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2015 PROGRAMME

Wednesday Evening, 22 July 2015

17:30 for 18:00

Keynote Opening Address: Judge Navi Pillay

Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

"The Relevance of International Norms and Standards in Domestic Public Interest Law"

Venue: Chalsty Auditorium

Reception to Follow

Thursday, 23 July

Slot 1: 09h00-10h30

Plenary Session:

#Trending in Public Interest Law:

"Civil Society Under Threat - - Is Democratic Space Closing Down?"

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<p>Presenters</p>	<p>Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)</p> <p>Dale McKinley, Independent Writer, Researcher and Gauteng Coordinator for the Right2Know Campaign</p> <p>Nomzamo Zondo, Socio-Economic Rights Institute (SERI)</p> <p>Respondent: Mandeep Tiwana, CIVICUS</p> <p>Facilitator: Mark Heywood, Section27</p>		
<p>Venue</p>	<p>Chalsty Auditorium</p>		
<p>10h30-11h00</p>	<p><i>Tea Time</i></p>		
<p>Slot 2: 11h00-12h30</p>	<p>1. The Public Interest Legal Services Sector: Perspectives on Impact, Collaboration and Funding for Social Change</p>	<p>2. Recent Strategic Litigation on the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000</p>	<p>3. Sentencing Reform: Exploring the Shifts in Sentencing Patterns and the Impact of Minimum Mandatory Sentencing Legislation</p>
<p>Presenters</p>	<p>Lauren Royston, SERI</p> <p>Daniella Ikawa, International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net)</p> <p>Dugan Fraser, The Raith Foundation</p> <p>Seth Mbuyiswa Mnguni, Association of Community-based Advice Offices of SA</p> <p>Facilitator: Bhavna Ramji, SERI</p>	<p>Tracey Davies, Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)</p> <p>Karabo Rajuili, M&G Centre for Investigative Journalism (amaBhungane)</p> <p>Toerien van Wyk, South African History Archive (SAHA)</p> <p>Facilitator: Lisa Chamberlain, Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALs)</p>	<p>Prof Stephan Terblance, UNISA Law School</p> <p>Clare Ballard, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)</p> <p>Kristen Petersen, Community Law Centre, Univ. of the Western Cape</p> <p>Facilitator: Jacob van Garderen, LHR</p>

Venue	Chalsty Auditorium	Chalsty Seminar Room	Audio Visual Room
12h30-13h45	Lunch		
	The NGO Marketplace Event: Venue – Law School Library Foyer		
Slot 3: 13h45-15h15	4. Respecting & Protecting the Right to Freedom of Expression: Using Courts to Protect Human Rights Defenders in Southern Africa	5. The <i>Dladla</i> Judgment & the Provision of Temporary Alternative Accommodation	6. Conflicts of Interest
Presenters	Sipho Gumede, Lawyers for Human Rights, Swaziland Paul Kasonkomona, Zambian Human Rights Activist Owen Maseko, Zimbabwean Artist and Activist Facilitator: Caroline James, SALC	Nomzamo Zondo, SERI Princess Magopane, SERI with Zoe Jarvis, Wits Dept. of Social Work Zeenat Sujee, CALS Michael Leonard, SERI Facilitator: Jackie Dugard, SERI and the Univ. of the Witwatersrand	Moray Hathorn, Webber Wentzel Donna Gewer, Bowman Gilfillan Facilitator: Sher-Muhammad Khan, Section27
Venue	Chalsty Auditorium	Chalsty Seminar	Audio Visual Room
15h15-15h30	Tea Time		
Slot 4: 15h30-17h00	7. Pitching at the Right Level? Strategic Litigation and Transnational Fora	8. Social Assistance Advocacy & Litigation to Make Human Rights Real: Insights & Lessons from the <i>Hands Off Our Grants</i> Campaign	9. Watching Briefs

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Venue	Chalsty Auditorium	Chalsty Seminar Room	Audio Visual Room
Friday, 24 July 2015			
Slot 1: 0900-10h30	10. The 2015 State of the Nation Address: A Watershed Moment in South Africa's Constitutional Democracy	11. Rethinking Access to Basic Education for Vulnerable and Marginalised Groups with a Focus on Learners with Disabilities	12. Environmental Offsets: A License to Pollute?
Presenters	<p>Prof Adam Habib, Vice Chancellor, Univ. of the Witwatersrand</p> <p>Deputy Minister John Jeffery, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development</p> <p>Micah Reddy, Right2Know (R2K)</p>	<p>Faathima Mahomed, Legal Resources Centre (LRC)</p> <p>Silomo Khumalo, Section27</p> <p>Dr Moses Simelane, Dept. of Education</p> <p>Advocate Bokakantla Malatji, SA Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>Susie Brownlie, Environmental Assessment Practitioner</p> <p>Robyn Hugo, Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)</p> <p>Caroline Ntaopine, ActionAid and the Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA)</p>

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	Facilitator: Nikhiel Deeplal, Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ)	Facilitator: Dr Brian Watermeyer, Stellenbosch University	Louis Snyman, CALS Facilitator: Osmond Mngomezulu, LHR
Venue	Chalsty Auditorium	Chalsty Seminar Room	LB144
10h30-11h00	Tea Time		
Slot 2: 11h00-12h30	13. The Right to Protest, the Regulation of Gatherings Act and the Current Political Atmosphere	14. Challenges in Realising the Constitutional Promise of Tenure of Security for the Poor and Previously Disadvantaged	15. The Right Not to Be Refused Emergency Medical Treatment
Presenters	Mazibuko Jara, Ntinga Ntab KaNdoda Simon Delaney, Delaney Attorneys Facilitator: Patrick Mdletshe, Section27 and TAC (KZN)	Henk Smith, LRC Michael Clark, Centre for Law and Society (CLS) Lwazi Mtshiyo, SERI Facilitator: TBC	Sasha Stevenson, Section27 Nomalunge James, Eastern Cape Community Health Care Worker and Activist Prashianne Hansraj, LHR Prof Lee Wallis, Head of Emergency Medicine, Western Cape Facilitator: Mlueki Marongo, Section27
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12h30-13h30	Lunch		
	*Students for Law & Social Justice Session (Chalsty Seminar Room): "The Ethics Related to the Introduction of Contraceptives in Schools"		

Slot 3: 13h30-15h00	16. Reckless Lending & Emolument Attachment Orders	17. Power & Responsibility: The Legal Obligations of Multinational Companies & Available Tools to Hold Them Accountable for Human Rights Abuses	18. Failure to Comply: Strategies to Ensuring Compliance with Court Orders
Presenters	Darryl Bernstein, Baker & McKenzie Mathilda Rosslee, Stellenbosch University Legal Clinic Stephanie Boyce, Boyce Attorneys Facilitator: Odette Geldenhuys, Webber Wentzel	Prof David Bilchitz, Univ. of Johannesburg and SA Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law Prof Danny Bradlow, Univ. of Pretoria Prof Bonita Meyersfeld, Univ. of the Witwatersrand and CALS Cassim Coovadia, Banking Association of SA Facilitator: Wilmien Wicomb, LRC	Mark Heywood, Section27 Advocate Fundi Moyo, LHR Facilitator: David Cote, LHR
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***15:00 – 16:30**

Closing Session: Human Rights Documentary Film and Discussion: “The Shore Break”

Venue: Chalsty Auditorium

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