

1986

African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights enters into force.

Centre for Human Rights is established after the 'A Bill of Rights for South Africa' symposium was held on the campus of the University of Pretoria.

1989

Integrated Bar Project (IBP) starts placing senior black law students with firms.

1990

Centre for Human Rights establishes a scholarships scheme, enabling black students to study at the University of Pretoria.

1992

African Human Rights Moot Court Competition is launched (as South African Human Rights Moot Court Competition) and presented in Harare, Zimbabwe.

1993

Southern African Student Volunteers (SASVO), providing opportunities for student involvement in development work, is established.

1995

Centre for Human Rights' first Master's degree programme, LL.M in Human Rights and Constitutional Practice, is instituted.

2000

Master's degree in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa is launched (The Pioneers).

2001

African Human Rights Law Journal is launched.

2003

Master's degree in Trade and Investment Law in Africa is launched, in collaboration with the University of the Western Cape.

2005

Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) is established and publishes *Socio-economic rights in South Africa*, its first book.

2006

Centre for Human Rights awarded the 2006 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education.

2007

Centre for Human Rights becomes an academic department in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria.

2009

Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition is launched and presented in Pretoria, South Africa.

Master's degree in Multidisciplinary Human Rights is launched.

2010

Short course on Sexual Minority Rights in Africa is presented for the first time.

2011

Short course on Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Africa is presented for the first time.

2012

Centre for Human Rights awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize.

2013

First African Disability Rights Yearbook is published.
First annual Disability Rights Conference is held.
Disability Rights Moot Court Competition is launched.

Business and Human Rights Unit is established.

2014

Pretoria Symposium on preventing atrocities and protecting civilians in Africa is presented.

2015

Master's degree in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa is launched, as the Centre for Human Rights' first online/hybrid programme.

2016

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Unit is established.

Centre for Human Rights celebrates 30 years anniversary.

African Human Rights Moot Court Competition celebrates 25 years anniversary.



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30/30: How far have we come; where do we go from here?

30/30 COLLOQUIUM

During 2016, the Centre for Human Rights is celebrating its 30th anniversary, coinciding with the entry into force of one of the most important human rights treaties on the continent, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

This year is also the African Union's Year of Human Rights (with a focus on women's rights) as well as the 20th anniversary of the South African Constitution.



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Programme 8 December 2016

Venue:
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2016 is a special year...

At the continental level, the African Union's Year of Human Rights (with a focus on women's rights) marks the entry into force of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, 30 years ago.

At the Centre for Human Rights, we mark 30 years of existence.

Over these 30 years, the Centre's academic programmes, projects and partnerships have focused on the African regional human rights system, with the African Charter at its core. The Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, in particular, with its 14 partner faculties across the continent, and 456 graduates around the continent and beyond, has seen a convergence between the agendas of the Centre and the African human rights system.



Anna Mogale as Justitia
(1986, Braam Kruger)

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, was founded in 1986 by a small group of academics at the Faculty of Law in the wake of an epoch-making conference reflecting on the possibilities of a Bill of Rights – and a culture of true constitutionalism more broadly – for a post-apartheid South Africa. A direct consequence of the conference was the establishment of the Centre for Human Rights Studies with Prof Johann van der Westhuizen (now retired Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa) as its first director for the period 1986 to 1998. The purpose of the Centre was the promotion of the idea of human rights, both in an academic and popular way. The two academics who succeeded Prof van der Westhuizen are Prof Christof Heyns (Director from 1999 to 2006) and Prof Frans Viljoen (current Director from 2007), who contributed in the further evolution of the Centre for Human Rights.

During the tumultuous late 1980s, and amidst a state of emergency in South Africa, the Centre commissioned the artist Braam 'Kitchenboy' Kruger (1950-2008) to create an artwork to be used as a promotional poster for the Centre's upcoming 1989 conference on 'A new jurisprudence for a future South Africa'. The poster featured a painting of Anna Mogale, Kruger's domestic worker at the time, representing a black Justitia: her gaze unapologetically directed at the viewer, brandishing a bare breast and holding the scales of justice. A number of apartheid symbols including the 'Wit Wolf', South African Police ambush vehicles (Casspirs), military helmets, a rugby ball and smoke on the horizon can be seen, signifying the horrors of apartheid.

The poster caused profound shock and outrage among pro-apartheid whites in a time when the University of Pretoria was known for its conservatism. The newspaper *Die Afrikaner* published an article describing the reaction of (white) prospective parents to the painting claiming that they would not send their children to the University of Pretoria as a result of the poster and the work of the Centre towards a non-racist society.

Today, thirty years later, the Centre functions as an academic department and a non-governmental organisation, living up to the ideals of being active on the academic landscape, on the one hand, and playing a role as a civil society organisation that operates on domestic, regional and international platforms, on the other. After the birth of a new democracy in South Africa, the focus of the Centre shifted to support the realisation of human rights on a continental level. Currently, the Centre works towards human rights education in Africa, a greater awareness of human rights, the wide dissemination of publications on human rights in Africa, and the improvement of the rights of women, people living with HIV, indigenous peoples, sexual minorities, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged or marginalised persons or groups across Africa. In 2006 the Centre was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education and in 2012 the African Union Human Rights Prize.

Programme – 30/30 COLLOQUIUM (8 DECEMBER 2016)

07:45	Arrival of participants / Registration Ms Ashwanee Budoo / Ms Nora Ho Tu Nam
08:00	Welcome Prof Andre Boraine <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria</i>
08:15 – 08:30	Session 1: Impact of human rights, the African Charter and Maputo Protocol in selected African states Chair: Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> Panelists: Mr Victor Ayeni / Dr Tarisai Mutangi / Mr Japeth Biegon
08:30 – 10:00	Session 2: Rights related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression Chair: Ms Annette Lansik <i>Dean, Law Faculty, University of Venda, South Africa</i> Panelists: Mr Adrian Jjuuko / Ms Sylvie Namwase / Dr Seth Wekesa / Dr Azubike Onuora-Oguno
10:00 – 11:30	Session 3: Children's rights in Africa Chair: Dr Damalie Naggitta-Musoke <i>Principal, School of Law, Makerere University, Uganda</i> Panelists: Mr Elvis Fokala / Dr Nkatha Murungi / Mr Aquinaldo Mandlate / Mr Michael Addaney
11:30 – 11:55	Tea Break
12:00 – 13:30	Session 4: Women's rights in Africa Chair: Prof Ebenezer Durojaye <i>Representing Director, Dullar Omar Institute. University of the Western Cape, South Africa</i> Panelists: Dr Grace Kamugisha / Ms Yvonne Oyieke / Ms Lucianna Thuo / Dr Lungowe Matakala
13:30 – 14:25	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Session 5: Institutions for human rights protection in Africa Chair: Ms Orquidea Massarongo <i>Representing Dean, Faculty of Law, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique</i> Panelists: Prof Solomon Ebobrah / Dr Chacha Bhoke Murungu / Dr Horace Adjolohoun / Mr James Nkuubi / Mr Chinedu Nwagu
16:00	Closing remarks Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>