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News from the Dean's office

Dear friend of the Faculty

It is a great pleasure to conclude 2022 with a full newsletter, which is testimony to a demanding but fruitful second half of the year.

There are many highlights of the second semester included in this newsletter, including that the year ends with a big international conference (the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) Conference in partnership with the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education and the South African University Law Clinics Association), which will see around 200 scholars at the Ou Hoofgebou during the week of 12 December. However, the new year will also kick off on a high note on 15 January with another high-profile occasion, namely the Global Scholars Academy that we will be hosting with the Institute for Law and Global Policy, Harvard University. The Academy is an "intensive residential experience designed to enable junior faculty and post-doctoral scholars to engage in sustained, interdisciplinary, peer-to-peer collaboration under the close mentorship of a research faculty drawn from the world's top universities".

It is especially pleasing to reflect on these achievements, activities, and highlights since we aim to be productive rather than just busy, and for this to be the case everyone needs to roll up their sleeves and get things done. Our team continued to do just that the last months, and I thank them for their hard work and dedication this year. One should add that to be productive also requires clarity about one's aims so that your actions are aligned with your aims and values, and we have worked hard to remain focused despite turbulent periods of times.

As I reminded our final year students in their yearbook, the informal motto at the Faculty is that we support students to become legal practitioners, jurists, and thought leaders. On a more formal note, as Faculty we strive to be a research-intensive faculty where we attract outstanding students, employ talented staff, and provide a world-class environment: a place connected to the world, while enriching and transforming local, continental, and global communities. Central to all these aspirations is our students.

I am, therefore, grateful that we were able to conclude this year together as a community (including a fantastic graduation celebratory event) and that all indicators seem to point to a new year where students, staff, and alumni

will again be able to actively participate in conversations and engage with one another on our beautiful campus. Personal interaction and clear communication are after all key to a community where everyone can grow, learn, and, ultimately, flourish.

The Faculty, like the rest of SU, will engage more thoroughly with the Khampepe Report during 2023, but one conclusion is already relevant here: Justice Khampepe concludes the report by stating that "the university community are missing opportunities to communicate, connect, and understand one another in terms of similarities rather than differences". I believe that with the necessary introspection and open mindset the difficult lessons from 2022 may provide the foundation for us to reaffirm and recalibrate our shared values, hopes and dreams going forward next year.

Enjoy a restful and happy festive season. Thank you for sharing our journey with us, we appreciate your support.

Professor Nicola Smit
Dean



Dean, Professor Nicola Smit.

Iindaba ezisuka kwi-ofisi yoMphathi

Sihlobo esibekekileyo seFakhalathi

Kuluvuyo ukuqukumbela unyaka wama2022 ngengxelo ezeleyo, nto leyo ebubungqina bokuba nangona esi siqingatha sesibini besixakekisa nje sibenazo iziphumo ezincumisayo.

Zininzi izinto ezibalulekileyo ezenzekileyo kwesi siqingatha sonyaka ezithe zafakwa kule ncwadi, kuquka nento yokuba lo nyaka siwuvala ngenkomfa enkulu yamazwe ngamazwe (iNkomfa iGlobal Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) kubanjiswene neInternational Journal of Clinical Legal Education kunye neSouth African University Law Clinics Association), eza kuzinyaswa ziindwalutho zemfundo ezimalunga nama200 eOu Hoofgebou ngeveki yomhla we12 kaDisemba. Nangona kunjalo, unyaka omtsha uza kuphinda uqale ngomcimbi obaluleke kakhulu, nge15 kaJanuwari ze kubekho omnye umcimbi okwinqanaba eliphezulu, obizwa ngokuba yiGlobal Scholars Academy esiza kube siwusingethe kunye neInstitute of Law and Global Policy, yeYunivesithi yaseHarvard. Le Akhademi "ngamava anzulu ayilelwe ukwenza ukuba abaphengululi abatsha beFakhalathi kwakunye nabo sele bephumelele izifundo zobugqirhalwazi bazibandakanye kwintsebenziswano ezinzileyo, kuthungelwano namanye amasebe ezemfundo, nentsebenziswano phakathi koontangandini phantsi kooqeqesho olungqongqo lwecandelo lophando elithathwe kwiYunivesithi eziphambili zehlabathi."

Kuyonwabisa ngakumbi ukucamngca ngezinto eziyimpumelelo, imisebenzi, nezona zinto ezibalulekileyo ezenzekileyo njengoko sijolise ekubeni sibe neziphumo endaweni yokuxakeka nje, kuba ukuze kube njalo kufuneka wonke umntu aphakamise iinyawo aqhube umsebenzi. Iqela lethu lenze kanye oko kwezi nyanga zidlulileyo, kwaye ndiyababulela ngokusebenza nzima nangokuzinikela kulo nyaka. Ubani angongeza ngelithi, ukuze ube neziphumo kufuneka ube neenjongo ezicacileyo ukuze izenzo zakho zihambelane neenjongo zakho kwakunye neenqobo ezisemgangathweni, sisebenze nzima ukuze singaphambuki nangona bekukho amagingxigingxi.

Njengoko ndandikhumbuze abafundi bethu bonyaka wokugqibela kwiKhalenda, isaci esingekho sikweni kwiFakhalathi kukuba sixhasa abafundi ukuba babe ngabasebenzi bezomthetho, iijaji kunye noovulindlela.

Okunye okubalulekileyo kukuba njengeFakhalathi sizama ukuba licandelo lophandonzulu apho sitsala abafundi abagqwesileyo, siqeshe oompondozihlanjiwe, sibonelele ngendawo ekumgangatho ophezulu: indawo eqhagamshelene nehlabathi, ngelixa siphucula sitshintsha uluntu lwasekhaya, lwelizwekazi, kunye noluntu lwehlabathi. Undoqo kuyo yonke le minqweno ngabafundi bethu.

Ngoko ke, ndinombulelo ngokuba sikwazile ukuwuqukumbela lo nyaka kunye njengoluntu (kuquka nomsitho omangalisayo wokubhiyozela uthwesozidanga) kwaye kubonakala ngathi kulo nyaka uzayo abafundi, abasebenzi, izithwalandwe baza kuphinda kwakhona bakwazi ukuthatha inxaxheba kwiincoko, baxoxe ngemibandela ethile kwikhampasi yethu entle. Unxibelelwano lomntu kunye nonxibelelwano olucacileyo lungundoqo kuluntu apho wonke umntu anokukhula afunde, aze ekugqibeleni, ahlume.

Le fakalathi, njengezinye zaseSU, iya kusebenzisana ngokupheleleyo neNgxelo kaKhampepe ngowama2023, kodwa sinye isigqibo esisele sibalulekile apha. UJustice Khampepe uqukumbele le ngxelo ngokuthi "abahlali baseyunivesithi baphoswa ngamathuba okunxibelelana, okuqhagamshelana, nokuqondana ngokwezinto ezifanayo kuneyantlukwano." Ndiyakholelwa ukuba ngokuzigocagoca nokuphulaphula izimvo zabanye, amava abuhlungu onyaka wama2022 angaba sisiseko sethu sokuba siqinisekise, sihlengahlengise iinqobo zethu ezisemgangathweni esifana ngazo, amathemba kunye neminqweno yethu ukuya phambili kulo nyaka uzayo.

Yonwabela ikhefu nexesha leeholide. Enkosi ngokuba yinxalenye yethu, siyayibulela inkxaso yakho.

Professor Nicola Smit
Dean

Nuus van die Dekaan se kantoor

Geagte vriend van die Fakulteit

Dit is 'n groot plesier om 2022 af te sluit met 'n propvol nuusbrief, wat getuig van 'n veeleisende maar vrugbare tweede helfte van die jaar.

Daar is baie hoogtepunte van die tweede semester in hierdie nuusbrief ingesluit, insluitend dat die jaar afgesluit word met 'n groot internasionale konferensie (die Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE)-konferensie in vennootskap met die International Journal of Clinical Legal Education en die South African University Law Clinics Association), wat gedurende die week van 12 Desember ongeveer 200 vakkundiges by die Ou Hoofgebou saam sal bring. Die nuwe jaar sal egter ook op 15 Januarie op 'n hoë noot begin met nog 'n hoëprofielgeleentheid, naamlik die Global Scholars Academy wat ons saam met die Institute for Law and Global Policy, Harvard Universiteit, sal aanbied. Die Akademie is 'n "intensiewe residensiële ervaring wat ontwerp is om junior fakulteit- en nadoktorale akademici in staat te stel om by volgehoue, interdisiplinêre, eweknie-samewerking betrokke te raak onder die noue mentorskap van 'n navorsingsfakulteit wat van die wêreld se beste universiteite bestaan".

Dit is veral aangenaam om oor hierdie prestasies, aktiwiteite en hoogtepunte te bepeins aangesien ons daarna streef om nie net besig te wees nie, maar om ook produktief te wees. Vir dit om die geval te wees, moet almal hul moue oprol en dinge gedoen kry. Ons span het dit die laaste maande voordurend gedoen, en ek bedank hulle vir hul harde werk en toewyding hierdie jaar. Mens moet byvoeg dat om produktief te wees ook duidelikheid oor jou doelwitte vereis sodat jou optrede in lyn is met jou doelwitte en waardes, en ons het hard gewerk om gefokus te bly ten spyte van onstuimige tye.

Soos ek ons finalejaarstudente in hul jaarboek herinner het, is die informele leuse by die Fakulteit dat ons studente ondersteun om regspraktisyns, juriste en denkleiers te word. Op 'n meer formele noot, as Fakulteit streef ons daarna om 'n navorsingsintensiewe fakulteit te wees waar ons uitstaande studente lok, talentvolle personeel

in diens neem en 'n wêreldklas omgewing bied: 'n plek wat aan die wêreld verbind is, terwyl ons plaaslike, kontinentale, en globale gemeenskappe verryk. Sentraal tot al hierdie aspirasies is ons studente.

Ek is dus dankbaar dat ons hierdie jaar saam as 'n gemeenskap kon afsluit (insluitend 'n fantastiese gradeplegtigheidsgeleentheid) en dat alle aanwysers op 'n nuwe jaar dui waar studente, personeel en alumni weer aktief aan gesprekke deelneem en by mekaar inskakel op ons pragtige kampus. Persoonlike interaksie en duidelike kommunikasie is immers die sleutel tot 'n gemeenskap waar almal kan groei, leer en uiteindelik kan floreer.

Die Fakulteit, soos die res van US, sal gedurende 2023 deegliker by die Khampepe-verslag betrokke raak, maar een gevolgtrekking is reeds hier ter sake: Regter Khampepe sluit die verslag af deur te sê "die universiteitsgemeenskap mis geleenthede om te kommunikeer, in te skakel en mekaar te verstaan in terme van ooreenkomste eerder as verskille". Ek glo dat die moeilike lesse van 2022 met die nodige introspeksie en oop ingesteldheid die grondslag vir ons kan bied om ons gedeelde waardes, hoop en drome volgende jaar te herbevestig en herkalibreer.

Geniet 'n rustige en gelukkige feestyd. Dankie dat jy ons reis met ons deel, ons waardeer jou ondersteuning.

Professor Nicola Smit
Dekaan

Research & Internationalisation

The re-focus on research, embarked on in March in the first semester of 2022, continued in the second semester. Given the emphasis on a more “hands-on” approach to research and the need for dedicated research time and space, the Faculty officially returned to the pre-Covid position regarding dedicated research days – one day per week to do research from home; in some instances, an additional research day may also be used.

On 9 and 10 September, members of the Faculty were given the opportunity to immerse themselves in their research and writing at the Faculty’s first Writing Retreat, hosted at the Devon Valley Hotel in Stellenbosch. While the retreat was attended by mainly younger scholars – Ms Ebrezia Johnson, Ms Rukshana Parker, Dr Tina Kotzé, Dr Debbie Horsten, Ms Nondo Phenyane, Dr Delano van der Linde, Dr Cecile de Villiers, Dr Jane Diala, and accompanied by Professor Juanita Pienaar – the idea is to expand the initiative in 2023 to include a broad spectrum of scholars and to extend the length of the retreat.

While all participants agreed that it was a huge success, they noted that the programme could be adjusted to include a variety of activities – including some physical activity – to support and enhance the periods spent behind their laptops!

All three departments continued with dedicated research discussion sessions, buzz groups, and even lunchtime lectures. Again, in-person attendance was welcomed by staff and students alike.

The mentoring programme, which was embarked on in the first semester, gained further momentum in the second semester. A new mentoring module was set up on SUNLearn by Ms Alma Coertzen. The module contains a depository of SU documentation and policies relevant to researchers and academics, as well as other useful material and links to interesting and informative podcasts and information. A feedback session is scheduled to take place on 12 December 2022, which will be followed by a well-deserved lunch.

As in the first semester, staff and students were further

involved in a variety of national and international conferences; this undergirds sound research and simultaneously promotes internationalisation. In August, the Labour Law group hosted a very successful conference and book launch in honour of Professor Manfred Weiss. A number of Faculty members, including the Dean, Professor Nicola Smit, contributed to the book, *Liber amicorum: book of friends*.

For the first time in three years, an in-person Southern African Law Teachers Conference took place in East London; the conference was hosted by the Faculty of Law, Fort Hare, from 11 to 15 July 2022. Faculty delegates included Professor Sandy Liebenberg, Professor Geo Quinot, Professor Philip Sutherland, Professor Bradley Slade, Ms Rukshana Parker, Mr Thala Msutu, Ms Ebrezia Johnson, and Professor Juanita Pienaar.

Some other conferences scheduled to take place in November and December include the closing conference



Writing retreat



Writing retreat dinner



Labour law conference



Law Teachers Conference

of the NRF-funded South African Research Chair in Property Law – Transforming Property Law, from 30 November to 2 December 2022, organised by Professor Zsa-Zsa Boggenpoel and an international Social Justice Education Conference, scheduled to take place in hybrid-format from 11 to 15 December 2022, under the auspices of the SU Law Clinic.

A follow-up session linked to research and post-graduate studies was held on 19 July 2022 where other channels to gain access to postgraduate studies, including a preparation-module, were explored, under the guidance of Mr Shirle Cornelissen and Ms Cindy de Doncker. The session also dealt with the supervisor's role and corresponding duties and responsibilities, as well as providing information on the new cycle of examination of postgraduate students under the 2022-Postgraduate Guide, presented by Ms Silke de Lange. The prep-module initiative was taken further by the Research Committee in October 2022 and finalised by the Faculty Board in November 2022. From 2023, there will thus be three options to gain access to postgraduate studies: the so-called 'short procedure'; registration after completion of a research proposal accepted at the Faculty Board; and the new procedure, the preparation-module for LLM and LLD respectively.

The research re-focus initiative will continue in 2023. A Faculty-wide Research Indaba is scheduled to take place on Monday, 30 January 2023.

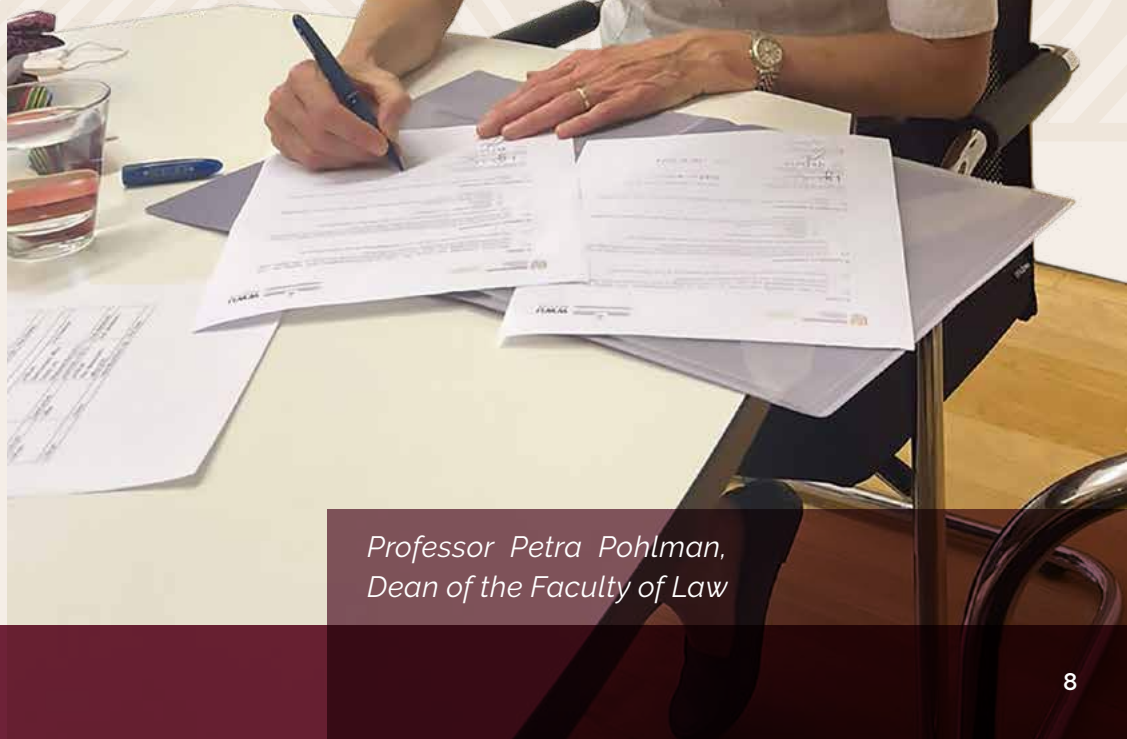


Internationalisation



law school in the world. Professor Stevens also visited the Münster Law Faculty, where Professor Petra Pohlman, Dean of the Faculty of Law, signed the long-awaited exchange agreement between the Münster Law Faculty and SU Faculty of Law. The exchange agreement enables up to two staff members from the partner universities to visit the other university and present short courses on specific research focus areas. The first exchanges will take place in 2023.

The Faculty's Internationalisation Committee continued regular meetings, which feed into the overarching Institutional Advisory Committee on Internationalisation (IACIA) under the auspices of Professor Hester Kloppers. The Vice-Dean: Teaching & Learning, Professor Richard Stevens, was invited by the Technische Universität München (TUM) to participate in the Global Visiting Professor Programme. Whilst abroad, Professor Stevens also visited two partner faculties of the Faculty, the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg and the Tilburg Law School in the Netherlands, which is ranked by Times Higher Education as the 21st best



*Professor Petra Pohlman,
Dean of the Faculty of Law*



Another exciting development within the internationalisation domain is a student exchange agreement that was concluded between the Faculties of Law of SU and the University of Cambridge. The agreement enables up to two students to spend an academic year at the partner institution as a visiting student. At Cambridge, the visiting students will have the opportunity to choose any of the undergraduate law papers offered by the Faculty of Law. They will also be members of one of the 31 colleges and receive supervisions in their chosen papers. At Stellenbosch, the visiting students will be able to choose from both undergraduate and certain postgraduate law papers offered by the Faculty of Law.

Associate Professor, Felix Steffek, the Director of International Strategy and Partnerships at Cambridge said: "The exchange with Stellenbosch University is an exciting opportunity for our students as it opens a pathway to studying law at one of the leading universities in Africa. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the first visiting students from Stellenbosch in the 2023-2024 academic year."

Professor Mark Elliott, Chair of the Faculty of Law at Cambridge, said: "I am delighted that we are partnering with Stellenbosch University in this, and that Cambridge and Stellenbosch students will have the rich intellectual

and cultural opportunities that this exchange programme offers. I am grateful to our former Director of International Strategy and Partnerships, Professor Jens Scherpe, for bringing this project to fruition, and we look forward greatly to welcoming our first students from Stellenbosch next year."

Staff and student exchanges in the second semester also included an internship at the Law Clinic of a number of students from Hasselt University in the period 21 July to 19 August 2022. The visit coincided with a lunchtime seminar on 28 July 2022 presented by Dr Matteo Fermeleglia on the topic of "Climate change responsibility and liability: EU and South African perspectives". The event was co-hosted with Professor Olivier Ruppel.

Another visit under the auspices of the SU Law Clinic, by student representatives and staff members of Strathmore University Law Clinic, took place in the week of 10 to 14 October 2022. While the aim was to gain knowledge and insight into the running of the SU law Clinic, the student representatives also presented their initial research findings during a lunchtime seminar on Thursday, 14 October, with a view on the December-conference in Stellenbosch, which is mentioned above.

Professor Juanita Pienaar

Vice Dean Research and Internationalisation



Teaching and Learning

It would be remiss not to mention that the academic year started off with restrictions on gatherings still in place and not being able to have all students back in class. Finishing the year with full classes certainly has been an enriching experience for staff and students alike and results have seemingly also improved.

Our mid-year newsletter highlighted the roll-out of the new first-year modules. We can report that the roll-out of Law of Persons in the second semester proceeded smoothly. We will take stock of the positives and negatives of the first-year modules before the end of the year to make improvements, where necessary, for 2023. The purpose of this stock-taking session is twofold. Firstly, we want to ensure that the first-year modules are aligned to ensure that student opportunities are alive to the fact that the law does not operate in silos but that what happens in one module has an impact on other modules. Secondly, this stock-taking session will also include the second-year modules that are being rolled out in 2023. Again, we want to ensure that modules are horizontally

and vertically aligned. This is to ensure that students are always alive to the fact that what they learned in their first year builds up vertically in succeeding years.

A review of assessment has taken place on a university-wide basis in 2022. Essentially, faculties will have more freedom in the future on how to assess students. Extensive consultation and workshops have taken place and continue to take place within the Faculty of Law to ensure that we assess students in a variety of ways to ensure that the skills and competencies that we, and the workplace, expect of our students are assessed. This is an ongoing project with sufficient flexibility that enables the Faculty to adapt its assessment rules annually. We are excited what this opportunity enables us to do - it allows us to assess content as well as the critical skills that our students require irrespective of which career they choose.

Assessment was also the focus of the 2022 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference from 24 to 26 October 2022. This conference is open to academics from Stellenbosch University who have an interest in the scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The theme for this year's conference was "Re-imagining assessment culture and practices for a transformative student experience". In light of the Faculty's journey to adopt its renewed LLB and the concomitant focus on assessment, Professor Stevens and Dr Greenhalgh participated in the conference; Professor Stevens was a keynote panellist and Dr Greenhalgh presented a paper.

Therefore, from a Teaching and Learning perspective, we are grateful that we could conclude the academic year with students back in the classroom and in-person invigilated end-of-year assessments; we are also grateful that the roll-out of new modules in the first year went smoothly.

Professor Richard Stevens

Vice Dean Teaching and Learning



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African Procurement Law Unit (APLU)



APLU hosts UNCITRAL Days in Africa seminar

APLU collaborated with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to host a public seminar on public procurement dimensions of modernising and harmonising the international commercial law framework in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) context. The seminar formed part of the UNCITRAL Days in Africa academic series, which aims to celebrate the establishment of UNCITRAL and to raise awareness of the work of UNCITRAL in promoting the progressive harmonisation and modernisation of international trade and commercial law throughout the continent. The seminar focused specifically on public procurement law within international trade law regimes,

with a particular focus on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. Participants considered the current levels of procurement law harmonisation in Africa as well as the advantages, disadvantages, and potential modalities of a truly continental project of procurement law harmonisation in Africa. Speakers included Caroline Nicholas and Benjamin Herisset of UNCITRAL; Professor Sope Williams and Professor Geo Quinot of APLU; Professor Christopher Yukins of the George Washington University School of Law; and Dr Dominic Dagbanja of the University of Western Australia (and also an APLU research fellow).

Participants in the seminar



Workshop on Public Procurement Authorities

APLU, in collaboration with Crown Agents and the Open Contracting Partnership, hosted an open online workshop to discuss one of the recommendations on public procurement reform in South Africa. The recommendation, which was put forward by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture (the Zondo Commission), is the creation of a Public Procurement Anti-Corruption Agency.

In brief, the Commission recommended:

"In the view of the Commission and for the reasons that follow, the appropriate starting point for any scheme of reform must include the establishment of a single, multi-functional, properly resourced, and independent anti-corruption authority with a mandate to confront the abuses inherent in the present system. That authority could be called the Anti-Corruption Authority or Agency of SA South Africa (ACASA)." Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture Report Part 1 (2022) par 664

This recommendation follows the proposal put forward in the draft Public Procurement Bill, published in 2020, for the creation of a Public Procurement Regulator.

Many other countries on the African continent and

beyond have created public procurement authorities of various types. These provide rich experiences for South Africa to look at when considering the creation of a procurement authority of some sort.

This workshop hosted leaders from existing procurement authorities in Kenya, Ghana, and Chile to share their experiences in setting up and running such entities. Speakers included Mr Patrick K. Wanjuki, Director-General, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority of Kenya; Ms Faith Waigwa, Chairperson of the Public Procurement Administrative Review Board of Kenya; Ms Tania Perich Iglesias Director, Dirección ChileCompra, Chile; Mr. Frank Mante, Chief Executive Officer, Public Procurement Authority, Ghana; Mr Steve Guppy of Crown Agents; Ms Caroline James of the Open Contracting Partnership and Professor Geo Quinot of APLU. It also created an opportunity for discussing the proposals put forward to create such an entity in South Africa. More than 200 participants joined the workshop. More details, including recordings of the presentations, can be found at <https://africanprocurementlaw.org/workshop-on-public-procurement-authorities/>.



APLU contributes to major international public procurement conference

In June, APLU collaborated with the Public Procurement Research Group at Nottingham University in hosting the leading international conference on public procurement law, Public Procurement: Global Revolutions XI in Nottingham, UK. At the conference, Professor Sope Williams of APLU shared perspectives from Africa on the new frontiers in procurement during the opening plenary session and presented a paper on gender inclusive procurement in Africa in a session focusing on gender equality, diversity,

and social inclusion in public procurement. Professor Geo Quinot presented a paper on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement in a session focusing on procurement law reforms in Africa and participated in a session that presented the findings of a major international study on the human rights dimension of sustainable public procurement of infrastructure. The conference was co-directed by APLU research fellow, Professor Annamaria la Chimia.

Contributing to public procurement law reform in South Africa

Professor Geo Quinot served as a member of a joint strategic resource to NEDLAC on public procurement law reform. The long-awaited complete overhaul of public procurement law in South Africa was deliberated on by a NEDLAC task team following the government's submission of a draft Public Procurement Bill to NEDLAC in April 2022. The joint strategic resource consisted of five experts in

various aspects of public procurement and provided the NEDLAC task team with technical assistance in its discussions of the draft Bill. Following the completion of the NEDLAC review, the Bill is due to be submitted to Cabinet towards the end of 2022 and is expected to be tabled in Parliament by March 2023.

Anton Mostert Chair of Intellectual Property Law

Short Course in Namibia

The Anton Mostert Chair of Intellectual Property Law hosted its first Short Course on IP, Competition, Contract, and Unjustified Enrichment Law from 7 to 9 October 2022

in Windhoek, Namibia.

The project started with a dream and a bit of encouragement from our friends at Von Seidels.

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Namibia short course group

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Putting the course programme together was no easy task. Professor Sadulla Karjiker, who led the programme, presented the copyright and trade mark portions of the course, with the help of Ms Gretchen Jansen. Professor Karjiker approached some colleagues, Professor Philip Sutherland and Professor Jacques du Plessis, to present the sections on Competition Law and Law of Contract and Unjustified Enrichment Law, respectively. Finally, Bastiaan Koster, a partner at Von Seidels, presented the section on patent law. Ms Annette van Tonder was, of course, ever present to ensure that the administration and presentation of the short course ran smoothly, and to ensure that the attendees (and external presenters) were warmly welcomed.

Once the programme was finalised, the big challenge of advertising the short course began. With the help of the Law Society of Namibia, all expectations were exceeded - legal practitioners and business people from various sectors registered for the short course. Many other obstacles had to be overcome before the commencement of the course, including work visas,

foreign requisitions, and the tax at the airport for the "contraband" memory sticks.

The short course was presented at the Windhoek Country Club, which received the group very well. The course attendees expressed a great interest and enthusiasm for the course content; this was evident in the range of questions asked throughout the course. With all the hard work, manned by Ms van Tonder, to get the short course up and running, the Chair was happy to receive positive and encouraging feedback from the attendees, including multiple requests for the Chair to return to Windhoek in 2023 to offer the short course again.

In conjunction with the short course, the Alumni Relations Office arranged an alumni function for all Faculty alumni in Namibia. (Read more about the event below.)

Just as the course started with a dream, it ended like a dream with a guitar around a campfire and a plane ride over the famous Sossusvlei.



Annual Intellectual Property Law Public Lecture

The Intellectual Property Law Public Lecture is the annual highlight of the Chair's activities. This year was no exception.

On 6 October 2022, Advocate Owen Salmon SC from the Johannesburg Bar, as well as a member of Maisels Group, presented the lecture: "To create a stairway to heaven all you need is spirit – influence or infringement in music". He used the famous case study of the "Stairway to Heaven" saga, where the rock band, Led Zeppelin, was sued for copyright infringement by the band, Spirit. He used a variety of audio clips to illustrate the fine line between influence and infringement in music, which kept the audience engaged throughout the lecture.

This year, a violinist performed during the cocktail event prior to the lecture; this created a very welcoming environment for the guests. Professor Richard Stevens welcomed the guests; thereafter, Mr Ralph van Niekerk, a representative from the Chair's sponsor, Von Seidels, thanked the Chair for allowing them to be part of such a prestigious event. Professor Karjiker thanked Advocate Salmon for his informative lecture and his willingness to share his knowledge.

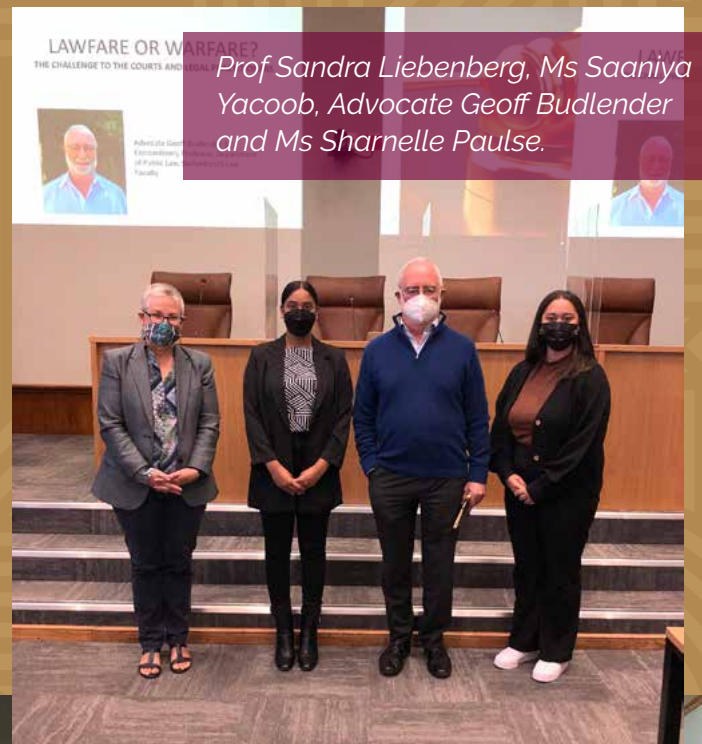
After the lecture, the guests had the opportunity to network and socialise in typical IP public lecture style. The Chair and the event sponsor, Von Seidels, consider the event a great success.



HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law

Advocate Geoff Budlender SC lunch hour seminar

The HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law and the Juridical Society Transformation Portfolio, under the stewardship of final-year LLB student, Saaniya Yacoob, organised and presented an online and in-person public lunch hour seminar with Advocate Geoff Budlender SC, Extraordinary Professor in the Department of Public Law, on 10 May 2022. The seminar was entitled, "Lawfare or Warfare? The challenges to the courts and legal practitioners". Advocate Budlender delivered an insightful address highlighting the challenges and opportunities of transformative legal litigation strategies across institutional, political, and socio-economic issues. The seminar was well attended in person and online; students and staff engaged in a fruitful question and answer session with Advocate Budlender, which was chaired by Professor Sandra Liebenberg and assisted by an LLM candidate, Ms Sharnelle Paulse.



Advocate Geoff Budlender SC and audience members in room 2027 in the Old Main Building

Perspective series webinar UFS Centre for Human Rights

Professor Sandra Liebenberg was hosted by the Director of the University of the Free State's Centre for Human Rights, Professor Danie Brand, for a webinar discussion during the centre's perspective series on 26 May 2022. Professor Liebenberg addressed the attendees on "Impoverishment, inequality, and Human Rights". During her address, Professor Liebenberg indicated that a scarcity of available resources is not an automatic justification for not addressing human rights violations in the form of fiscal injustice. Professors Liebenberg and Brand indicated that the realisation of rights through resource mobilisation and redistribution would need transformative politics in the fiscal arena. Professor Liebenberg also argued that although courts are institutionally restrained, they are tasked to hold, at the very least, the other branches of government accountable "to come up with a credible plan

of action, in consultation and with the participation of society, on how they are going to close the inequality gap." Academic staff, civil society organisation representatives, media houses, and students from across South Africa attended the webinar. A write-up of the webinar can be accessed [here](#).



Professor Liebenberg on opening plenary panel of 2022 SA Law Teachers' Conference

Professor Sandra Liebenberg delivered a paper at the opening plenary session of the SA Law Teachers' Conference on 12 July 2022 in East London. The panel entitled, *Enforcing accountability; Consolidating democracy: Compelling sustainable development in the*

21st century, was chaired by Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga of the Constitutional Court. Professor Liebenberg's paper was titled, "The Wild Coast seismic survey litigation: A case study into the role of the law in protecting the right to sustainable development."



(from left): Prof Renuka Vithal (Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, University of Fort Hare University); Prof Enyinna Nwauche (Nelson Mandela School of Law, UFH); Justice Nambitha Dambuzza (Supreme Court of Appeal); Prof Sakhela Buhlungu (Vice-Chancellor, UFH); Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga (Constitutional Court); Prof Mzukisi Njotini (Dean, Nelson Mandela School of Law, UFH); Dr Nthabi Taole-Mjimba (Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Partnership and Innovation, UFH); Prof Sandra Liebenberg (HF. Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law, Stellenbosch University Law Faculty).

Transformation workshop on intersectionality

The Transformation Committee of the Law Faculty under the leadership of Professor Zsa-Zsa Boggenpoel, with the support of the HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law, hosted a workshop for staff with the theme "Embedding intersectional discrimination as an educational practice" on 4 August 2022. The workshop was co-presented and facilitated by Ijeoma Opara from the SARCHi in Gender Politics at Stellenbosch University and Gideon Basson from the HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law. Although the workshop was not well-attended by all staff members, the attendees shared personal and difficult experiences of intersectional discrimination within the higher education setting. The facilitators offered the attendees an "Intersectionality Wheel of Power and Privilege: As observed in Stellenbosch", together with an empty wheel of intersections, where participants discussed multiple layers and intersecting forms of disadvantage that inhibit their educational role as learners or educators. The attendees also explored innovative practices to challenge intersectional disadvantages within and through their positions in higher education.



Right: Ijeoma Opara and Gideon Basson after the workshop

Top: Poster of the intersectionality wheel designed by Gideon and Ijeoma.

OP-EDS

Youth day

Gideon Basson, from the HF Oppenheimer Chair, and Rabia Abba Omar, from the Centre for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest at Stellenbosch University, co-wrote an opinion piece in the Mail & Guardian on Youth Day, 16 June 2022. They reflected on Stellenbosch University's institutional memory and responses to the intergenerational youth struggles demanding intersectional justice in light of the May 2022 student protest against racism at Stellenbosch University. The authors highlighted the following: "Our experience at Stellenbosch University shows us that a fundamental tension emerges: young people confront the institution's past and articulate different futures but come up against a system unwilling to remember. Our inference is that the university denies students the possibility to resurface the past in the present, by holding forth an image of a university that has transformed itself and labels discriminatory incidents as unfortunate cases untelling of the circumstances that give rise to them."

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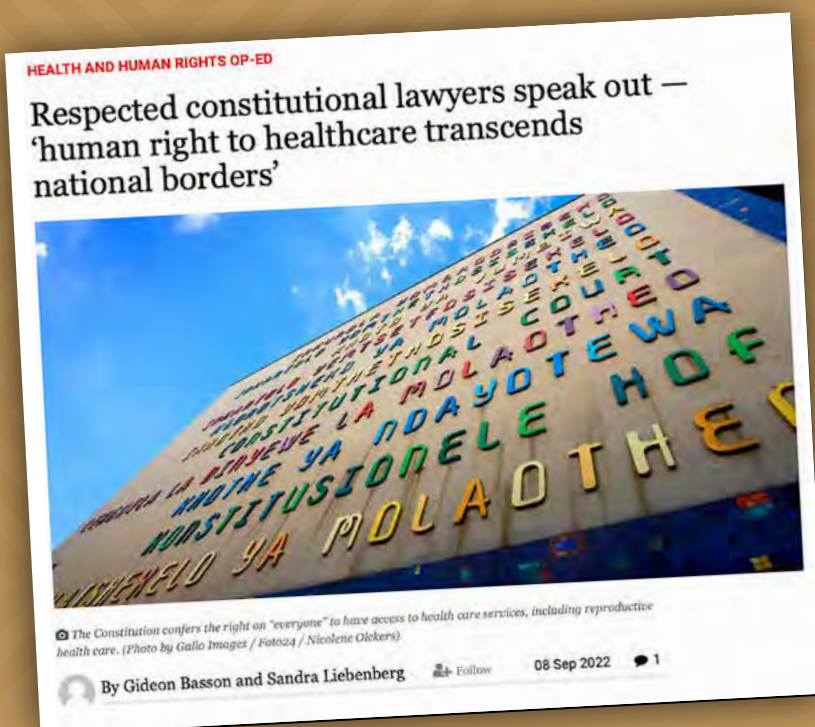
(Un)remembering intergenerational youth struggles at Stellenbosch University

Rabia Abba Omar Gideon Basson 15 Jun 2022



Intergenerational youth struggles, Mail & Guardian

Non-nationals' rights to health care



Mr Gideon Basson and Professor Sandra Liebenberg published a significant [human rights op-ed](#) in Daily Maverick Citizen of 8 September on the rights to health care of non-nationals under the South African Constitution in light of the troubling events of discriminatory exclusions of non-nationals from various primary care facilities across the country. The authors indicated that the current legislative and policy frameworks for regulating non-nationals' access to healthcare services are a patchwork of provisions that are not well aligned with the human right to health in the Constitution and international human rights law. In addition, they stressed that a coordinated and human rights-informed policy and legislative framework are urgently required to give effect to the right of non-nationals to health care services.

NRF awards ceremony

On 1 September 2022, Professor Sandra Liebenberg attended the 2022 NRF Awards Ceremony at the Century City Conference Centre, Cape Town, where she received her award for her first NRF A-rating.



Prof Liebenberg with Dr Phil Mjwara, Director General of the Dept of Science and Innovation and Ms Tanja Werheit, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany at the NRF Awards Ceremony.

First human rights postgraduate seminar

On the 7th of September 2022, the HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law and the Department of Public Law presented its first Human Rights Postgraduate Seminar. The seminar was organised by LLD candidate, Christiaan van Schalkwyk and assisted by Claire Rankin and Sharnelle Paulse, LLM candidates at the HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law.

The seminar was opened to postgraduate LLM students, LLD candidates, and post-doctoral candidates with human rights-focused research projects. Its aim was to give postgraduate students an opportunity to present their research in a conference-type environment and to receive feedback from their peers and lecturers in the Department of Public Law. It also served to facilitate intellectual engagement on human rights themes and to build a sense of community amongst postgraduate students and staff.

Students presented on a variety of human rights issues, including the right to education; land and housing rights; the African regional human rights system; gender equality; socio-economic and environmental rights; oversight in procurement and budgetary allocations; and animal rights.

It was the first time since the Covid 19-pandemic that postgraduate students had an opportunity to interact with each other's research in person. The seminar was held at The Silo and Shed, a rustic conference venue located at Fransmankraal Farm, just outside Stellenbosch.



Ms Anisa Mahmoudi, LLD Candidate under the supervision of Prof Annika Rudman, presenting her research at the seminar.

Research impact: Discrimination on the basis of socio-economic disadvantage recognised

The recent report of the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights of the United Nations Human Rights Council with the title, "Banning discrimination on grounds of socio-economic disadvantage: An essential tool in the fight against poverty" was broadcasted on 13 July 2022 and presented to the General Assembly on 28 October 2022. The report recognises the work of Professor Sandra Liebenberg, Mr Gideon Basson and Dr Delano van Der Linde in this field. Professor Liebenberg and Mr Basson also assisted the special rapporteur in the final stages of the report. In his report, the special rapporteur, Professor Olivier De Schutter, discusses how discrimination against people in poverty operates and how it can be addressed. He argues that anti-discrimination frameworks should be strengthened to effectively prohibit discrimination on the grounds of socioeconomic disadvantage.

Make poverty discrimination illegal like racism or sexism, urges UN official

Exclusive: 'Povertyism' restricts access to education, housing, jobs and benefits and must be outlawed, says UN rapporteur



Olivier De Schutter, special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights will address the UN general assembly on Friday. Photograph: Mohamed Azakir/Reuters

Prejudice against poor people is "a stain on society" that needs to be made illegal, according to a senior UN official.

Screenshot of the media coverage of the presentation of the report in the [Guardian](#).

Expert seminar on Sustainable Development and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Meeting of the Drafting Group of the Principles and Guidelines of the Human Rights of Future Generations

Professor Sandra Liebenberg travelled to Geneva during the first week of October 2022 for two engagements. The first was an Expert Seminar held on 1 October 2022 on sustainable development and economic, social, and cultural rights. It was hosted by the UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights ("UN CESCR") together with the German Institute for Human Rights and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. Professor Liebenberg presented the opening address entitled "Sustainable development and economic, social, and cultural rights: The state of art". Former doctoral candidate in the HF Oppenheimer Chair, Dr Megan Donald, also presented a paper at the seminar on the key outcomes of the regional and thematic consultations hosted by the UN CESCR

on a proposed new General Comment on the theme of sustainable development and economic, social, and cultural rights.

Thereafter, Professor Liebenberg participated in a virtual consultation held on 4 October 2022 and chaired an in-person meeting of the Drafting Group of the *Principles and Guidelines on the Human Rights of Future Generations*. The latter took place from 4 to 6 October at the Maison Internationale des Associations in Geneva. The Principles and Guidelines on the Human Rights of Future Generations will be adopted at a conference hosted by Maastricht University's Centre for Human Rights in early February 2023.



Prof Liebenberg at the Expert Seminar of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Geneva on 1 October 2022.

Centre for Social Justice

October was a busy month for the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice at Stellenbosch University (SU). On 11 and 12 October, the Annual Social Justice Summit and International Conference on restitution were held at Boschendal and it coincided with the launch of the SU Faculty of Law's brand-new Centre for Social Justice (CSJ).

At the reception on 11 October, the Dean of the Law Faculty, Professor Nicola Smit, announced Professor Thuli Madonsela, until now the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice, as the inaugural director of the CSJ. Professor Smit explained the mission of the CSJ in the context of the university's transformation and restitution initiatives. "The mission of the new Centre for Social Justice is to promote social justice scholarship and consciousness, public policy design skills, and collaboration in academia and society," Professor Smit said.

Professor Smit added that the CSJ will be rooted in collaboration, both academically and in terms of social impact: "The Centre for Social Justice is an academic and research entity that resides within the Faculty of Law, but its constitution explicitly acknowledges the importance of working across the different faculties of the university, other higher education institutions, as well as public and private, local, and international enterprises and stakeholders."

In her inaugural speech as the newly appointed director of the CSJ, Professor Madonsela expressed gratitude for the opportunity to expand and strengthen the social justice initiatives she has spearheaded as the Law Trust Chair over the past five years. She also thanked all stakeholders for journeying with her and her team on the quest to accelerate the pace of responding to the constitutional call to establish a peaceful society that is based on social justice. "The Centre will house

all academic programmes and social impact projects currently undertaken by the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice. It will also be the entity through which all future academic scholarship and social impact projects of the Law Trust Chair are undertaken," Professor Madonsela explained.

At the reception the newly-appointed SU Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Professor Sibusiso Moyo, also commented on the link between the establishment of the CSJ and the university's approach to transformation. She said the CSJ flows from the new Strategic Plan of the University where it seeks to use its academic spaces and partnerships for research and innovations that offer solutions to the continent's pressing challenges while being a force for positive change to advance social justice.

Even if it sometimes involves collaboration between researchers from different faculties, the CSJ is a Type 2 academic entity that reports to a single faculty. Such an entity can be established if its activities are significantly interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature. A Type 2 entity may use the nomenclature of 'centre', 'institute', or 'school' and has a primary link to a single host faculty. The Centre will continue with collaborations with researchers in data science and serious gaming in a quest to reduce inequality through impact-conscious policymaking. The flagship project of the Centre remains the Musa Plan for Social Justice, which aims to mobilise societal, corporate, and international support and resources toward the accelerated reduction of poverty and inequality.

The Centre for Social Justice is here and ready to disrupt inequality

Professor Madonsela visits the UK

In September, Professor Thuli Madonsela joined the Development and Alumni Relations Office in visiting various constituents in the United Kingdom.

When Professor Madonsela was asked about her thoughts on talking about social justice to a UK community, Professor Madonsela said, "I am looking forward to speaking in the UK and engaging with the UK community on the topic of social justice. In this fast-moving world, most societies and political regimes, including those founded on democratic principles and ideals, struggle to achieve and maintain a balance between individual freedom and social justice. As we face increased economic and social pressures, inequality is expanding across all societies and so the need for social justice strengthens, and we must come together to find solutions."

The visit included a Social Walk to discuss Action4Inclusion and Social Justice, and a business breakfast hosted by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP at the SA Chamber of Commerce, which presented Professor Madonsela with the opportunity to engage with the in-person and online audience around the topic of "What is Social Justice?"; and

an intimate lunch with donors of Stellenbosch University and Trustees of the SU Foundation in the UK, where the conversation was around the work of the newly launched Centre for Social Justice. As a guest of Professor Adam Habib, Professor Madonsela gave a public lecture in the Brunei Gallery as part of the Director's Lecture Series to guests of SOAS and SU alumni living in London. The lecture, "The Meaning of Social Justice", is available [here](#).

Professor Madonsela's visit ended in Edinburgh as a guest of the Society of Writers to His Majesty's Signet (known as the WS Society). The event hosted by the WS Society was preceded by a Q&A session where a group of young law graduate interns were given the opportunity to interact with Professor Madonsela. The welcome address was delivered by Lady Dorian, a Scottish advocate and judge who has served as the Lord Justice Clerk since 2016. Thereafter, Professor Madonsela engaged with acclaimed international journalist, Meera Selva, about the role of media and the law fraternity in ensuring the safeguards of democracy and social justice.

On Friday, 11 November 2022, the British High Commissioner to South Africa visited the Faculty of Law.



Professor Professor Richard Stevens; Mr Antony Phillipson, British High Commissioner to South Africa; Professor Thuli Madonsela

One Young World Summit 2022

The Social Justice Chair Team attended the One Young World Summit in Manchester from 5 to 8 September 2022. The team comprised Social Justice Chair incumbent, Professor Thuli Madonsela, who is a One Young World Councillor, and Mr Emile Vercuil. OYW is co-founded by former South African, Kate Robertson; it is a platform for young leaders from all continents and diverse communities to present on and talk about what they are doing to fix problems they have identified that are standing in the way of becoming the community they want to be.

The summit convened the brightest young talent from every country and sector, who are working to accelerate social impact. Delegates from 190+ countries were counselled by influential political, business, and humanitarian leaders, including Professor Madonsela

and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.

One of Professor Madonsela's many speaking engagements at the Summit included Strengthening Democracy as well as Ethical leadership. Professor Madonsela was also virtually linked to the Johannesburg Hive platforms; the participants of the event were engrossed with Professor Madonsela's keynote addresses.

On the last day of the Summit, the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II exposed delegates to another remarkable demonstration of the innovation, agility, and resilience of young leaders. When the news of the queen's passing reached conference organisers, it included a protocol requiring all events to cease. This meant excising the Olympics-styled ceremony where the mayor of Manchester passes the baton to the next host city, which is Belfast.



Short Courses

The Social Justice Chair successfully presented a range of short course on Social Justice. The courses were well-received by the participants from various disciplines. The participants, who hail from as far as

Mauritius and Botswana, have warmly embraced the courses, with a multidisciplinary team of presenters that includes a Harvard Professor and colleagues from SU.



Pavocat Stellenbosch Academy (PSA)

Counter-Corruption Summit

On 27 July 2022, the PSA brought together all branches of the South African state (executive, legislative, and judicial); various law-enforcement and oversight agencies; business leaders; NGOs and civil society representatives; academia; international organisations like the World Bank, African Development Bank, UN ODC; and the Commonwealth Secretariat in a Counter-Corruption Summit. The aim of the Summit was to help galvanise broad support for the continued efforts to counter corruption and to establish a forum or platform for collaboration across all sectors of society in coordinating counter-corruption initiatives. At the conclusion of the Summit, delegates unanimously adopted a SUMMIT DECLARATION, establishing the South Africa Regional Centre of Excellence in Integrity as the way forward to bring collaboration to countering corruption on the African continent.

PSA Counter-Corruption Summit Delegates and speakers included:

Hon Ronald Lamola MP, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services

Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, Justice of the Constitutional Court

Hon Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa MP, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Parliament of the South Africa

Justice Edwin Cameron, Chancellor of SU

Professor Thuli Madonsela, Law Trust Chair of Social Justice, Stellenbosch University and former Public Protector of South Africa

Professor Sope Williams, Professor Stellenbosch University & Deputy Director, African Procurement Law Unit

Mr Karam Singh, Executive Director, Corruption Watch

Mr Sam Bwana, Integrity Vice Presidency, The World Bank Group

Ms Anele Dudu Ncube, African Development Bank

Mr Happy Khambule, Business Unity South Africa

Adv Anton du Plessis, Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions

Adv Andrea Johnson, Investigating Director, NPA

Dr Roger Koranteng, Head, Public Sector Governance, Commonwealth Secretariat

More details, including recordings of some of the presentations, can be found at <https://blogs.sun.ac.za/law/summit/>



The Hon Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa MP (Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Parliament of the South Africa) addresses the Summit and is joined on the stage by Mr Songezo Mabece, Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, and Prof Thuli Madonsela



From left: Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, SU DVC (Teaching and Learning); Dr Delano van der Linde; Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, Prof Lee Marler, Prof Geo Quinot

South Africa Regional Centre of Excellence in Integrity

Following the adoption of the counter-corruption declaration at the 2022 PSA Counter-Corruption Summit, the PSA created the South Africa Regional Centre of Excellence in Integrity (SARCOE). The SARCOE is the umbrella vehicle to bring together all stakeholders across the private and public sectors to collaborate in the fight against corruption. The SARCOE serves as a forum to focus counter-corruption efforts and to enhance collaboration across various initiatives and, hence, increase coordination. The PSA serves as the secretariat of the SARCOE. Patrons of the SARCOE include Minister of Justice Ronald Lamola, Justice Edwin Cameron, and Professor Thuli Madonsela. The Advisory Board includes Mr Happy Khambule (representing Business Unity South Africa); Adv Anton du Plessis (Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions); Dr Roger Koranteng



(Commonwealth Secretariat); Mr Karam Singh (CEO of Corruption Watch); Adv Andrea Johnson (Investigating Director, NPA); the Dean of SU Law Faculty; and Rabbi Gideon Pogrand of GIBS. The creation of the SARCOE, under leadership of the PSA, puts SU and its Law Faculty at the vanguard of fighting corruption in South Africa and on the African continent. For more details see <https://rcoe-sa.org/>.

South African Research Chair in Property Law (SARCPL)

SARCPL Conference: Transforming Property Law – 15 Years in the Making

This conference was dedicated to the work of the South African Research Chair in Property Law (SARCPL) over the last 15 years; first, as initiated by the late Professor André van der Walt, and then under the continued leadership of Professor Zsa-Zsa Boggenpoel from 2017 to 2022. The conference encouraged discussion on the scholarship of property law, under the theme "Transforming property law – 15 years in the making". Over the last 15 years, the SARCPL has been instrumental in shifting the theoretical

foundations of property law in light of the Constitution. This was done both in terms of the research outputs in the group by working out what a new theoretical foundation to property law should look like, but also by developing a new cohort of legal thinkers that can be integrated into domestic and international networks. At the end of 2022, the Chair will come to an end, and we are delighted to have had a conference to celebrate the work of the Chair

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and reflect on the future of property law.

From the first session it was clear that the conference would be a dynamic space, where there would be opportunity for deep reflection on the past, analysis of the present and planning for the future. Notably, Professor Sibusiso Moyo, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies at Stellenbosch University, encouraged the delegates to be forward looking in their engagement.

Similar themes arose from the keynote address by Justice Johan Froneman, who challenged delegates to think of practical next steps for land reform while keeping in mind that history remains important to how we formulate future strategies.

Professor Boggenpoel reflected on the networks formed through the existence of the Chair, remarking on the transformative nature and potential of many of these collaborations. The extraordinary track record of publications from the SARCPL was highlighted, with special reference to the successful Property Law Library Series (published by Juta) that, at the end of 2022, consists of 15 volumes, with growth of the library expected in coming years.

The conference also included a surprise panel, where Professor Danie Brand, Professor Rashmi Dyal-Chand,

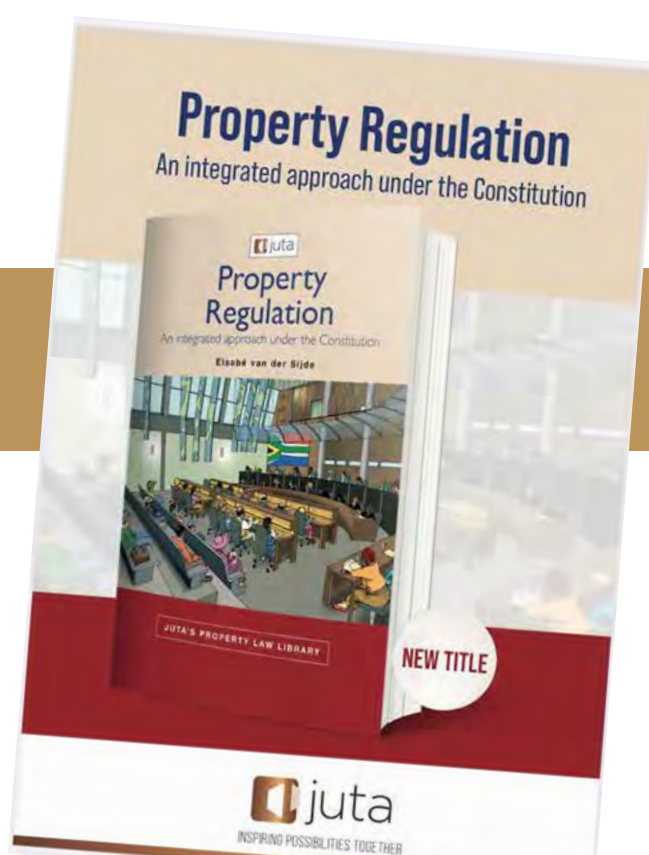
and Professor Elmien du Plessis reflected in a somewhat less academic fashion on the most pressing problems in property law that demand attention in the next 15 years, which also aimed to serve as an inspiration for the next generation of scholars.

The conference also included two special social evening events. On 30 November, the SARCPL and Juta hosted a book launch for an alumna of the Chair, Dr Elsabé van der Sijde, whose book *Property regulation: An integrated approach under the Constitution* had recently been published. On 1 December, a gala dinner was hosted at STIAS where delegates could continue the discussions of the day while enjoying South African (Stellenbosch University) hospitality.

The conference concluded on Friday 2 December with academic friendships strengthened, new connections made, and renewed enthusiasm and dedication to the important work of ensuring that property law can play a meaningful role in creating a more just and equal society.

Property Regulation by Dr Elsabé van der Sijde

A new book in the Juta Property Law Library series, entitled *Property Regulation: An integrated approach under the Constitution*, by Dr Elsabé van der Sijde was launched at the South African Property Law Teachers Colloquium, hosted by North-West University on 10 November 2022.



Faculty and students Fakulteit en studente

Faculty of Law self-evaluation 2019 to 2021: Quality is everyone's responsibility

As required by the SU Policy for Quality Assurance and Enhancement, the Faculty of Law underwent a self-evaluation from 19 to 21 October. This was the first time that the Faculty was evaluated as a whole rather than its distinct components (i.e., the three departments and the SU Law Clinic). The Faculty (with inputs from staff, students, and Faculty leaders) prepared a comprehensive self-evaluation report with a portfolio of evidence over the course of almost a year, and this self-evaluation report formed the basis for four external academics from other national law faculties to reflect and report on the Faculty's self-evaluation.

During the site visit from 19 to 21 October, the panel not

only had the opportunity to see our facilities but also interviewed administrative, professional, and academic staff. The panel also interviewed undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty has already addressed some of the areas that we self-identified for improvement, and we look forward to receiving the panel's final report and recommendations.

The first part of the formal process has, therefore, now been completed and will only be repeated after a six-year cycle. However, we believe that quality is more than a promise, it involves genuine and consistent performance and, therefore, quality assurance is something with which we will continually engage.

Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid selfevaluering 2019 tot 2021: Kwaliteit is almal se verantwoordelikheid

Soos vereis deur die US Beleid vir Gehalteversekering en Verbetering, het die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid vanaf 19 tot 21 Oktober 'n selfevaluering ondergaan. Dit was die eerste keer dat die Fakulteit as geheel 'n selfevaluering ondergaan het eerder as sy afsonderlike komponente (d.w.s. die drie departemente en die US Regskliniek). Die Fakulteit (met insette van personeel, studente en fakulteitsleiers) het oor die loop van byna 'n jaar 'n omvattende selfevalueringsverslag met 'n portefeulje van bewyse opgestel. Hierdie selfevalueringsverslag het die basis gevorm vir vier eksterne akademici van ander nasionale regs fakulteite om oor die Fakulteit se selfevaluering te besin en verslag te lewer.

Tydens die besoek van 19 tot 21 Oktober, het die paneel nie

net die geleentheid gehad om ons fasiliteite te sien nie, maar ook om onderhoude te voer met administratiewe, professionele en akademiese personeel. Die paneel het ook onderhoude gevoer met voorgaande en nagraadse studente. Die Fakulteit het reeds sommige van die areas wat ons self geïdentifiseer het vir verbetering aangespreek, en ons sien uit daarna om die paneel se finale verslag en aanbevelings te ontvang.

Die eerste deel van die formele proses is dus nou afgehandel en sal eers na 'n sesjaarsiklus herhaal word. Ons glo egter dat kwaliteit meer as 'n belofte is, dit behels opregte en konsekwente prestasie en daarom is kwaliteitsversekering iets waarmee ons voortdurend besig sal wees.

Lectures • Conferences • Workshops

Criminal Justice Winter School

The Criminal Justice Winter School took place on 27 and 28 June and provided postgraduate LLM and LLD students with the opportunity to present their research, in various stages of completion, to subject-experts. The Winter School was held online and was co-organised by Stellenbosch University (Professor Shannon Hoor) and University of Cape Town (Dr Tshepo Mosaka). Emeritus

Professor Jonathan Burchell delivered the opening address titled "South African criminal justice still at the crossroads". Dr Mary Nel and Dr Delano van der Linde also served as a chair and discussant, respectively, during two of the sessions.

From SU, Ms Kirstin Hagglund discussed her comparative study on *dolus eventualis* while Mr Enrico Meyer discussed his research on the publication of criminal proceedings in South Africa. Both participants from SU were runners-up for the best speaker prize.

Certificate Programme in Labour Dispute Resolution Practice (CLDRP)

For the past eight years, Professor Christoph Garbers has presented the Certificate Programme in Labour Dispute Resolution Practice (CLDRP), in collaboration with the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA), in Stellenbosch and Midrand. Designed to train participants for a career as a commissioner of the CCMA, the programme has, over the years, attracted more than 1 500 students, delivered around 900 successful participants, and delivered (more than all other universities combined) the greatest number of successful applicants for positions as CCMA commissioners. In 2022, for the first time since 2019, the programme was again offered in person, with Stellenbosch University the only one to do so from all the universities involved in this initiative.

*Prof Christoph Garbers in the Old Main quad
with members of the 2022 Stellenbosch group
participating in the CLDRP*



Labour

Law

Colloquium

On 2 to 3 September, the Faculty hosted a Labour Law Colloquium at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, which brought the South African labour law community together in person for the first time after the pandemic. Titled "Labour Law: Past, Present and Future", the colloquium formed part of the Faculty's centenary celebrations and also served as a vehicle to honour the contribution of Professor Manfred Weiss (Professor Emeritus, Goethe University, Frankfurt) to South African labour law. Professor Weiss was one of the drafters of the South African Labour Relations Act and has been a regular visitor to South Africa over the past 30 years, sharing his knowledge and experience with academics and students alike. The keynote address at the colloquium was delivered by Professor Simon Deakin from Cambridge University, who spoke on the crisis and revival of labour law from an international perspective. Other visiting speakers included Judge Basheer Waglay (Judge President of the Labour and Labour Appeal Court); Professor Evance Kalula (UCT); Judge Andre van Niekerk (Judge of the Labour Court); Professor Cameron Morajane (Director of the CCMA); Judge Avinash Govindjee (Judge of the High Court); Professor Letlhokwa

Mpedi (Vice Principal, and Principal designate, University of Johannesburg); Dr Ockert Dupper (International Labour Organisation); and, of course, Professor Weiss himself. Members of the Faculty who participated in the proceedings include Professors Nicola Smit, Christoph Garbers, Thuli Madonsela, and Karin Calitz, while one of the Faculty's doctoral students – Ms Riana Conradie – had the opportunity to speak about her research into neurodiversity in the workplace. At a dinner for delegates at Glenelly Estate on Friday, 2 September, the Liber Amicorum: Manfred Weiss (a book written in honour of Professor Weiss, co-edited by Professor Smit and to which a number of Faculty members contributed) was launched and dedicated to Professor Weiss and his contribution to labour law and scholarship.

Dinner Labour Law Colloquium: (From left front, around the table) Judge Avinash Govindjee; (partly hidden) Prof Stefan van Eck (UP); Prof Paul Benjamin (UWC); Mr Charles Nupen (former Director of the CCMA); Judge Andre van Niekerk; Prof PAK le Roux; Prof Christoph Garbers (Stellenbosch); Prof Letlhokwa Mpedi (UJ); Dr Ockert Dupper (ILO) and (front) Craig Bosch (Cape Bar)



Labour Law Colloquium group photo

African Police Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) and SU Faculty of Law hosts global annual convening of the Campaign to Decriminalise Poverty and Status

Representatives from over 50 organisations from over 30 countries gathered in Stellenbosch from 27 to 29 September 2022 to explore the theme "Decriminalising Status and Activism". The organisations are all members of the Campaign to Decriminalise Poverty and Status, a coalition of organisations from across the world that advocate for the review and repeal of laws that target people based on their status (social, political, or economic) or for their activism. The conference provided a unique opportunity for campaign members to learn lessons from successful litigation and advocacy approaches; explore emerging themes around the criminalisation of status and activism; and develop trans-regional, as well as multi-national and national litigation and advocacy strategies. The event was co-organised by Professor Bradley Slade (who delivered the opening address on behalf of the Stellenbosch University and the Faculty of Law) and Dr Delano van der Linde.

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Justice Cameron



Art exhibition



Dr van der Linde and Prof Slade – co-organisers



Judge Mlambo, the Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court



Mr Gideon Basson



Hon. Maria Teresa Manuela, Commissioner and Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

The keynote was delivered by the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, John Jeffery. The conference also involved a photo exhibition, which was formally opened by Justice Edwin Cameron, Chancellor of SU. The theme of the exhibition was Residue and Ruin. The curator of the exhibition is Luvuyo Equiano Nyawose.

The Honourable Maria Teresa Manuela, Commissioner and Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, delivered the closing remarks. At the conclusion of the Conference, the initial draft of the Cape Declaration on Decriminalising Poverty and Status, rallying campaign partners in a call to action, was read out.



Prof Smit

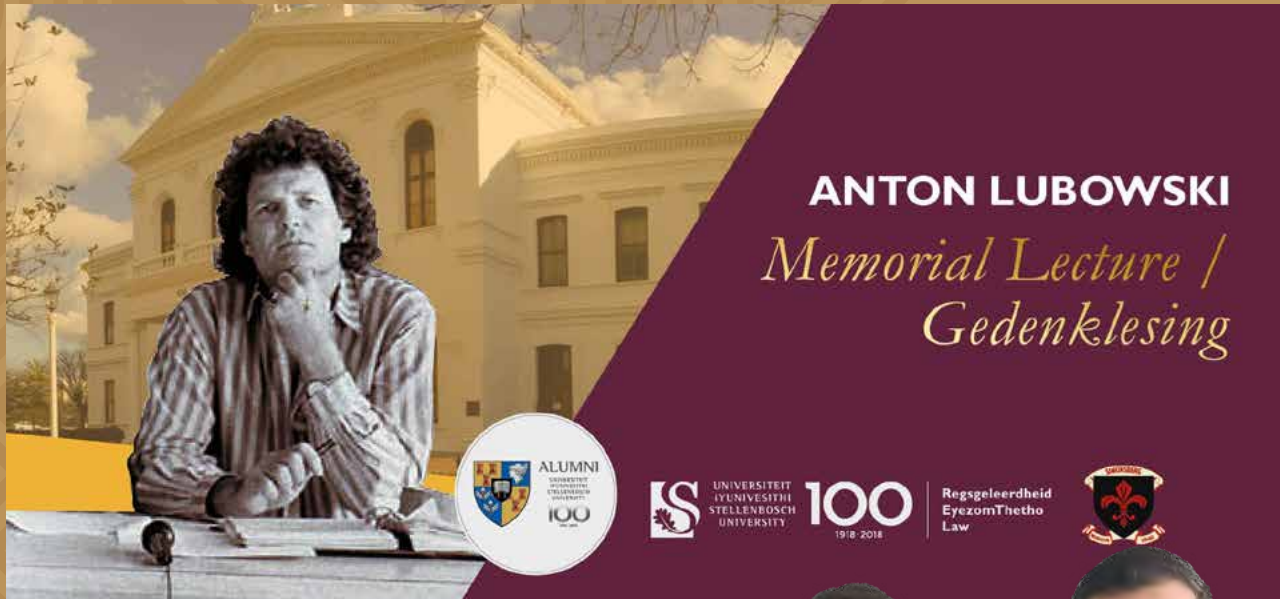


Mr John Jeffery (Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development)

Anton Lubowski Memorial Lecture (29 September 2022)

The fourth annual Anton Lubowski Memorial Lecture celebrating the life of anti-apartheid activist and advocate, Anton Theodor Eberhard August Lubowski (3 February 1952 – 12 September 1989), took place on 29 September 2022. The lecture was presented by Stellenbosch University's Development and Alumni

Relations Division, in partnership with the Faculty of Law, and Simonsberg Residence. The lecture was hosted both online and in-person. The speakers, Justice Bekebeke, Professor Thuli Madonsela, and Mr Moeletsi Mbeki, discussed the ways in which the Constitution addresses social justice.



Administrative Justice Association of South Africa (AdJASA) conference

Professor Geo Quinot and his LLD student, Mr Ernst Heydenrych, both presented papers at the Administrative Justice Association of South Africa (AdJASA) conference, held in Durban in August. Professor Quinot's paper focused on the treatment of politically exposed persons in public procurement, while Mr Heydenrych's paper dealt with internal controls on administrative action. At the conference, Professor Quinot was also again elected to the executive committee of AdJASA.



Mr Heydenrych and Prof Quinot at the AdJASA conference

Regional Learning and Teaching Conference

The Regional Learning and Teaching Conference, which took place on 8 September 2022, provided students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and staff members with a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from the University of Cape Town (UCT) and the University of the Western Cape (UWC) on core issues and opportunities that arose during the Covid-19 pandemic. For example, using online resources to aid learning and teaching (such as, SUNLearn, the University's online platform), including the positives and negatives. However, this conference highlighted that the same critical issues and opportunities were experienced, irrespective of where one studied or taught.

It was a fascinating opportunity to hear from other universities, especially what their approaches were to online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. Some immersed themselves in the online space and some missed the face-to-face lectures where they could easily engage with students. It was a great opportunity to hear from students regarding their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic and how they coped with moving learning and teaching online. This discussion aided teaching staff, teaching assistants and lecturers alike, to understand and develop the skills to adjust the old way of

doing things to address the needs of the students (which was echoed by colleagues from the other universities). At Stellenbosch, this was quite an important point that was raised especially since there is an all-inclusive Extended Learning Space (ELS) system in place in most classrooms, which aids new ways of teaching.

The disruption caused by Covid-19 gave teaching assistants and lecturers the valuable opportunity to take a step back and reassess how law is taught to students (both undergraduate and postgraduate). This conference was a valuable step towards implementing the product of such introspection and to build on it in the years to come.

Ms Gretchen Adams and Mr Ernst Heydenrych (LLD candidates) report that: "It was a privilege for us to present our experiences during 2020 and 2021 as teaching assistants since it was a new world to us too. It was a rewarding journey to engage with our fellow assistants, and teaching staff to assist them in any way possible. It presented us with the opportunity to develop our skills and assist our colleagues in achieving their potential (be that on using resources on SUNLearn or teaching online). It also gave us a renewed sense of patience, and diligence, which we would not take back." They also extended their thanks to Mrs Ebrezia Johnson for inviting them to present and to be part of the conference.

