

College of Law



20 October
to 22 October 2020

8th ANNUAL SPRING LAW CONFERENCE

Covid-19: Unmasking the institutionalized socio-economic injustices hidden under the cloak of the rainbow and the fallacy of the post-colonial Africa

Virtual on MS-Teams and other Online Platforms: 20, 21, 22 October 2020



DAY ONE

Tuesday, 20 October 2020

08:30-9h00	Registration
9h00-12h30	PLENARY SESSION ONE Programme Director: Prof HM Mogashoa (Unisa)
9h00-9h05	Conference Announcement and remarks: Programme Director
9h05-9h15	Welcoming and Conference Opening: Prof VB Basdeo (Executive Dean, College of Law, Unisa)
9h15-9h30	Exposition and setting the scene: David Letsoalo (Chairman, Organising Committee, ASLC)
9h30-9h55	Prof MS Makhanya (VC & Principal, Unisa) The impact of Covid-19 on teaching/learning provision in ODeL context: the response from Unisa
9h55-10h20	Adv Pansy Tlakula (Chairperson, Information Regulator SA) Reflection on the mandate, challenges and experiences of the Information Regulator South Africa in the context of Covid-19
10h20-10h45	Prof T Mayekiso (VC & Principal, University of Mpumalanga) Re-imagining higher education provision in the (post) Covid-19 reality: response of disadvantaged (Black) universities
10h45 - 11h10	Prof V McKay (Acting V-Principal: Teaching, Learning, Community Engagement and Student Support) How higher education institutions have responded to the Covid-19 factor to preserve quality in teaching, learning and assessment space
DISCUSSION/ENGAGEMENT (PANEL AND AUDIENCE) 11h10-11:30	
1 HOUR BREAK	

DAY 1 BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

BREAKAWAY 1: CHAIR: MS PAN NYAWO THEME: AFROCENTRICITY/ CUSTOMARY LAW/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ CONSTITUTIONALISM	BREAKAWAY 2: CHAIR: PROF P MUTHAPHULI CRIMINAL JUSTICE/ LAW ENFORCEMENT/ CRIMINOLOGY
12h30-12h50 Afrocentricity approach and contemporary African problems: the ethnicity problem as a model Abdel Fattah N (Cairo University Egypt) Dr	12h30-12h50 Criminal justice, law enforcement and security in covid-19 situations: misnomer to criminalise contravention of Covid – 19 lockdown regulations rather than administrative fines Mthimkhulu MV (Master of Law candidate UJ) Mr

DAY 1 BREAKAWAY SESSIONS (Cont.)

12h50-13h10 Relevance of customary Law in this transforming South Africa: with specific reference to the best interests of the child principle Bayi C.H (UNISA) Ms	12h50-13h10 An exploration of the legal control of explosives in South Africa through 4IR post Covid-19 Bogopa TJ (SAPS) Mr
13h10-13h30 Contradictions in the provision and realisation of Sexual Reproductive Health Rights in South Africa during COVID 19 pandemic Teleki M (Commission for Gender Equality South Africa)	13h10-13h30 Le re le Ma-Afrika, Baena Ma-Africa tena? Spotlightd on UnAfrikan policing tactics used during the Covid-19 lockdown in South Africa Matlala MM (UNISA) Morena
13h30-13h50 The impact of Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) in South Afrika: Enforcing the regulations of lockdown and violation of human rights of South Africans Mantula S.G (Researcher Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs UNISA) Adv.; and Mfusi B.F (Researcher Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs UNISA) Ms	13h30-13h50 The Role of Community Police Forums as SAPS Complement to ensure Compliance During Covid19 Ngoveni T (UNISA) Mr
13h50-14h10	13h50-14h10 The masquerading of law enforcement agencies with ugly masks during Covid-19 situation in the pretence duty calling: Who is fooling who in the brutalization of township life that matters no more? Morodi L (UNISA) Dr; Marakalala C (UNISA) Mr; and Kgoale C (UNISA) Mr
DISCUSSION 14h10-14h30	
END OF DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS	

DAY TWO

Wednesday, 21 October 2020

9h00-12h00	PLENARY SESSION TWO Programme Director: Dr L Morodi (Unisa)
9h00-9h25	Prof M Ramose (Unisa) The role of Ubu-Ntu, Afrikan spirituality and indigenous knowledge systems during the Covid-19 disastrous situation
9h25-9h50	Gogo Phephisile Maseko (Chairperson, Traditional Healers Organisation) Traditional healers in times of Covid-19: Reflections on the reaction of Eurocentric, colonial system on Afrikan spirituality indigenous knowledge system
9h50-10h15	Mama Rutendo Ngara (Chairperson, Credo Mutwa Foundation) The vision of the Credo Mutwa Foundation re Ubu-Ntu, IKS, Afrikan spirituality and healing: reflections in the Covid-19 context
10h15-10h40	Dr Sihle Sibiyi (Insika Economic Movement) The relevance of Black Theology in political, social and spiritual crisis: reflections on the Covid-19 pandemic
DISCUSSION/ENGAGEMENT (PANEL AND AUDIENCE) 10h40 - 11h05	
1 HOUR BREAK	

DAY 2 BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

BREAKAWAY 3: STUDENT TRACK CHAIR: Ms L Diedericks	
12h05-12h15	12h05-12h15
Milolo J (Mr)	Engagement and learning as a means of transformation
12h15-12h25	12h15-12h25
Moema P (Miss)	Education and social benefits in the Fourth Industrial Revolution
12h25-12h35	12h25-12h35
Daya S (Miss)	The role of technology in the provision of education in the Higher Education sector
12h35-12h45	12h35-12h45
Mosoete NW (Mr)	Politics of race, class and gender inequalities
12h45-12h55	12h45-12h55
Lambane C (Mr) and Lesejane T (Mr)	Violation of human rights during the lockdown in South Africa under the state of disaster
DISCUSSION 12h55-13h20	
END OF DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS	

DAY THREE

Thursday, 22 October 2020

09h00-11h00	PLENARY SESSION THREE Programme Director: Adv SG Mantula (Unisa)
9h00-9h25	Prof Somadoda Fikeni (Advisor to the Principal, Unisa) The politics of Covid-19: Social inequalities, transformation and Arican identity
9h25-9h50	Xolani Dube (Xubera Institute of Reserach and Development) The politics of Covid-19: Corruption and the defects of electoral politics in the post-1994 society
9h50-10h15	Gogo Aubrey Matshiqi (Political Analyst) The politrics of Covid -19: Inequalities, neo-colonialism, betrayal and the anti-Afrikan posture of the so-called rainbow society
10h15-10h40	Prof Zodwa Motsa (Executive Director, Leadership and Transformation Unisa) The politics of Covid-19: Re-member Afrika, re-view and re-focus on decolonization, transformation and Afrikan epistemologies
DISCUSSION/ENGAGEMENT (PANEL AND AUDIENCE) 10h40-11h00	
1 HOUR BREAK	

DAY 3 BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

BREAKAWAY 4: CHAIR: DR SM NYATLO THEME: MERCANTILE LAW/ FINANCE	BREAKAWAY 5: CHAIR: MS M MONYAKANE THEME: MEDIA STUDIES/ CRIMINAL AND PROCEDURAL LAW
12h00-12h20	12h00-12h20
Identifying and evaluating the fundamental principles that should form the foundation of complaint resolution mechanisms in the South African banking sector	A critique of media reporting on COVID-19: A case study of the headline coverage of Nkosazana Dlamini -Zuma
Koekemoer M.M (UNISA) Dr	Tshegofatso Modubu (Masters Candidate UP) Ms
12h20-12h40	12h20-12h40
The impact of the COVID-19 on the common law right to safe working environment in South Africa: A legal perspective	The role of the media, critiquing the media during the Covid-19 pandemic
Mashaole Nkgapele (Manager National Department of Health) Mr	Thepa M (Freelance Journalist)
12h40-13h00	12h40-13h00
Business-interruption insurance in the midst of COVID-19/ lock-down: socio-economic justice in action for the insured or justice denied for the insured against insurers that represent 'big business'?	Court annexed-mediation: a means to provide access to justice and widen the scope to transform relationships
Jacobs W (UNISA) Prof	Mothapo MP (UNISA) Ms

DAY 3 BREAKAWAY SESSIONS (Cont.)

13h00-13h20 Plagiarism prevention: an innovative solution for Unisa Geyer S (UNISA) Prof	13h00-13h20
13h20-13h40 Integration delayed is integration denied: Demystifying the approaches towards financial integration towards financial integration in Africa Tuba M (UNISA) Mr	13h20-13h40
DISCUSSION 13h40-14h00	
Closing and Recap of the Conference: Prof OJ Kole, Deputy Dean, College of Law, Unisa)	
END OF THE 8TH ASLC 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION	

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