



Faculty of Management Commerce and Law

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Law and Criminal Justice *HYBRID* Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

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THEME: RULE OF LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH AFRICA

The year 2022 marks 26 years of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in South Africa. Despite becoming a democratic state more than 26 years ago, South Africa faces social, political, and economic problems, some of which date back to apartheid. To compound matters, crime has increased to levels that are nearing intolerable. The increase in crime has also been witnessed in white-collar and cybercrimes, reflecting the metamorphosis of South African society in sympathy with information technology and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Many rhetorical questions have been asked about the South African Constitution, dubbed as one of the best constitutions in the world, and its Bill of Rights. For example, there have been questions about whether the Constitution benefits poor people, the impact of Constitutional Court judgments on the lives of ordinary South Africans, why certain rights in the Bill of Rights should not be excised, the value and importance of dissenting minority judgments of the Constitutional Court, that there are too many rights in the Bill of Rights, the increase in criminality and the lack of accountability from Organs of the State and government functionaries, and the weakening and capture of state institutions and alleged capture of the courts.

The investigation of the root causes and the quest to seek solutions to the above underlying issues from a legal and criminal justice perspective form the foundation of this hybrid conference founded on the following themes from a South African or comparative perspective:

- Litigating the Bill of Rights and the continued relevance and impact of the South African Constitution;
- The significance of the doctrine of separation of powers and its limits;
- The appointment of judges and Heads of Court;
- Judicial misconduct;
- Theoretical and practical approaches to causes of crime;
- White collar crime, cybercrime, and the curse of the 4IR;
- Fraud and securities fraud;
- Corruption and embezzlement;
- corporate fraud and money laundering;
- Salary and wage theft;
- Identity theft;
- Theoretical and practical approaches to the achievement of justice and equality
- Forgery and bribery;
- Copyright infringement, piracy, and IP-related criminal conduct;
- The criminal liability of incorporated bodies and corporate governance;
- Organs of the State and institutional accountability;
- ICT security and governance;

- The state's responsibility to respect and promote constitutional obligations;
- Some findings of the State Capture Commission; and
- Africanized and decolonized jurisprudential approaches to some of the highlighted problems.

The conference will be the main event leading to this year's **Justice Moseneke Lecture**, held annually by the School of Law at the main campus of the University of Venda in Thohoyandou. Papers addressing any of the above topics and providing practical solutions will be welcome.

Guidelines for submission of papers

Abstracts not exceeding **300 words** bearing the title, name, and institutional affiliation of the author, email address, and no more than five keywords are receivable from **01 August 2022 to 15 September 2022**.

Full papers shall be submitted by **20 October 2022**. Papers that are of good quality will be peer-reviewed and will feature in any of the two School of Law Book Projects on Law and Criminal Justice, to be published by leading local and international publishers.

Registration fee

Physical participants- **R1000.00 or US\$60.00**, this covers access to all sessions and conference materials.

Online participants- **R750.00 or US\$45.00**.
Early bird registration on or before 30 September 2022- **5% discount**.

NB: Payment will only be requested upon acceptance of abstracts.

Please submit your abstracts and final papers to any of the following email addresses:

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