

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT A GLANCE

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The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, is an **internationally recognised** hybrid institution; both an **academic department** in the Faculty of Law and a **NGO/CSO** that combines academic excellence, effective activism, education, training, research and capacity-building to **advance human rights in Africa**.



5 MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

- Human Rights & Democratisation
- Trade & Investment Law
- Multidisciplinary Human Rights
- Sexual & Reproductive Rights
- Disability Rights

...in an African context



110 DOCTORAL GRADUATES

from 2002 to 2023
in the Centre



3 JOURNALS

edited & published
by the Centre

African
Human Rights
Law Journal

African
Human Rights
Yearbook

African
Disability Rights
Yearbook



2 MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS



CHRISTOF HEYNS
African Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Concours Africain de Presta Simulé des Droits de l'Homme
Concurso Africano de Juizamento Fictício Sobre Direitos Humanos
مسابقة كريستوف هاينز المحاكمة المصنوعة لحقوق الإنسان

Christof Heyns
African Human
Rights Moot Court
Competition



NELSON MANDELA
World Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Concours Mondial de Presta Simulé des Droits de l'Homme
Competencia Mundial de Derechos Humanos

Nelson Mandela
World Human Rights
Moot Court
Competition

- 1986** Centre established, following symposium on **Bill of Rights for South Africa**
- 1989** **Integrated Bar Project** starts placing senior black law students with firms
- 1990** **Scholarship scheme** that enables black students to study at the University of Pretoria established
- 1992** **African Human Rights Moot Court Competition** launched in Harare
- 1993** **Southern Africa Student Volunteers** established, involving students in developmental work
- 1995** Centre's first Master's degree programme, **LLM in Human Rights & Constitutional Practice** launched
- 2000** Master's degree in **Human Rights & Democratisation in Africa** launched
- 2001** **African Human Rights Law Journal** launched
- 2003** Master's degree in **Trade & Investment Law in Africa** launched, with the University of the Western Cape
- 2005** **Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)** established and publishes first book
- 2006** Centre awarded **2006 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education**
- 2007** Centre becomes **academic department** in Faculty of Law
- 2009** **Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition** launched
- 2009** Master's degree in **Multidisciplinary Human Rights** launched
- 2010** Short course on **Sexual Minority Rights in Africa** presented for first time
- 2011** The first annual **National Schools Moot Court Competition**, at the Constitutional Court on National Human Rights Day, 21 March 2011
- 2012** Centre awarded **2012 African Union Human Rights Prize**
- 2013** **Yearbook and annual Conference on Disability Rights in Africa** started
- 2015** Centre becomes seat of the secretariat of **African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA)**
- 2015** First online/hybrid programme, Master's degree in **Sexual & Reproductive Rights in Africa** launched
- 2016** **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit** established
- 2017** Record number of **12 doctoral candidates** in Centre graduated
- 2019** Master's degree in **Disability Rights in Africa** launched
- 2020** Centre for the first time presents its two moot court competitions in an **online format**
- 2021** Centre and Africa commemorate **40 years** since the adoption of the African Charter
- 2022** Centre hosts **Global Classroom 2022 on Internal Displacement**
- 2023** Centre launches **two books** on Maputo Protocol to mark the treaty's 20th Anniversary

10 RESEARCH & ADVOCACY UNITS



Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit



Disability Rights Unit



Children's Rights Unit



Women's Rights Unit



Business & Human Rights Unit



Democracy & Civic Engagement Unit



Expression, Information and Digital Rights Unit



Freedom from Violence Unit



Litigation & Implementation Unit



Migrants' Rights Unit

12 ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES



Sexual Minority Rights in Africa



Disability Rights in an African Context



Children's Rights in Africa



Women's Rights in Africa



Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights



Accountability and Oversight of the Criminal Justice system



Right to Development in Africa



Civil Society Law in Africa



Comparative African Human Rights System



Indigenous Peoples' Rights



Data Protection In Africa



Protection of Forcibly-Displaced Persons in Africa



2 HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZES

2012

African Union Human Rights Prize

The Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize in recognition of the Centre's contribution to the work of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.

2006

UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education

The Centre for Human Rights was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education, with particular recognition for the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.



2 ASSOCIATE INSTITUTIONS



International Development Law Unit



Institute for International and Comparative Law

