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The Many Faces of Inequality

A Conference organised by the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (a Centre of the University of Johannesburg) in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

DATE: 4th - 5th August, 2026

VENUE: UJ, STH Bunttong Road Campus, Kerzner conference Room.



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DAY ONE – TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2026

Time Programme

08:00 – 09:00 Registration, Tea and Coffee

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome Address – Prof Cayle Lupton, Acting Vice Dean of Research and Internationalization Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg

09:15 – 09:25 Opening Remarks – Prof Roxan Laubscher, Acting Director, SAIFAC

09:25 – 09:55 Keynote Address – Prof Cathi Albertyn

09:55 – 10:05 Official Group Photograph

10:05 – 10:30 Tea and Coffee

10:30 – 12:25 Panel One: Gender Equality, Intersectionality and Constitutional Rights

12:25 – 13:35 Lunch

13:35 – 15:20 Panel Two: Diversity, Inclusion and Equality

15:20 – 15:40 Tea Break

15:40 – 17:35 Panel Three: Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Equality

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21 YEARS OF IMPACT

PANEL ONE 10:30–12:25

Gender Equality, Intersectionality and Constitutional Rights

Chair: Roxan Laubscher

Fanelesibonge Craig Mabaso: A Discussion of Intersectionality and the Law in the South African Perspective

Xoliswa Jwili: Constitutionalising the Courtyard: Aligning Traditional Courts with South Africa's Transformative Constitutional Mandate

Chianaraekpere Ike: Substantive Equality and Access to Maternal Healthcare Services: A Constitutional Analysis of Racialized Socio-Economic Barriers Affecting Black Women in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Sindiso Nkomo: Beyond Reproductive Age: Socio- Economic Inequality and Older Women's Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in South Africa

Danielle Giorgi: From Birth to Matrimony: Harmful Practices and the Structural Limits of Substantive Equality in International Human Rights Law

Q & A

PANEL TWO 13:25 – 15:20

Diversity, Inclusion and Equality

Chair: Vanessa Mathebula

Jane Pienaar: Turning the Fiction of the Human Rights of Gender and Sexual Minorities in South Africa into Reality by Localising Human Rights

Lethogonolo Mokgoroane: (Non-) Eligible Voters: Legal Barriers Facing Transgender South Africans at the Polls

Franaaz Khan: Beyond Disability: Neurodiversity and Substantive Equality Under the ACHR

Samantha Barkley: The Invisible Generation of Older Persons and the Limits of the South African Legal Framework

Dr Rim-Sarah: Can France Truly Achieve Equality in Matters of Religion? Making the Case for Reasonable Religious Accommodation in French Law.

Q&A

PANEL THREE 15:40 – 17:35

Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Equality

Chair: Tracey Kanhangwa

Carine Ruddy: Inequality and the Digital Divide: Rethinking Equality in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Elisabeth Achancho: Digital Access as a Constitutional Socio-Economic Right

Marion Joy & Alex Tamei: Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence Arising from Recording Technologies in Kenya

Musavengana Machaya: The Role of AI and Digital Technologies in Promoting Language Diversity and Protecting Indigenous Knowledge Systems in South Africa

Meghan Finn: Algorithmic Discrimination, Private Power, and the Culture of Justification: Towards a South African Constitutional Account

Q&A

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DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2026

Time Programme

08:30–09:00 Registration, Tea and Coffee

09:00 –10:55 Panel Four: Socio-Economic Inequality, Climate Justice and Constitutional Transformation

10:55 –11:15 Tea Break

11:15 – 12:55 Panel Five: Migration, Equality and Human Dignity

12:55 –13:55 Lunch

13:55–14:45 Closing Session

PANEL FOUR 09:00–10:55

Socio-Economic Inequality, Climate Justice and Constitutional Transformation

Chair Tracey Kanhanga

Ropafadzo Maphosa: Equality in Practice: Evaluating the Transformative Potential of South Africa's Socio-Economic Rights Jurisprudence

Mokheche Stephen Maraka: Socio-Economic Inequality in Income and Constitutional Justice.

Stacey Goliath: Equality as a Justification to Recognise the Rights of Future Generations: Prisms of Recognition

Amorei Coetzee: More than a Number: Child Support Grant, Women-Headed Households, and the Constitutional Obligations to Ensure a Child's Best Interests.

Melissa Roberts: Climate Change as an Obstacle to South Africa's Constitutional Imperative of Achieving Women's Substantive Gender Equality

Q&A

PANEL FIVE 11:15–12:55

Migration, Equality and Human Dignity

Chair Omotunde Enigbokan

Mohammed Sobhy: Structural Inequality in Global Migration Governance: Rethinking Equality and Human Dignity in International and Constitutional Law

Lydia Chibwe, Ashiella Musindo & Olayinka Adeniyi: Governing Survival: Diaspora Networks, Informality and the Limits of Equality in the Zimbabwe–South Africa Migration Corridor

Charissa Fawole: A Child or a Migrant? An Interrogation of the Principle of Non-Discrimination as Applied to Migrant Children in South Africa

Daniel Cortes: How U.S. Migration Policies Fuel Modern Involuntary Servitude and Debt Bondage

Q&A

CLOSING SESSION 13:55–14:45

Chair: Roxan Laubscher

Closing Reflections

General Discussion

Vote of Thanks and Official Close of the Colloquium

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