



## CONFERENCE

### DEMOCRACY, EXCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION: HOW CAN CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THOSE EXCLUDED FROM VOTING BE PROTECTED

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**Venue: STH KERZNER CONFERENCE ROOM BUNTING ROAD CAMPUS UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG.**

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## PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2024

09:30-10:30	<b>ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, TEA</b>
10:30-10:45	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>Professor Kathleen Van der Linde</b> (Professor of Law and Dean at the Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg).
10:45- 11:00	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Professor Roxan Laubscher</b> (Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg & Acting Director at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC)).
11:00- 12:30	<b>SESSION 1: CITIZENSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS</b> <b>Chair: Lindokuhle Hadebe</b> <b>Marystella Simiyu</b> (Marystella Simiyu is advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Doctoral Student at the University of Pretoria) & <b>Professor. Trésor Muhindo Makunya</b> (Associate professor of public law at the University of Goma (DRC) and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria). <b>Brain Tatenda Chihera</b> (Doctoral Candidate at University of the Western Cape (UWC), and Lecturer in the department of public law at UWC). <b>Professor. Lukas Muntingh</b> (Director of the Dullah Omar Institute at the University of the Western Cape). <b>Dr. Musa Shongwe</b> (Dean and Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Eswatini).
12:30-13-30	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30–15:00	<b>SESSION 2: EXPANDING VOTING RIGHTS BEYOUND CITIZENSHIP</b> <b>Chair: Roxan Laubscher</b> <b>Dr. Vhonani Neluvhalani</b> (Senior Lecturer at the University of Limpopo's School of Law). <b>Professor Ruvi Ziegler</b> (Associate Professor in International Refugee Law and co-Chair of LGBTQIA+ staff network University of Reading)

	<p><b>Lindokuhle Hadebe</b> (Researcher at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law, University of Johannesburg)</p> <p><b>Rim -Sarah Alouane</b> (Ph. D candidate in Comparative Law at the University Toulouse Capitole in France).</p>
15:00-15:30	<b>TEA</b>
15:30-17:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: VOTING RIGHTS CHALLENGES AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Ropafadzo Maphosa</b>  <b>Sophie Smit</b> (Legal researcher at the Helen Suzman Foundation).  <b>Professor Wessel Le Roux</b> (Professor in Public law at the University of the Western Cape).  <b>Malebogo Mashishi</b> (Law graduate awaiting admission at the Pretoria Society of Advocates).  <b>Dr. Busingye Kabumba</b> (Director of the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), and Senior Lecturer in Law at Makerere University).</p>
17:00- 17:30	<b>TRANSFER TO DINNER</b>
18:00-20:00	<b>DINNER FOR PANELISTS</b>

## PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024**

10:00-11:00	<b>ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, TEA</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>SESSION 4: VOTING RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Tracey Kanhanga</b>  <b>Mx Letlhogonolo Mokgoroane</b> (Advocate at Group One Advocates and current in-house counsel at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies).  <b>William Aseka</b> (Human Rights Lawyer based in Kenya).  <b>Stanely Malematja</b> (Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa and Attorney at the Centre for Child Law at University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law).</p>

	<p><b>Professor Marthinus van Staden</b> (Associate Professor at the University of the Witwatersrand, School of Law).</p>
12:30-13:30	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
13:30–15:00	<p><b>SESSION 5: EXPANDING THE DEMOCRATIC SPHERE: RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATION OF NON-HUMAN ANIMALS (PANEL DISCUSSION)</b></p> <p><i>This session was co organized by SAIFAC and Animal Law Reform South Africa (ALRSA). It will explore the representation of non-human animals in democracies and in the political space around the globe.</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Amy Wilson</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Tracey Kanhanga</b> (Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law at the University of Johannesburg).</p> <p><b>Will Kymilicka</b> (Canada Research Chair in Political Philosophy in the Philosophy Department at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada).</p> <p><b>Emma Hurst</b> (Member of Parliament and the third elected MP to represent the Animal Justice Party in Australia's State Parliament).</p>
15:00-15:15	<p><b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Professor Roxan Laubscher</b> (Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg &amp; Acting Director, at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law)</p> <p><b>CONFERENCE ENDS</b></p>