



PROGRAMME  
**Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)**  
Sexual Minority Rights in Africa

*Venue: SRC Chambers  
University of Pretoria, South Africa*

24 – 28 February 2020



# Day 1

## Monday 24 February 2020

Theme: Introduction to sexualities and identities in the African context

Moderator: Pierre Brouard

*Deputy Director, Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (CSA&G),  
University of Pretoria (UP)*

Time	Activity
08:00 – 8:30	Registration & course logistics Dennis Antwi <i>Programme Manager (AHRC)</i> Dorcas Basimanyane <i>Programme Coordinator (AHRC)</i>
08:30 – 09:15	Welcome address, introductions, setting the scene: Why are we here? Professor Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i>
09:15 – 10:15	Classification of concepts and definition of terms: Sex and sex identity, gender, gender identity and gender expression; sexuality; sexual attraction and sexual orientations; gender norms and phobias in sexuality and gender; sex characteristics Pierre Brouard <i>Deputy Director, CSA&amp;G, UP</i> Sylvester Kazibwe <i>MPhil (HRDA) student, Uganda</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Tea break & Group photo

- 10:30 – 12:00      African sexualities: How might we think of African-ness?  
A history of homosexuality in Africa?  
Professor Charles Ngwena  
*Centre for Human Rights, UP*  
Professor Marc Epprecht  
*Department of Global Development Studies,  
Queen's University, Canada*
- 12:00 – 13:00      United Nations approach to sexual and gender  
minorities  
Professor Frans Viljoen  
*Director, Center for Human Rights, UP*
- 13:00 – 13:45      Lunch break
- 13:45 – 15:00      Binaries and boxes  
Professor Mzikazi Nduna  
*Department of Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand*
- 15:00 – 15:15      Tea break
- 15:15 – 16:30      The role of patriarchy and hetero-normativity in policing  
sexuality and gender  
Busisiwe Deyi  
*Department of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, UP*
- 16:30 – 17:00      Debrief session  
What did we learn today? Unpacking phobias linked to  
sexual and gender minority status and the impacts on  
lives  
Pierre Brouard  
*Deputy Director, CSA&G, UP*
- End of Day 1

# Day 2

Tuesday 25 February 2020

Theme: The regulation of sexuality and its impact on persons

Moderator: Thiruna Naidoo

*Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Time	Activity
8:30 – 11:00	Role of religion in regulating sexual minority rights in secular states Dr Osogo Ambani <i>School of Law, Strathmore University, Kenya</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break
11:15 – 13:00	Nature or nurture: Science, society and non-heteronormative sexuality Professor Michael Pepper <i>Department of Immunology, Faculty of Health Sciences, UP</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	The reality of discrimination and hate crimes (Hate Crimes Bill) Professor Anton Kok <i>Department of Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, UP</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Tea break

15:15 – 16:45	Transgender lived experience Dr Anastacia Tomson <i>Medical doctor, author and transgender activist</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Debrief session Thiruna Naidoo <i>Project officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i>

End of Day 2

## Day 3

### Wednesday 26 February 2020

Theme: Regional and international human rights law on sexual and gender identities  
Moderator: Ayo Sogunro  
*Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	General remarks Dr Geraldine Reymenants <i>Counsellor: Head of Delegation, Delegation of Flanders</i>
09:00 – 11:00	European approach to sexual minority rights: Looking at the history, European convention and resistance Jonas Vernimmen <i>PhD candidate, KU Leuven</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break

- 11:15 – 12:30 Lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ communities in Belgium and working as an activist in an LGBTIQ+ organization in Europe: Challenges & opportunities  
Yves Aerts  
*General Coordinator, Cavaria, Belgium*
- 12:30 – 13:15 Group work
- 13:15 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:00 Sexual minority rights and the politic of the African human rights system  
Prof Frans Viljoen  
*Director, Center for Human Rights, UP*
- 15:00 – 15:15 Tea break
- 15:15 – 16:00 Video: *The Commission – From Silence To Resistance*
- 16:00 – 17:00 Impact of criminalization, HIV, and access to health services for LGBTIQ+ people in Africa  
Berry Nigobora  
*Law and Human Rights Advocacy Manager, African Men for Sexual Health (AMShER)*
- End of Day 3

# Day 4

Thursday 27 February 2020

Theme: Legal reform

Moderator: Tapiwa Mamhare

*Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Time	Activity
08:30 – 10:00	Combining litigation with LGBTIQ+ lobbying and advocacy strategies with focus on Uganda Dr Adrian Jjuuko <i>Executive Director, Human Rights Awareness &amp; Promotion Forum, Kampala</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Role of national human rights institutions in advancing the rights of sexual minorities: Country perspectives Representatives from NANHRI and member NHRIs
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break
11:15 – 13:00	The role of the courts and the legislature in addressing SOGIESC issues in Africa Sibongile Ndashe <i>Executive Director, Institute for Strategic Litigation in Africa</i>
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch break



13:45 – 15:15	Intersex lived experiences & specific legal issues arising in respect of intersex persons James Karanja <i>Intersex activist, Kenya</i> Tshegofatso Joshua Sehoole <i>Advocacy specialist and MPhil (HRDA) student, South Africa</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Tea break
15:30 – 17:00	Film screening: <i>Call Me Kuchu</i>  End of Day 4

## Day 5

### Friday 28 February 2020

Theme: Strategic solutions

Moderator: Janet Gbam

*Researcher, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:30	The legal protection of SOGIESC-related rights in Southern Africa and the challenge of violence against lesbian, bisexual and queer women Rudo Chigudu <i>LLD Candidate, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> Thiruna Naidoo <i>Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i>

09:30 – 10:30 Resolution 275: Implementation, opportunities and challenges  
Ayo Sogunro  
*Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

10:30 – 11:00 Report-back on group work

11:00 – 11:15 Tea break

11:15 – 12:15 Strategic litigation on sexual and gender minority rights in Southern Africa: Best practices (Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe)  
Tashwill Esterhuizen  
*Lawyer, LGBTI Project, Southern Africa Litigation Centre*

12:15 – 12:45 Course evaluations  
Dorcas Basimanyane  
*Programme Coordinator (AHRC)*  
Ayo Sogunro  
*Project Officer, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

12:45 – 13:15 Certificates and closing remarks  
Professor Frans Viljoen  
*Director, Center for Human Rights, UP*  
Pierre Brouard  
*Deputy Director, CSA&G, UP*

13:15 – Lunch and departures

End of Course



## Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

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