa and Law and Regional Integration in Africa.

Research

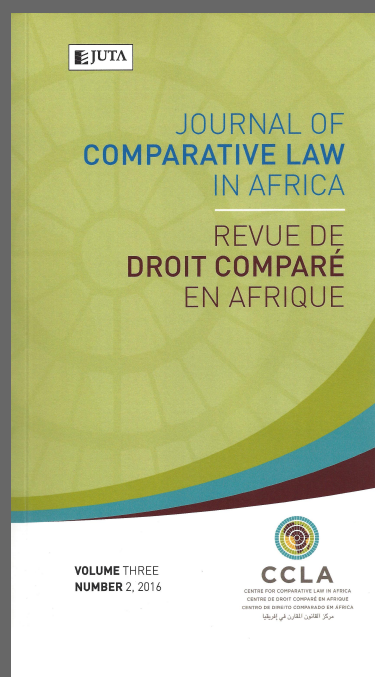
CCLA continues to coordinate the South African chapter of the Index of Legal Certainty, a collaborative ongoing project of the Civil Law Foundation, Paris and the Université Paris II Pantheon-Assas. The Nigerian chapter continues to be co-ordinated by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Research Project: Principles of BRICS Contract Law

The forum successfully hosted its first research workshop at the UCT Faculty of Law from 27 – 28 January 2016. The workshop was attended by a representative from each of the BRICS member states. The purpose of the workshop was to chart the research scope, identify key issues and develop the research

Salvatore Mancuso, "Legal literature of Somalia. A bibliographic essay" in *Annual Review of Islam in Africa*, Issue No. 12/13 (2015-2016), p. 77-91.

Adenike Aiyedun and Ada Ordor, "Integrating the Traditional with the Contemporary in Dispute Resolution in Africa" in *Law Democracy and Development* (Journal of the Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape) vol 20, 2016 p.154 - 173.



Events Attended

In addition to events on the UCT Campus, CCLA researchers have been involved in a number of events in other parts of the world.

methodology as well as the funding model for the project. It was agreed that the research output would be a publishable book containing a list of general principles of international commercial contracts under the BRICS ambit.

Capacity-Building Workshop

The pioneer research capacity-building workshop under the TY Danjuma Fund, convened by A/Prof Ada Ordor was held from 20 – 23 September 2016. It was attended by ten researchers from the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS). This event was modeled after the Emerging Researchers' Programme at UCT where early career academics are mentored through a programme that comprehensively introduces them to the research enterprise. The workshop was declared open by UCT Deputy-Vice Chancellor Prof Danie Visser. Workshop sessions addressed various aspects of conducting research in an African context, including research planning, methodologies and publishing. The objective was to equip participants with tools for initiating, undertaking and publishing Africa-focused research. The workshop was hosted by the CCLA and was co-organised by UCT Law Faculty's Professional Development Programme, Law@Work. All 12 facilitators were from UCT: one was from the Research Office and all others were from the Law Faculty. In a flow of engaging sessions, various topics were discussed and from the feedback received, participants clearly found the event to be both timely and of tremendous value. For more information on the capacity-building workshop, see the workshop programme on the CCLA website.



Participants at the capacity building workshop

In 2016 Prof. Mancuso attended several conferences and events, among which was the Juris Diversitas Conference in Louisiana State University Law Center, Baton Rouge, USA as the Vice-President (Events) of the association, and the 5th national congress of the Italian Society for Research in Comparative Law (SIRD). He has also been appointed as Visiting Professor at the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. In May 2016, on invitation, Prof. Mancuso taught "Introduction to African Law" at the Université Omar Bongo in Libreville Gabon. In June 2016, Prof. Mancuso presented the project "Principles of BRICS Contract Law" at the BRICS Law Institute conference in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

In December 2016, A Prof/Ada Ordor presented a paper at the inaugural Law and Society in Africa Conference co-hosted by the Centre for Law and Society, University of Cape Town and the Law and Society Association. Her paper was on: The Nonprofit Sector and Citizenship in Africa: Insights from Democratic Transitions in South Africa and Nigeria.

CCLA postdoctoral research fellow, Dr Anthony Diala, then a postgraduate student researcher at the CCLA, made presentations at the Association of African Studies Conference in



NIALS Workshop participants with the DVC Research Prof Danie Visser. Also in the picture are the Faculty of Law Director of Research, Prof Dee Smythe (2nd from the right), CCLA Chair, Prof Salvatore Mancuso (2nd from the left) and workshop convener A/Prof Ada Order (1st from right).

Olu Akinkugbe Fellowship 2016

The Olu Akinkugbe Business Law in Africa Fellowship is an all-expenses paid visiting fellowship of eight weeks, generously endowed by Chief Olu Akinkugbe CON, which commenced in 2014. The fellowship supports short-term visits by two law academics annually from universities in African countries to the CCLA for the purpose of carrying out research on various aspects of business law in Africa for the production of a paper for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal or book. The 2016 fellowship period was from 3rd October to 3rd December 2016. The 2016 Fellows were Mr Ngozi Odiaka from the College of Law, Afe-Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria and Professor Kebreab Habtemichael Former Dean of the Law School, University of Asmara, Eritrea.

On Wednesday 30 November 2016, the fellows presented Faculty seminars on topics of their choice. Mr Odiaka presented on, "Comparative analysis of the intersection between corporate governance and corporate social responsibility in multigenerational family business in Africa" and Prof. Habtemichael presented on, "Business Law in Africa: A Comparative Approach". For more information on the Olu Akinkugbe Fellowship, see info document on the CCLA

New Staff Appointments



Professor Ismail



Dr Anthony Diala

**Olu Akinkugbe Fellows
2016**



Mr Ngozi Odiaka and Prof Kebreab
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2016 News

Dr Faizel Ismail, former South African Ambassador to the WTO was appointed Adjunct Professor at the CCLA with effect from January 2017.

Dr Anthony Diala, who completed his doctoral studies in 2016 at the NRF Chair in Customary Law, Human Rights and Indigenous Values, was awarded a UCT postdoctoral research fellowship hosted at the CCLA, making him the CCLA's first postdoctoral fellow.

CCLA Chair, Prof Salvatore Mancuso, has been awarded a research fellowship for May and June 2017 by the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL).

Events scheduled for 2017

Law and Development Conference September 2017 Cape Town

This conference is co-hosted at UCT by the CCLA and the Law and Development Institute.

CCLA-NIALS joint conference Lagos Dec 2017

Following the completion of the research project on Law and Policy for Sustainable Energy Access in Africa, a book published from that research will be presented at a conference to be hosted in Lagos in December 2017. Expected participants include academics, practitioners, government officials and corporate entities with an interest in exploring ways of increasing energy access on the African continent.