



CONFERENCE

THE RIGHT TO CITIZENSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

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

18 -19 September 2023

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Programme 18 September 2023

Venue: Human Rights Conference Room Old Fort Constitutional Hill 1 Kotze Street Braamfontein Johannesburg.

12:15 – 13:15

REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

13:15 – 13:30

Welcome

David Bilchitz (Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg & Director, SAIFAC)

13:30 – 15:00

Session 1: Conceptualizing Citizenship

Chair: Prof Reuven Ziegler

Dr. Bronwen Manby (Senior Policy Fellow at the Middle East Centre, London School of Economics) *Post-colonial Citizenship and Decolonisation as a Turning Point: Continuities and Discontinuities in African States.*

Dr. Christine Hobden (Senior Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand) *The Zimbabwean Exemption Permit and the Boundaries of Citizenship.*

Dr. Vhonani Neluvhalani (Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Limpopo) *Beyond the Prevention of Statelessness, What Should be the Content of the Right to Citizenship, in South Africa and Internationally?*

15:00 – 15:30

TEA BREAK

15:30 – 17:00

Session 2: Access to Rights of Vulnerable Groups

Chair: Thandeka Khoza.

Ms. Liesl Muller (Senior Attorney at the Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria) *Preserving the Right to Identity: Genuine Links and the African Child.*

Professor Robert Doya Nanima (Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Western Cape) *From Maseru to Pretoria: Questions of Citizenship (and Nationality) from the Perspective of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.*

Sibusisiwe Ndlela (Attorney of the High Court of South Africa) *Citizenship and the Right to Access Health Care Services.*

17:30	TRANSFER TO DINNER
18:00 – 20:00	DINNER FOR PANELISTS
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09:15 – 09:30	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
09:30 – 11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3: De-Linking Rights from Citizenship</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Tracey Kanhanga</p> <p>Professor Ruvi Ziegler (Associate Professor in International Refugee Law, University of Reading) <i>Immigration, Access to Rights, and Naturalisation: An Intractable Conundrum?</i></p> <p>Professor Wessel Le Roux (Professor of Public Law and Jurisprudence, University of Western Cape) <i>Putting ‘the People’ in their Place: Denizenship Versus Citizenship in the Mixed Electoral System After New Nation Movement.</i></p> <p>Tafadzwa Mugabe (Founding Legal Counsel of Tafadzwa Ralph Mugabe) <i>Evolving Approaches to Citizenship – The Case of Zimbabwe Post the 2013 Constitution.</i></p>
11:00–11:30	TEA
11:30–12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4: Diversity and the Changing Nature of Citizenship</p> <p>Chair: Prof David Bilchitz</p> <p>Dr. Busingye Kabumba (Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Makerere) <i>Contested Citizenship.</i></p> <p>Dr. B. Camminga (Fellow at ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry) <i>‘X’ as ‘Unspecified’: Legal Gender Recognition, Identitarian Language and Imagining Gender Expansive Models of Citizenship in South Africa.</i></p>

12:30--13:30	LUNCH
13:30-14:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5: The Value and Content of Citizenship in South Africa</p> <p>Chair: Ropafadzo Maphosa Professor Jonathan Klaaren (Professor at the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand) <i>The Substance and Procedure of Citizenship in South Africa.</i></p> <p>Christy Chitengu (Candidate Legal Practitioner at Powe & Associates) <i>The Right to Citizenship in South Africa.</i></p>
14:30 – 14:45	TEA BREAK
14:45 - 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 6: Layering Citizenship: From the Sub-national to the Supra-national</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Tracey Kanhanga Professor Loren Landau (South African Research Chair In Mobility and the Politics of Difference at the African Centre for Migration and Society, University of the Witwatersrand) <i>‘Cities and Citizenship’</i>.</p> <p>Brian Tatenda Chihera (Teaching Assistance at the School of Law, University of Western Cape) <i>Regional Citizenship as a Mode of Integration and Development Within SADC: Lessons From the EU.</i></p>
15: 45 -16:00	CLOSING AND CONFERENCE ENDS