



Kéba Mbaye Conference

African approaches to international law,
with a focus on international human rights law

5 – 6 December 2018

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria



Programme of events (Provisional)

Day 1: 5 December 2018

Venue: Senate Hall, Administration Building, University of Pretoria

8:30 – 9:00 Arrivals and registration

9:00 – 9:15

Welcoming

Chair: Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Prof Norman Duncan
Vice Rector, Academic, University of Pretoria

9:15 – 10:30

Paper presentations 1: Conceptual clarification

Co-chairs: Prof Frans Viljoen, Prof Hennie Strydom (Professor of Law, Department of Public Law, University of Johannesburg), Humphrey Sipalla (Strathmore University)

Reflections on Africa's involvement in international law

Professor Chris Maina Peter
Professor of Law

The radical and African origins of the right to development

Prof James Gathii
Professor of international law, Loyola University, Chicago, United States

10:30 – 11:00

Tea

11:00 – 13:00

Paper presentations 2: Keba Mbaye: The man, African approaches and international human rights law

Chair: Prof Annelize Nienaber
Head of Department, Department of Public Law, University of Pretoria

Pan-African internationalism and international law

Mr Christopher Gevers
Lecturer, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

African approaches to international law: a communitarian ethic as a cultural critique of the western understanding of the human rights corpus

Mr Maxwell Miyawa
PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada

Humphrey Sipalla (Strathmore University)

Uncovering the merits of African indigenous justice with the help of the receptor approach to human rights

Prof Tom Zwart
Professor of Cross-cultural Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University
Prof Serges Kamga
Associate Professor, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, University of South Africa

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Paper presentations 3: Defining Africanness in the African human rights system

Chair: Prof Christopher Mbazira

Dean, School of Law, Makerere University, Uganda

I am an African, or maybe not: the complexities of defining who is an “African” in the African human rights system

Dr Japhet Biegon

Africa Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Amnesty International

The politicisation of values in the African human rights system

Prof Magnus Killander

Professor of human rights law, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Square holes for square pegs: an “African” approach towards gender responsiveness

Ms Mariam Kamunyu

Doctoral promovenda, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

15:30 – 16:00

Tea

16:00 – 17:30

Agenda’s feminist dialogue and journal launch

Ms Christiane Struckmann and Ms MMatsie Mookie

Day 2: 6 December 2018

Venue: Senate Hall, Administration Building, University of Pretoria

9:00 – 10:30

Paper presentations 4: African pedagogy and decolonisation

Chair: Prof Hennie Strydom

Teacher don’t teach me nonsense: Fela’s pedagogy of the subaltern and its relevance to the teaching of international law

Prof Babatunde Fagbayigbo

*Associate Professor, Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law
College of Law, University of South Africa*

Making the best of the existing human rights framework to develop an African approach to human rights education

Dr Emma Charlene Lubaale

Senior Lecturer, Department of Jurisprudence, School of Law, University of Venda

Universality v nuance: decolonising human rights approaches to gender and sexuality in Africa

Ms Lizzy Kibira

Law Student, Strathmore Law School, Nairobi, Kenya

10:30 – 11:00

Tea

11:30 – 13:00

Paper presentations 5: Right to development and climate change

Chair: Dr Nkatha Murungi

Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

An African approach to international law: the case of the right to development

*Dr Busingye Kabumba
Lecturer, Makerere University, Uganda*

“Civilising the civilised” upholding the rights under international law: contribution of African judges in the World Court

*Mr Parthiban B
PhD Research candidate, South Asian University, New Delhi, India*

When the T(W)AIL wags climate change governance

*Dr Basil Ugochukwu
Research Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Ontario, Canada*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

Paper presentations 6: Migration and sport

*Chair: Prof Mwaurea Kiarie
University of Nairobi, Kenya*

A tale on belonging in Africa: an analysis of the African approach to statelessness

*Ms Mumbi Gichuhi
Lawyer & Intern, United Nations High Commission for Refugees
Sandra Bucha
Lawyer & Intern, Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights*

Access to justice in sport: an African assessment of the Court of Arbitration for Sport

Sarah Ochwada

15:00 – 16:00

Paper presentations 7: Criminal law and geopolitics

*Chair: Prof Atangcho Akonumbo
Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale, Yaounde, Cameroon*

Africa and the development of international criminal law: a search for African approaches to international law

*Dr James Nyawo
Lecturer, Department of Diplomacy and International Relations, Kenyatta University, Kenya*

The changing of the guard: Africa and Asia in the avant garde of a geopolitical shift in the grammar of international law

*Prof Rashmi Raman
Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Director, Centre for International Legal Studies
Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University, India*

16:00 – 17:00

Closing remarks

Panel: Prof Frans Viljoen, Prof Hennie Strydom, Prof Chris Maina Peter, Prof James Gathii, Humphrey Sipalla

18:30

Dinner (including launch of text: What is Africanness)

Venue: The Farm Inn Country Hotel and Wildlife Estate, Pretoria

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