



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

Policing Lockdown: Accountability and oversight of the criminal justice system in the time of COVID-19

Venue: Zoom (Online)

All times are SAST / (GMT+02:00)

24 to 28 May 2021.



Day 1

Monday 24 May 2021

Theme: Human rights standards during the pandemic

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| Time | Activity |
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Welcome; course logistics; opening, course objectives; introduction of participants; introduction to the class exercises Dennis Antwi <i>Project Manager: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director: Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> Mr Sean Tait <i>Director: African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF)</i> Jago Russell <i>Chief Executive: Fair Trials</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Introduction to key international and regional human rights standards relevant to policing and criminal justice systems, and their implications during the COVID-19 pandemic Ms Louise Edwards <i>Programme Manager: APCOF</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Tea break |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | National oversight and accountability frameworks: protecting rights in the criminal justice system during COVID-19 Mr Sean Tait |

Director: African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF)

14:30 – 15:00

Break

15:00 – 17:00

The important role of legitimacy and building trust
in the police during an emergency

Prof Ben Bradford (TBC)

*Professor of Global Policing: Department of Security
and Crime Science, University College London UCL*

Prof Ignacio Cano

Professor of Sociology: Rio de Janeiro State University

End of Day 1

Day 2

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Theme: Impact of COVID-19 on policing

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| Time | Activity |
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| 10:00 – 12:00 | Use of force Dr Stuart Maslen <i>Honorary Professor: Centre for Human Rights, UP</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Break |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Regulating gatherings; notifications, social distancing and other limitations Dr Thomas Probert <i>Head of Research: Freedom from Violence Programme</i> |

Centre for Human Rights, UP
Luciana Pol
Senior Fellow: Security Policy and Human Rights,
Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)
Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales

14:30 – 15:00

Break

15:00 – 17:00

Vulnerability and COVID-19;
Questions of access to justice for victims of
crime especially domestic violence
Estefania Vela Barba
Executive Director: Intersecta, Mexico
Adriana Ortega
Public security and justice expert: Intersecta Mexico

End of Day 2

Day 3

Wednesday 26 May 2021

Theme: Alternative approaches

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Time

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Activity

10:00 – 12:00

The impacts of COVID-19 on marginalised communities,
and the role of the police in exacerbating/addressing
them

Dr Mutuma Ruteree

Director: Centre for Human Rights & Policy Studies

Former UN Special Rapporteur on racism and xenophobia



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| 12:00 – 12:30 | Break |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | <p>Searching for a harm-reduction approach to COVID-19 Prof Karl Roberts <i>Professor and Chair of Policing and Criminal Justice: University of Western Sydney, Australia</i> <i>Adjunct Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice: University of Massachusetts</i></p> |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Break |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | <p>Panel Discussion: Recent perspectives of the UN human rights mechanisms, the African Commission on Human and People's rights, [and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights] regarding human rights protections during the pandemic</p> <p>Chair: Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP</i></p> <p>Panelists: Dr Solomon Dersso <i>Chairperson: African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</i> Prof Fionnuala ní Aoláin <i>UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism</i> Prof Hélène Tigroudja (TBC) <i>Member of the UN Human Rights Committee</i> Pedro Vaca Villarreal (TBC) <i>Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</i></p> <p>End of Day 3</p> |

Day 4

Thursday 27 May 2021

Theme: Criminal justice oversight and fundamental freedoms during COVID-19

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| Time | Activity |
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| 10:00 – 12:00 | Public health surveillance and its impact on the right to privacy and the right to a fair trial Griff Ferris <i>Legal and policy officer: Fair Trials, London</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Break |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Impact of COVID-19 on custody hearings and implications of remote justice on procedural safeguards Penelope Gibbs <i>Deputy Chair: the Standing Committee on Youth Justice</i> <i>Research associate: Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford</i> |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Break |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | Monitoring places of detention and custodial conditions during the pandemic Dr Kwanele Pakati <i>National Preventive Mechanism Secretariat: South African Human Rights Commission</i> Prof Lukas Muntingh |

Co-founder and Project Head: Africa Criminal Justice Reform, Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and human rights, University of Western Cape

End of Day 4

Day 5

Friday 28 May 2021

Criminal justice oversight and fundamental freedoms during COVID-19

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| Time | Activity |
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| 10:00 – 11:45 | <p>The role of NHRIs and other national institutions in upholding fundamental human rights during an emergency</p> <p>Mr Gilbert Sebihogo <i>Executive Director: Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)</i></p> <p>Adv Rommy Mom <i>Commissioner: National Police Service Commission of Nigeria</i></p> |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | <p>Seeking more systemic reform: advocacy for law reform in parliament and elsewhere</p> <p>Ms Anneke Meerkotter <i>Litigation Director: Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)</i></p> |



(TBC)
Belgian Ligue des droits humains

14:00 – 14:30

Break

14:30 – 16:15

Strategic and emergency litigation before domestic, regional, and international mechanisms
Ms Ursula Indacochea
Lawyer: Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF)
Legal fellow: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Hon Ann Makori
Chairperson of the Board of the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA), Kenya

16:15 – 16:45

Course Evaluations and photos
Dorcas Basimanyane
Project Coordinator: AHRC, Centre for Human Rights, UP

16:45 – 17:00

Conclusion, wrapping up of cross-cutting issues and closing remarks
Mr Dennis Antwi
Project Manager: AHRC, Centre for Human Rights, UP
Dr Thomas Probert
Research Head: Freedom from Violence, Centre for Human Rights
Mr Sean Tait
Director: African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF)
Laure Baudrihayé-Gérard
Legal Director (Europe): Fair Trials

End of Course

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For more information about the Advanced Human Rights Course on Police Oversight and Vulnerable Groups, presented by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, please contact dennis.antwi@up.ac.za

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