



PROGRAMME

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

Sexual Minority Rights in Africa

*Venue: Online via zoom and Future Africa,
University of Pretoria, South Africa*

22 – 26 February 2021

Day 1

Monday 22 February 2021

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
09:00 – 9:30	Registration & course logistics Dennis Antwi <i>Project Manager: Advanced Human Rights courses (AHRC), Centre for human rights, UP</i> Dorcas Basimanyane <i>Project Coordinator: AHRC, Centre for human rights, UP</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome address, introductions, setting the scene: Why are we here? Professor Frans Viljoen <i>Director: Centre for Human Rights, UP</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Classification of concepts and definition of terms: Sex and sex identity, gender, gender identity and gender expression; sexuality; sexual attraction and sexual orientations; gender normatives and phobias in sexuality and gender; sex characteristics Pierre Brouard <i>Deputy Director: CSA&G, UP</i> Thiruna Naidoo <i>Project Officer SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break & Group Virtual Photo
11:15 – 12:00	Classification of concepts continued

Pierre Brouard
Deputy Director: CSA&G, UP
Thiruna Naidoo
Project Officer: SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP

12:00 – 13:00

Africanness and its intersections with sexualities
Professor Charles Ngwena
Centre for Human Rights, UP

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00

Binaries and boxes
Professor Mzikazi Nduna
Department of Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand
Oyama Tshona
Independent Consultant

15:00 – 15:15

Tea break

15:15 – 16:30

The role of patriarchy and hetero-normativity in policing sexuality and gender
Busisiwe Deyi
Lecturer, 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 23 February 2021

Theme: The regulation of sexuality and its impact on persons

Moderator: Thiruna Naidoo

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

Time	Activity
9:00 – 10:30	Role of religion in regulating sexual minority rights in secular states Dr Osogo Ambani <i>Lecturer: School of Law, Strathmore University, Kenya</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00- 12:00	United Nations Approach: Sexual and Gender Minorities Michael van Gelderen <i>Human Rights Officer: Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Discussion session [HRDA students only]: Reflections on legal status of sexual and gender minorities across the continent Thiruna Naidoo <i>Project Officer: SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, 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>

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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 24 February 2021

Theme: Regional and international human rights law on sexual and gender identities

Moderator: Ayo Sogunro

Project Manager: SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	General remarks Dr Geraldine Reymenants <i>General Representative for the Government of Flanders</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Sexual minority rights: A European perspective Professor Stefaan Smis <i>Member: Department of International and European Law Faculty of Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit, Brussel (VUB) Vice-president: Research Group Fundamental Rights and Constitutionalism (FRC)</i>

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- 10:30 – 10:45 Tea break
- 10:45 – 13:00 Panel discussion of the documentary 'Pride is Protest'
Moderator:
Yves Aerts
General coordinator: Cavaria, Belgium
Panelists:
Slava Melnyk
Executive Director: KPH (campaign against homophobia)
Arpi Avetisyan
Head of Litigation: ILGA-Europe
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:00 Sexual minority rights and the politic of the African
human rights system
Professor Frans Viljoen
Director: Center for Human Rights, UP
- 15:00 – 15:15 Tea break
- 15:15 – 16:00 Resolution 275: Implementation, opportunities
and challenges
Ayo Sogunro
*Project Manager: SOGIESC Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, UP*
- 16:00 – 16:30 Debrief session
Ayo Sogunro
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End of Day 3

Day 4

Thursday 25 February 2021

Theme: Legal reform

Moderator: Tapiwa Mamhare

Project Officer - Intersex Rights, SOGIESC Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Time	Activity
09:00 – 11:00	Combining litigation with LGBTIQ+ lobbying and advocacy strategies with focus on Uganda Dr Adrian Jjuuko <i>Executive Director, Human Rights Awareness & Promotion Forum, Kampala, Uganda</i>
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: Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	Intersex lived experiences and specific legal issues arising in respect of intersex persons Ronica Zuze <i>Executive Director: Intersex Community of Zimbabwe (ICoZ)</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Groups break away session Reflections, discussions and perspectives on what a decriminalisation campaign in African context would look like and how such a campaign can be realised.

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16:00 – 16:30

Debrief Session

Tapiwa Mamhare

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Day 5

Friday 26 February 2021

Theme: Strategic solutions

Moderator: Janet Gbam

Doctoral student: Centre for Human Rights, UP

Time



Activity

09:00 – 10:00

The legal protection of SOGIESC-related rights in Southern and West Africa:

The challenge of violence against lesbian, bisexual and queer women

Thiruna Naidoo

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

Omolara Oriye

Executive Director: The Initiative for Equal Rights

10:00– 11:00

Impact of criminalisation, HIV and access to health services for LGBTIQ+ people in Africa

Landilani Banda

Doctoral candidate: Centre for Human Rights, UP

11:00 – 11:15

Tea break

11:15 – 12:15

Course evaluations

Dorcas Basimanyane

Project Coordinator: AHRC, CHR, UP

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12:15 – 13:15

Certificates and closing remarks

Dennis Antwi

Project Manager: AHRC, CHR, UP

Pierre Brouard

Deputy Director, CSA&G, UP

Ayo Sogunro

Project Manager: SOGIESC Unit, CHR, UP

End of Course

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