

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Centre for Human Rights is located within the Faculty of Law, at the University of Pretoria. The Centre was established in 1986 and was part of the movement to eliminate the apartheid system of the time. Members of the Centre participated in meetings with the liberation movements outside the borders of South Africa, organised conferences and participated in efforts to promote human rights in South Africa, and, when the transition came, served as technical advisers to both the interim and final constitution writing process. Over the years, the Centre has positioned itself in an unmatched network of practising and academic lawyers, international and national civil servants and human rights practitioners across the entire continent, with a specific focus on human rights law in Africa, and international development law in general.

The activities of the Centre include four continental Master's programmes in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, International Trade and Investment Law in Africa, Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa, and Multidisciplinary Human Rights; short courses for civil servants and others from all countries of Africa; an annual African Human Rights Moot Court Competition which is attended by the vast majority of law faculties on the continent and the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition; publishing the leading publications in the field of human rights law in Africa, including the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and the *African Human Rights Law Reports*; and an academic press that publishes leading texts on public law in Africa (PULP).

The Centre has 30 staff members from 15 countries.

For more details on the Centre, visit www.chr.up.ac.za

SOGIE UNIT

Established in May 2016, the mandate of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Unit is to principally advocate for and work towards equality, non-discrimination, non-violence, and non-heterosexism for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and asexual persons (LGBTIQ+ persons).

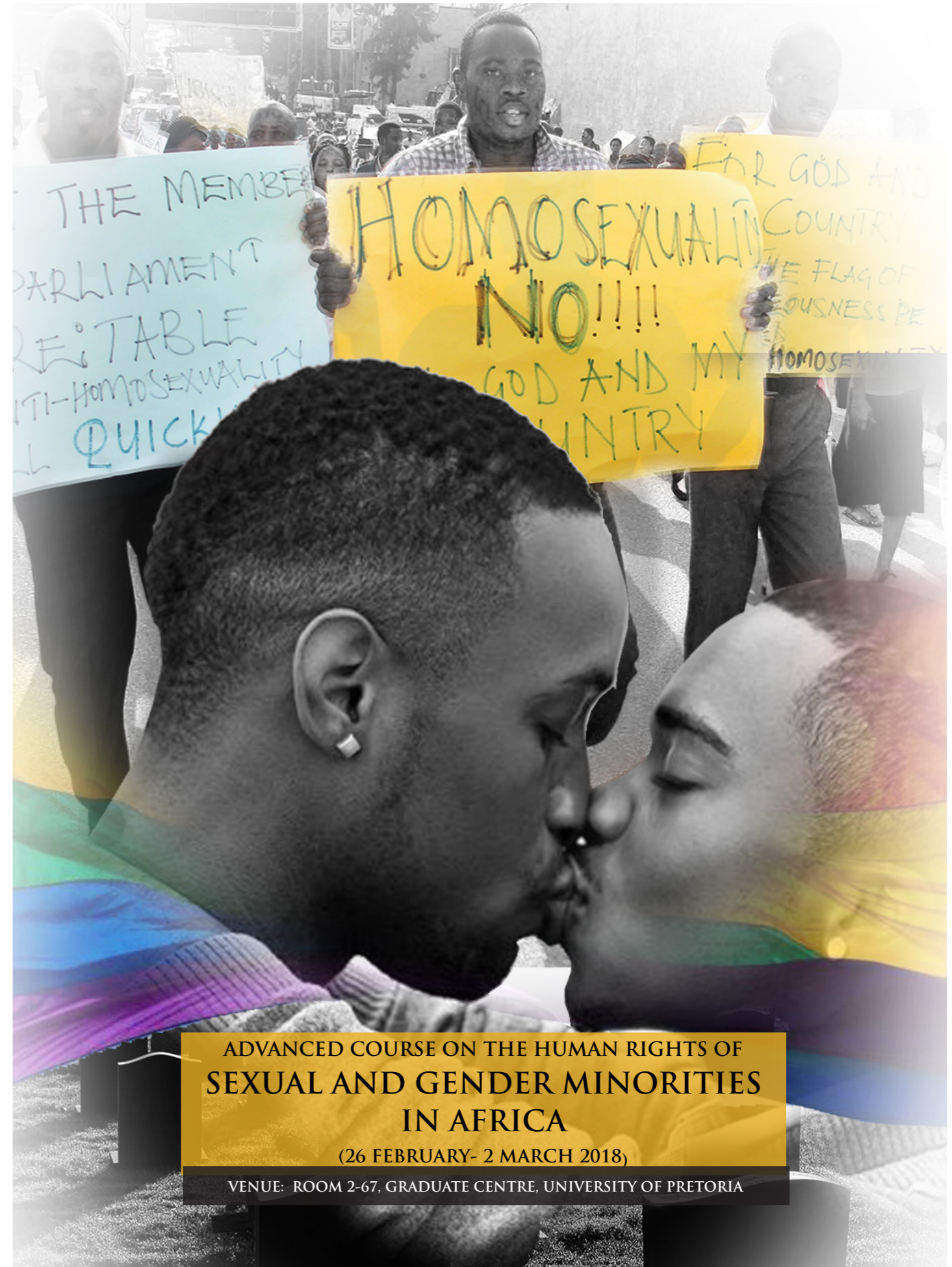
This is done through hate-crime prevention and diligence in hate-crime prosecution; legal aid for LGBTIQ+ victims of discrimination and violence; LGBTIQ+ empowerment through human rights education and affirmative Masters and Doctorate scholarships; and country-based, regional and international advocacy actions.

Vision

Justice, equality, non-discrimination and respect for the rule of law for LGBTIQ+ persons in Africa.

Mission

Working progressively towards the realisation of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons in Africa through advocacy, training, litigation and social action.



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From the series 'INVISIBLE': The Shelter, the street 2006
Woman Photographers of the African Diaspora

OTHER ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES

Disability Rights in an African context course
12 - 16 March 2018

Women's Rights in Africa
26 - 29 March 2018

Race and Common Citizenship in a South African context
9 - 12 April 2018

Judicial Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights
14 - 18 May 2018

Civil Society Law in Africa
4 - 6 July 2018

Business and Human Rights
16 - 19 July 2018

Children's Rights in Africa
23 July – 27 July 2018

The Right to Development in Africa
20 - 24 August 2018

Police Oversight and Accountability in Africa
10 - 14 September 2018

Indigenous Peoples' Rights
24 - 28 September 2018

African Human Rights System in Comparative Perspectives
22 - 26 October 2018

Gender inequalities: rights, roles and responsibilities
5 - 9 November 2018

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The Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with the Church World Service and Jesuit Refugee Service invites you to join in the conversation on sexual orientation and gender identity as a basis for asylum and refugee status.

This includes the screening of the movie GETTING OUT, discussions on both the European and South African law and practice on refugee and asylum seeking process and personal experiences by sexual and gender minority refugees in South Africa.

When: Thursday 1 March 2018 from 17:30 to 19:00
Where: Merensky Library Auditorium
 Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria
RSVP: Please click here to RSVP by 26 February 2018 (<https://goo.gl/wMcfzs>)
Enquiries: geoffreyogwaro@gmail.com

SPEAKERS:

Ulrich Stege (International University College of Turin)
 Mandy Mudakirwa (Legal Resource Centre)
 Olivia Kock (Centre for Human Rights)
 Twonge Chimablanga (People Against Suffering Oppression and Poverty)
 Albert Kafula (People Against Suffering Oppression and Poverty)



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Course on the human rights of sexual and gender minorities in Africa

Day 1: Monday 26 February 2018

Theme: Introduction to sexualities & identities & the lived realities

Moderator: Pierre Brouard, Co-Director, Centre for Sexualities, AIDS & Gender, University of Pretoria

08:00 -- 09:00	Registration and logistics	Linda Ajemba
09:00 -- 09:30	Open and Welcome, Introductions, Setting the scene: why are we here? Exercise: what participants know; what they want to know	Norman Taku Assistant Director Centre for Human Rights
09:30 -- 11:00	Classification of concepts & definition of terms: sex & sex identity; gender, gender identity & gender expression; sexuality, sexual attraction & sexual orientations; gender normatives, sexual normatives & phobias in sexuality	Geoffrey Ogwaro Manager Sexual Orientation Gender Identity & Expression and Gender (SOGIE) Unit Centre for Human Rights
11:00 -- 11:15	Tea break	
11:15 -- 12:15	The lived experience of a transgender person in an African context (including access to health)	Dr Anastacia Tomson Medical Doctor, Author & Transgender Activist

Theme: Faith, sexuality and gender-challenges and opportunities

12:15 -- 14:15	Video: <i>For the Bible tells me so</i> & discussion	
14:15 -- 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 -- 16:00	Same-sex relationships and faith-based arguments	Ecclesia de Lange Director, Inclusive & Affirming Ministries
16:00 -- 17:00	Panel on the lived experiences of intersex persons in an African context (including access to health)	Dimakatso Sebidi Intersex South Africa, Zanele Mkhanya Intersex South Africa Sharon Khumalo Intersex South Africa
17:00 -- 17:30	Day 1 summary/ debrief: Homophobia, transphobia et cetera linked to sexual minority status and the impact on the lives of sexual minorities	Pierre Brouard Co-Director Centre for Sexualities, AIDS & Gender

Day 2: Tuesday 27 February 2018

Moderator: David Nnanna Ikpo, Communications Officer, SOGIE Unit, Centre for Human Rights

Theme: Faith, sexuality and gender - challenges and opportunities - continued

08:00 -- 09:00	The role of religion in regulating sexual minority rights in secular states	Dr Osogo Ambani Lecturer School of Law, Strathmore University Kenya
9:45 -- 11:00	Theme: Lived realities - continued from day 1 Panel on the lived experiences of lesbian women & gay men in an African context (including access to health)	Monica Tabengwa Director, Pan Africa ILGA Laurah Arudi Maina MPhil Student, Centre for Human Rights Geoffrey Ogwaro Manager, SOGIE Unit Centre for Human Rights
11:00 -- 11:15	Tea break	

Theme: sexual and gender non-conformity, hetero-normativity and patriarchy

11:15 -- 12:30 The role of patriarchy and heteronormativity in policing sexuality and gender Prof Melanie Judge
Adjunct Professor
Centre for Law and Society
Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town

12:30 -- 13:30 Lunch

Theme: African-ness: what queerness brings to the debates

13:30 -- 14:45 African sexualities: How might we think about African-ness? Prof Charles Ngwena
Centre for Human Rights

Theme: Re-framing normality: trends in depathologisation of sexual and gender identities

14:45 -- 15:45 Re-framing normality: trends in depathologisation of sexual and gender identities (sexual & gender minorities and psychological pathologisation of sexual identities); homosexuality and the nature/nurture debate (is homosexuality a choice and can the youth be 'recruited'?) Prof Mzikazi Nduna
Department of Psychology
University of theWitwatersrand

15:45 -- 16:00 Tea break

16:00 -- 17:00 Day 2 Summary/ debrief and introduction to group work Geoffrey Ogwaro
Centre for Human Rights

Day 3: Wednesday 28 February 2018

Theme: Sexual orientation, gender identity & regional & international human rights law

Moderator: William Aseka, Project Officer, SOGIE Unit, Centre for Human Rights

8:30 -- 8:45 General remarks Dr Geraldine Reyemants
Counsellor, Head of Delegation,
Delegation of Flanders, Pretoria, South Africa

8:45 -- 10:15 Sexual orientation and gender identity/LGBTI rights in the United Nations: between dissent and momentum Nele Verbrugghe
Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium

10:15 -- 10:30 Tea break

10:30 -- 12:30 Sexual minority rights under the European Convention on Human Rights Marie Bourguignon,
Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium

12:30 -- 13:30 Lunch

13:30 -- 14:30 Sexual minority rights and the politics of the African human rights system (including an overview of violations of sexual minority rights in Africa, and the domestic legal responses) Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights

14:30 -- 15:30 Video: *The Commission- From Silence to Resistance*

15:30 -- 16:00 Tea break

15:15 -- 17:00 Day 3 Summary, debrief & group work Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights

Day 4: Thursday 1 March 2018

Theme: Litigation of sexual minority rights - country perspectives

Moderator: Tapiwa Mamhare, Project Officer, Centre for Human Rights

8:00 -- 10:00 The legal protection of SOGIE-related rights in South Africa, and the challenge of violence against lesbian women Mandy Mudarikwa
Legal Resources Centre

10:00 -- 10:15 Tea break

15:00 -- 15:15 Tea break

10:15 -- 12:00 Strategic litigation on sexual minority rights in South Africa - best practices Tashwill Esterhuizen,
Lawyer
LGBTI Project, Southern Africa Litigation
Centre (SALC), Johannesburg

12:30 -- 15:30 Lunch

13:30 -- 15:00 Panel on on-going litigation of decriminalisation in Nigeria and Botswana Mike Enahoro Ebah
Enahoro & Associates Legal Practitioners
Nigeria

Dr Bonolo Dinokopila
Head, Department of Law
University of Botswana

15:15 -- 16:15 Specific legal issues arising in respect of intersex persons Tapiwa Mamhare
Project Officer, Centre for Human Rights

Joshua Schoole
Advocacy Manager, Iranti

16:15 -- 17:15 Day 2 summary and group work Tapiwa Mamhare

17:30 -- 19:00 Public event (Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with Church World Service and Jesuit Refugee Services)

Theme: Sexual orientation & gender identity as a basis for asylum and refugee status

Video: *Getting Out*

Panel:
European law & practice
Ulrich Stege, International University College of Turin

South African law & practice
Mandy Mudarikwa, Legal Resource Centre
Olivia Kock, Centre for Human Rights

Personal experiences of the process in South Africa
Tiwonge Chimbalanga, Peoples Against Suffering, Oppression & Poverty
Albert Kafula, Peoples Against Suffering, Oppression & Poverty

Day 5: Friday 2 March 2018

Theme: Litigation & advocacy on sexual minority rights

Moderator: David Nnanna Ikpo, Communications Officer, SOGIE Unit, Centre for Human Rights

8:00 -- 9:30 Combining litigation with LGBTI lobbying and advocacy strategies, with a focus on Uganda Adrian Jjuuko
Executive Director
Human Rights Awareness &
Promotion Forum, Uganda

9:30 -- 10:15 The role of national human rights commissions in advancing the rights of sexual minorities Berry Didier Nibogora
Law and Human Rights Advocacy Manager
African Men for Sexual Health & Rights
(AMSHeR)

10:15 -- 10:30 Tea

10:30 -- 12:30 Panel on advocacy, sensitisation, awareness-raising and social media campaigns to advance sexual minority rights in Africa; using literature and art to advance sexual minority rights in Africa Adebayo Okeowo
Advocacy Manager
Centre for Human Rights

David Nnanna Ikpo
Communications Officer, SOGIE Unit
Centre for Human Rights

12:30 -- 13:30 Lunch

13:30 -- 14:30 Report-back by groups SOGIE Unit and Pierre Brouard

14:30 -- 15:00 Course evaluations, certificates and farewell Prof Frans Viljoen
Dennis Antwi
William Aseka

LET'S LEARN, UNLEARN & RELEARN!
ENJOY