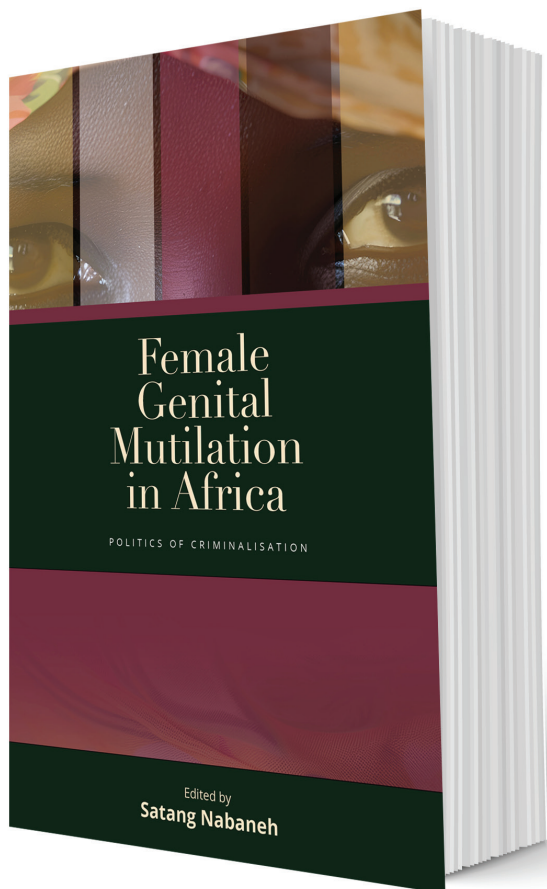


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The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria and the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) cordially invite you to the virtual book launch of ***Female Genital Mutilation in Africa: Politics of Criminalisation***, which examines the complex politics surrounding the criminalisation of FGM in Africa. It explores the motivations behind criminalization efforts, the challenges of implementation, and the socio-cultural factors that influence the effectiveness of legal frameworks. The book is edited by Satang Nabaneh.

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Monday 19 May 2025

12:00 (GMT) / 13:00 (WAT) / 14:00 (SAST) / 15:00 (EAT)

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Despite global criminalisation efforts, with over 60 countries, including more than 25 in Africa, adopting laws, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) persists, devastating the lives of millions of women and girls and exposing the limits of current legal frameworks. In *Female Genital Mutilation in Africa*, editor Satang Nabaneh curates a timely and crucial collection, illustrating the complex history of colonial legal imposition and the evolving post-colonial resistance, while challenging dominant narratives. Through an intersectional, African feminist, and decolonial lens, this book ignites a vital cross-boundary (disciplinary, national, ethnic and religious) dialogue on the adequacy of criminal law in addressing FGM. Contributors offer theoretical, practical, and survivor perspectives, providing context-specific analyses that calls on advocates, policymakers, legislators, scholars, and students to rethink human rights and the use of criminal law, pertaining to issues of women and girls, both in Africa and globally.

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- Prof. Ebenezer Durojaye
Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria
- Hon. Janet Ramatoulie Sallah-Njie
Vice Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Hon. Kembo Takam Gatsing Hermine
Member of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child & Special Rapporteur on Child Marriage and other Harmful Practices
- Prof. Fareda Banda
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- Ms. Laura Nyirinkindi
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