

# Call for papers

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## Consumer protection law in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Moving to a new Pangaea or a continental drift?

### 5<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual University of Pretoria International Consumer Protection Law Conference (UPICLC)

15-17 September 2022

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Since the first UPICLC conference in 2014, the University of Pretoria Consumer Protection Law Cluster has attempted to propagate and address various consumer issues and trends on a national, regional and international scale. Through the years, there have been consistent collaborative efforts and the dissemination of information, scholarly research, empirical studies and the professional input of the legal fraternity and regulatory authorities. This all in an attempt to address issues regarding the global consumer market, regulatory enforcement and redress challenges, consumer rights and policy, proportionality, sustainability and vulnerability.

As a global community, we are faced with disruptive events such as pandemics, natural disasters, crashing economies and governments that are divided, yet another industrial revolution with its own challenges and of course war. Consumer protection had to broaden its horizon and grew significantly as a multidisciplinary field of law as a result.

What should consumer protection and consumer protection law in the 21<sup>st</sup> century look like? Are we moving towards a new Pangaea where we are looking at a supercontinent with consistent conforming consumer regulation, representative of the world's consumers and segments in the consumer market or are we heading towards a continental drift where nations and continents are drifting further apart in their approach to consumer protection and the regulation of the business-consumer dynamic? We invite attendees and speakers to explore this conference theme further, and how it affects all the various aspects, policies, theories, areas and rights that are considered to form part of consumer protection.

#### Relevant areas of discussion includes but is not limited to:

- General consumer protection
- Financial consumer protection
- Credit law
- E-commerce and online consumers
- Food Law: including Food Safety Law; Food Security Law; Intellectual Property Law as it relates to Food Law (food security, counterfeit goods) and other related areas.

### Introduction of two new research streams

#### Food Law and Food Safety Law Food Security Law

Food Law and the related Food Safety Law, Food Security Law is becoming an important multidisciplinary area playing a prominent role in consumer protection. This includes sub-areas such as Food Security, Food Labelling, IP Law, Counterfeit Goods and Sustainability. The conference will have a separate research stream on Food Law and presenters are invited to submit abstracts for this particular stream.

#### For postgraduate student presenters

We have a huge responsibility as academic citizens to nurture developing academics and legal professionals and in this regard, the UPICLC is inviting postgraduate students to submit abstracts for presentation on the relevant conference themes that my form part of their postgraduate research for this separate research stream.

Abstracts of maximum 500 words to be submitted via the conference website by **15 July 2022**

Visit the conference website at <https://www.up.ac.za/cf-upiclc2022>.

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### Interactive workshop

As a result of the highly successful workshop, in collaboration with AGA Africa as part of our previous conference, we shall host an interactive workshop on the first day of the conference where specialist panellists will facilitate on relevant consumer topics and problem questions from different jurisdictions. This will be followed by breakaway sessions where attendees will be divided into groups and interchange ideas and approaches to provide feedback to their particular group on a particular problem raised. The focus of the workshop will be the exchange of information and ideas and concluded by a "lessons learned" discussion. (More information will be made available closer to the conference).



### Important information

<b>Abstracts</b> Submit by 15 July	<p>Abstracts of 500 words maximum must be submitted by 15 July. The abstract must contain the following information of the candidate: title, surname, affiliated institution, position held at institution and an e-mail address where the candidate can be reached. This information does not form part of the word count for the abstract.</p> <p>All abstracts are peer-reviewed. Candidates must proofread their abstracts to ensure that the language and style is of high quality.</p> <p>All presentations at the conference will be in English as no provision is made for translators. As such, prospective participants need to be proficient in English or make provision for their own translators to accompany them. Feedback on submitted abstracts will be provided within two weeks of date of submission of the abstracts.</p>
<b>Attendance Register</b> Register to attend by 12 August	<p>Delegates may attend in-person or online as the conference will be live-streamed. Registration must take place via the conference website.</p>
<b>Conference fee</b> Pay the fee by 12 August	<p>In-person attendee's flat rate: 2 500 ZAR. The fee includes all three conference days with refreshments and lunch on the days of the conference as well as the conference dinner on 16 September 2022. Delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. (*Please note that all in-person attendees will be subject to the Covid protocols and regulations applicable at the time of the event.)</p> <p>Online/virtual attendees' flat rate: 950 ZAR. The fee is for all three conference days.</p> <p>Payment must be effected via the conference website.</p>
<b>Venue</b>	<p>The conference will take place from 15 to 17 September 2022 at the Graduate Centre, Hatfield Campus of the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa.</p>
<b>Certificates</b>	<p>In accordance with an attendance register, certificates of attendance for the inter-active workshop and an attendance certificate for the full conference will be issued.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Please visit our website for suggestions. (*Please take note that the University of Pretoria does not take any responsibility regarding accommodation and bookings).</p>

### Important dates

<b>15 July 2022</b>	Last day for submission of abstracts
<b>12 August 2022</b>	Last day for payment of conference fee
<b>15 August 2022</b>	Publication of draft programme on conference website
<b>15 September 2022</b>	UPICLC Day One - Interactive workshop (AGA Africa)
<b>16 September 2022</b>	UPICLC Day Two - Evening: UPICLC Conference dinner
<b>17 September 2022</b>	UPICLC Day Three

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