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Dear alumni, donors, friends of the faculty, staff and students

It is with grateful hearts and a sense of (paradoxical) humility and pride that we reflect on the 2017 academic year and our collective achievements as a faculty - from our Class of 2017 completing their degrees to receiving confirmation of the accreditation of the UP Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme.

TuksLaw is ranked the best law faculty in Africa by 2018 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings. No small feat, and for us a culmination of the hard work over the years, in particular our current staff and student complement – from the most senior professor to our student bodies to those responsible for keeping our building clean.

We recognise the roles all of you have played and we thank you for the dedication, commitment and loyalty you have exhibited throughout the year.

Our achievements and efforts to date as you may note from our enclosed newsletter create a brighter future and a just society for all. It remains paramount to fully realise our potential, to address areas of critical importance, to develop and deliver students as preferred employees in the legal fraternity and together we must prevail.

Our heartfelt appreciation to all our key role players. Thank you for everything you have done to make today matter and for moving **TuksLaw** UP.

Wishing you and yours a happy and joyous Festive Season as we bid farewell to 2017 and welcome 2018.

Dean André Boraine and Deputy Dean Anton Kok

Season's Greetings • Feestydgroete • Madume a Sehla

Make today matter

December 2017



More than 50 Master's and seven doctoral students graduate at the Centre for Human Rights

Since the inception of the LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme in 2000, students annually graduate on or close to International Human Rights Day celebrated on 10 December. The graduation ceremony, which took place on 8 December this year, is a highlight on the calendar of Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria.



Commemoration of the legacy and life of Oliver R. Tambo in the O.R. Tambo Law Library

On Friday, 8 December 2017, the Faculty of Law, UP Arts and the Department of Library Services at the University of Pretoria conjointly and in cooperation with the Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation, commemorated the legacy and life of Oliver R. Tambo (1917 – 2017) with the unveiling of a bust of the late leader and the launch of a book written by retired Constitutional Court Justice Albie Sachs titled *Oliver Tambo's dream* in the OR Tambo Law Library.



Faculty celebrates its ranking as best in Africa and in World Top 100

On 5 December 2017 the Faculty of Law, its alumni, foreign dignitaries, friends, members of the judiciary, staff and students celebrated the faculty's 2018 ranking by Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE) as the best in Africa and 92nd in the world.

November 2017



CHE confirms accreditation of TuksLaw LLB

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that the Council for Higher Education confirmed the accreditation of the UP Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme on 14 November 2017.



TuksLaw Jurisprudence lecturer selected as Atlantic Fellow for Racial Equity

TuksLaw Jurisprudence lecturer and critical race scholar, Mr Joel Modiri, has been selected as a member of the first group of Atlantic Fellows for Racial Equity, a programme that seeks to overcome racism and white supremacy in the United States and South Africa.



Five-star research conducted by the Department of Mercantile Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that five staff members in the Department of Mercantile Law have received new NRF ratings as established researchers.



Centre for Human Rights launches its first MOOC

The Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, in collaboration with UNESCO, developed a massive open online course (MOOC) on the international and African legal framework on freedom of expression, access to information and the safety of journalists.

Would you like to learn more about the right to freedom of expression, its legal frameworks, challenges to free speech in the digital age, access to information and the safety of journalists, especially in the African context? If your answer is yes, you are invited to enrol for this free, massive open online course (MOOC) presented by the Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at UP in collaboration with UNESCO.

October 2017



Centre for Human Rights and UNESCO presents training for judges in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) held a three-day judicial training for judges from across Africa. The training which focused on freedom of expression, access to information and the safety of journalists took place from 23 to 25 October.



Faculty of Law enters into MoU with Pan-African Parliament

On 17 October 2017, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) to advance the agenda of good governance in Africa.



African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors)

The first African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors) was held at the University of Pretoria from 9 to 13 October. AfriDoors brought together close to 50 doctoral students, post-docs and faculty from the member institutions of Strengthening Human Rights Research and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa (SHUREA).



Faculty of Law best in Africa and in world top 100

The University of Pretoria (UP) has been ranked 92nd in the world for law, according to the latest Times Higher Education Law subject ranking, published today. It is the only local university in the top 100.



TuksLaw lecturer selected as Intercontinental Academia fellow

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that one of its lecturers, Dr Willem Gravett from the Department of Procedural Law, has been selected to participate as one of 17 fellows in an Intercontinental Academia on Laws: Rigidity and Dynamics.



Another gold haul for TuksLaw mooters

TuksLaw is proud to announce that their team consisting of Nicholas Herd and Motloug Sebola, and coached by Devan Falconer, walked away as overall winners of the 8th Annual Child Law Moot Court Competition.

September 2017



African Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2017 hosted at the University of Mauritius

The 26th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, hosted from 18 to 23 September 2017, is the largest gathering of students, academics and judges around the theme of human rights in Africa.



Immunity granted to Grace Mugabe challenged in debate between Professor Dire Tladi and Dr Thompson Chengeta

On 11 September 2017, the Institute of International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria hosted a debate between Professor Dire Tladi and Dr Thompson Chengeta on whether the Government of South Africa's decision to grant Grace Mugabe immunity is within the confines of the law. The debate was chaired by the Director of Centre for Human Rights, Professor Frans Viljoen.



University of Pretoria graduates more likely to be employed

According to the QS Graduate Employability Survey published today, the University of Pretoria is ranked among the top one hundred universities in the world for its alumni outcomes, with a position in 97th place.



Working Group Meeting on the Draft Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections for Africa

On 29 and 30 August 2017, the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, organised a meeting of the members of the Working Group on the draft 'Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections for Africa' (Draft Guidelines).



University of Pretoria Spring Graduation Ceremony

The University will confer 1 807 degrees, diplomas and certificates during this year's Spring Graduation Ceremony. These include 142 doctorates, 427 master's degrees and 746 honours degrees, which will be awarded over three days.



Another doctorate awarded to a TuksLaw Lecturer

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Isolde de Villiers in the Department of Jurisprudence has successfully defended her doctoral thesis on 'Law, spatiality and the Tshwane urban space', with main supervisor Professor Karin van Marle.

August 2017



'International Developments in Labour Law: The Past, the Present and the Future'

On 5 September 2017, Professor Manfred Weiss from the Goethe University, Frankfurt, presented a lecture for the Centre for Insolvency, Labour and Company Law (CILC) and the Department of Mercantile Law on the Hatfield campus of the University of Pretoria. The title of the lecture was "International Developments in Labour Law: The Past, the Present and the Future".



Work of TuksLaw lecturer cited by Constitutional Court

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that the Constitutional Court recently referred to the published work of Dr Reghard Brits, a senior lecturer in the Department of Mercantile Law at UP.



Tuks legal eagle trio fly high on key UN bodies

The University of Pretoria is currently in the unique position where three law professors from the faculty of law serve as international experts on key UN bodies in Geneva, responsible for the development and application of international law.



Two new doctorates obtained in the Department of Mercantile Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that two of our staff members in the Department of Mercantile Law, Drs Carias Chokuda and Carika Fritz, have obtained their doctorate degrees.



Minister-President of Flanders visits Centre for Human Rights

The Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, presented its Advanced Human Rights Course on the Right to Development in Africa, from 21 to 25 August 2017. As part of the short course, the Centre hosted the Flemish Delegation to Southern Africa.



UP Record of performance in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Following their performance at the national rounds in March, the TuksLaw Moot Society's Jessup team, consisting of oralists Ashley Makgatho (LLB II) and Mary-Ann Gettliffe (LLM), coach Gift Kgomo (LLM and Researcher at ICLA) and assistant coach Tino Kakora (LLB IV), was invited to represent South Africa at the International Rounds of the 58th Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington DC from 9 to 16 April 2017.



Opinion: Bringing the UN Treaty Body system closer to the people

The ongoing process of strengthening the UN Treaty Body system provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on some of our hidden assumptions. The Treaty Bodies have over time gravitated towards Geneva, and it now appears to be the assumption that this is simply the way things should be done.

July 2017



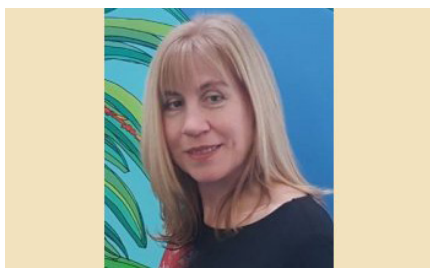
9th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition honours an icon

The 9th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition, was held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland from 18 to 21 July 2017.



Former Constitutional Court Justice heads Department of Jurisprudence

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that former Constitutional Court Justice Johann van der Westhuizen has been appointed as Head of the Department of Jurisprudence.



Prof Annelize Nienaber appointed as Head of Department of Public Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that as from 1 July 2017, Prof Annelize Nienaber has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Public Law.

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It is an honour to welcome Prof Van der Westhuizen back. He has come full circle, having previously been a professor at UP, serving as Head of the Department of Jurisprudence (then known as the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy) and as the founding Director of the Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law from 1980 to 1998.

June 2017



Global Campus of Human Rights facilitates lectures on comparative perspectives of transitional justice

In the context of the Global Campus of Human Rights' Exchange of Lecturers, a representative of the Master's Programme in Human Rights & Democratisation in Africa (HRDA), Mr Tshepo Madlingozi, together with a representative of the European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (ERMA), Dr Iavor Rangelov, hosted joint lectures on the theme of "Comparative Transitional Justice: Retributive and Restorative Approaches" on 29 and 30 June 2017 at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, replicating the lecture in Sarajevo at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo on 16 and 17 May 2017.



"Making The Road" visits the Centre for Human Rights

On Thursday, 8 June 2017, the Women's Rights Unit hosted a dynamic group of activists from the United States who are on an educational and cultural exchange tour.



States are failing to protect human rights of people with albinism

"Persons with albinism face significant barriers restricting their participation in society on an equal basis with others and preventing them from realising basic rights such as the right to physical and mental health, including access to adequate health care, and the right to education, social services, legal protection, and redress for rights abuses."

May 2017



#ChildNotWitch campaign highlights the plight of children accused of being witches in Africa

On 20 May 2017, students from the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme launched a campaign against children accused of being witches in Africa. The campaign ended on 7 June 2017. The campaign, also known as #ChildNotWitch, aims to create awareness around children in various African countries, accused of being witches and the abuse and even killings that are a result of these accusations.



First Lady of Mozambique presents the Annual Helen Kanzira memorial lecture in Maputo

On 30 May 2017, the annual Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture was held for the first time in Maputo, Mozambique where the First Lady of Mozambique, Dr Isuara Nyusi, delivered the keynote address. The memorial lecture was organised by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria in collaboration with Centro de Direitos Humanos, Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane. The Universidade Eduardo Mondlane is one of 13 partner universities that present the LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme.



Researchers from UP play central role in new UN guidelines on investigation of unlawful deaths

The Office of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva announced the release of the Minnesota Protocol on the Investigation of Potentially Unlawful Death (2016), on 24 May 2017. The University of Pretoria played an important role in drafting the new Protocol.



Centre for Human Rights celebrates alumnus

The Centre for Human Rights congratulates Mr. Rashid Dumbuya – a graduate of its Masters Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (class of 2013), upon his recent appointment as Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone.



Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria hosted its annual short course on the judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights in Africa from 15-19 May 2017. The course brought together 60 participants from across Africa, mainly representing civil society, members of judiciary, national human rights institutions, policy makers, government officials and academia.



PULP reaches milestone with launch of its 175th publication

The Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), established in 2005 and located in the Centre for Human Rights of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, celebrated a landmark this week as it launched its 175th publication.



Centre for Human Rights takes part in African Children's Rights Committee hearing on implementation

At the 29th Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Children's Rights Committee) held in Lesotho, the Centre for Human Rights and RADDHO, an NGO based in Senegal, participated and presented a joint submission on the implementation of Committee's decision in the decisions Centre for Human Rights and la Rencontre Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme (on behalf of Senegales Talibés) v Senegal (Talibe case), ACERWC, Comm/001/2012, 15 April 2014.



UP law students number 16 on world ranking list

The UP Jessup team finished in the top 16 octofinals after competing against 143 teams representing 95 countries at the international rounds of the 58th Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington DC from 9 to 16 April 2017.

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In the top 16 octofinals the team lost against Jamaica who went on to argue in the final round of the competition. This year was the largest Jessup year to date, with over 600 law faculties from over 95 countries competing.



Law graduate awarded Chancellor's Medal

Ms Megan Labuschagne, who recently graduated with an LLB degree from the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, was awarded the Chancellor's Medal, the Adams & Adams Prize, the Grotius Medal, the Harold Galasko Prize, the LexisLexis Prize, the PPS Prize and the SA Society for Labour Law Award.



A night with the (academic) stars

Faculty of Law honours 2016 academic achievers On 5 April 2017, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted its annual Recognition of Achievement Function for those students who excelled in the 2016 academic year.



Centre for Human Rights presents first advanced human rights course on the 'Right to Life'

The right to life is often described as a supreme human right, but it is clearly under pressure worldwide. The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria for the first time hosted its first annual short course on the right to life from 10 - 13 April 2017. The course brought together several participants from across Africa, mainly representing civil society, national human rights institutions, police officers, prosecutors and academia.



TuksLaw wins silver at International Moot Court Competition on Children's Rights

TuksLaw Moot Society team members Tinotenda Kakora and Thomas White, coached by Thandeka Khoza, recently participated in the 2nd International Children's Rights Moot Court Competition hosted at Leiden University in the Netherlands. The TuksLaw team excelled and walked away with the silver medal.



Centre for Human Rights celebrates the ratification by Parliament of the nomination of Mr Melron Nicol-Wilson Esq. to the position of Ombudsman of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Since graduating from the Centre in 1998 with his LLM degree, Mr Melron Nicol-Wilson has been an outstanding ambassador of the Centre's values of excellence and ubuntu, through his work as a human rights defender in Sierra Leone and abroad.



University of Pretoria celebrates student achievements at 2017 Autumn Graduation

More than 13 000 students will receive their degrees at the University of Pretoria's 2017 Autumn Graduation Ceremonies.



Justice Dikgang Moseneke calls for ethical and selfless leadership as exemplified by Oliver Tambo

"It is not about power, it is about purpose." In his Keynote Address at the Second Oliver Tambo Centenary Lecture, Justice Dikgang Moseneke pre-empted Oliver Tambo's response to the current leadership challenges that the African continent is facing.

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He stands out as one of the leading revolutionary leaders of his time, and indeed of our time” said Justice Moseneke. Justice Moseneke underscored Tambo’s selflessness by sacrificing three decades of his life to serve the liberation movement without ever demanding to become ‘Number One’. He became the inspiration for domestic uprising in the 1980s and Justice Moseneke recounted his first meeting with Tambo: "My dad went to Chancellor House to seek legal support.”

March 2017



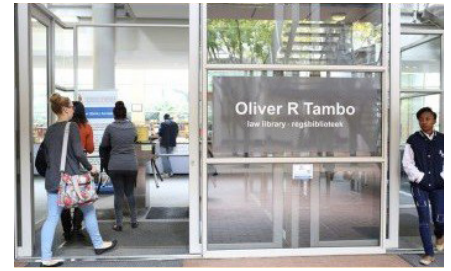
Centre's doctoral candidate and UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea recognised by University of Leicester

Sheila B. Keetharuth wins Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award for human rights work in Africa.



Southern Africa Consultation on the Draft Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections for Africa

On 14 and 15 March 2017, the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and the Centre for Human Rights, Eduardo Mondlane University in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa (Special Rapporteur), Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, organised a consultation on the draft 'Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections for Africa' (Draft Guidelines).



'Laws of South Africa: Consolidated Legislation' included in United States Library of Congress

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that the 'Laws of South Africa: Consolidated Legislation' has been selected by the United States Library of Congress for inclusion in their historic collection of internet materials related to the Laws of African Jurisdictions Web Archive.



Launch of new Global Campus Human Rights Journal

The Global Campus of Human Rights is proud to announce the launch of the Global Campus Human Rights Journal (GCHRJ), a peer-reviewed online publication serving as a forum for rigorous scholarly analysis, critical commentaries, and reports on recent developments pertaining to human rights and democratisation globally.



TuksLaw moot court team is once again the best in South Africa

The Faculty of Law is proud to announce that our TuksLaw team beat the team from the University of the Witwatersrand in the final round of the South African leg of the 58th Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

February 2017



LLM/MPhil in Environmental Law Programme launched

The Department of Public Law at the University of Pretoria hosted a launch of its LLM and MPhil programmes in Environmental Law, coordinated by Ms Melanie Murcott, senior lecturer, environmental and administrative law in February 2017.



Prof Erika de Wet delivers European Society of International Law lecture

Prof Erika de Wet, SARChI Professor of International Constitutional Law at the University of Pretoria, gave a public lecture entitled 'Military intervention by invitation in the 21st century' at the Ruby Auditorium of the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria.



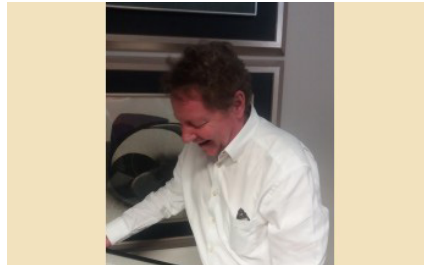
Joint Statement by the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Resources Centre: Court judgment on ICC withdrawal should be followed by broad consultative process

The Centre for Human Rights (CHR), Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, welcomes today's judgment of the Full Bench of Gauteng Division, Pretoria, in the matter of Democratic Alliance v Minister of International Relations and Cooperation and Others (case no. 83145/16). The CHR, represented by the Legal Resources Centre, was joined as a party to the proceedings by the applicant for its interest in the matter.



Justice Albie Sachs remembers O.R. Tambo's crucial role in South Africa's constitutional democracy

Through his activism over the decades, lawyer, revolutionary and politician – Oliver Reginald Tambo – left a lasting impression on South Africa and its Constitution. In celebration of his legacy, the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria together with the Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation, hosted the first in a series of Oliver Tambo Centenary Lectures on Wednesday 22 February 2017.



Faculty says goodbye to Professor Duard Kleyn

In February 2017 the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted a farewell event to celebrate former Dean Duard Kleyn's contributions to the Faculty over decades, wishing him all the best with his well-deserved retirement. Professor Kleyn is bringing a distinguished career at TuksLaw to a close after 35 years of dedicated service, having occupied leadership roles such as Deputy Dean in 1997 and Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1998 to 2006.



High Court considers protecting the identities of children in criminal proceedings

This week, the North Gauteng High Court will consider the protection of the identities of child victims, witnesses and offenders. Prof Ann Skelton, Director of the Centre for Child Law at the University of Pretoria, writes about the implications of decisions that might be taken in this regard.



Deputy Public Protector welcomes students from all over Africa to the Centre for Human Rights

'One world; one people'. This is how Advocate Kevin Malunga, South Africa's Deputy Public Protector, described those who inhabit Africa, as he welcomed Master's students from all over the continent to the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria on Friday 3 February 2017.



UP welcomes the first-year students of 2017

Welcome Day, one of the most important days on the University's calendar, took place at the University of Pretoria Sports Campus (LC de Villiers) on Saturday, 28 January 2017.

Looking to hire a law student or have vacation work opportunities available?

Please allow TuksLaw to assist with your recruitment efforts. Complete our [online form](#) for prospective employers, submit your recruitment advertisement electronically, and we shall gladly distribute your calls for applications in the Faculty. Or contact careerservices@up.ac.za if you wish to participate in our annual Law Career Day.

