



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Faculty of Commerce (Ceremony 2)

Faculty of Law

SARAH BAARTMAN HALL

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FACULTY OF COMMERCE (CEREMONY 2)

FACULTY OF LAW

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Academic Procession.

(The congregation is requested to stand as the procession enters the hall)

The Presiding Officer will constitute the congregation.

The National Anthem.

Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies.

Musical Item.

The graduands and diplomates will be presented to the Presiding Officer by the Dean of the faculty.

The Presiding Officer will congratulate the new graduates and diplomates.

The Master of Ceremonies will make closing announcements and invite the congregation to stand.

The Presiding Officer will dissolve the congregation..

The procession, including the new graduates and diplomates, will leave the hall.

(The congregation is requested to remain standing until the procession has left the hall.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondolwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka etjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa la matshwenyeho,
O se boloke,
O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika – South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

NAMES OF GRADUANDS/DIPLOMATES

The symbol † indicates that the qualification is awarded posthumously

1. FACULTY OF COMMERCE

Dean: Professor S Goodman

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

Aklekar, Sarfaraaz
Motaung, Thabo Jonas
Muamba, Japhet
Nkosi, Sandile Albert
Ranta, Shatlyss Mahlatse Tagishi
Tati, Mihle Zukisani

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Biyela, Carol Zoleka
Lengisi, Asavela Zizipho
Mashimbyi, Audrey Tintswalo
Ndlangamandla, Tanele Zamokuhle
Shiimi, Andreas Amoomo

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mtshali, Mlungiseni Moses

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT

Theledi, Matshediso Gloria

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Gamede, Lusanda Kutlwano
Kotsedi, Khumo Motheo
Lawrence, Felipa

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Cavaliere, Daniel Giovanni
Moxley, Julia Maryann

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN MARKETING

Delpont, Laro
Mbokazi, Langa Khayelihle
Mogodi, Palesa Mbali
Njobe, Chwayita

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Taka, Mamosebo Ntsoaki

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Baisitse, Gosimang
Girruite, Mohau Fred
Komane, Tebogo Asnath
Landzela, Bongo
Makubela, Jabulile Jane
Makwarela, Rolivhuwa
Mbokazi, Gcinisizwe Zwakele
Mzwakali, Masonwabe
Nefale, Vhuthu
Nobokwana, Thabani Gift
Orazuluka, Ifeanyichukwu

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Abrahams, Ebrahim
Abrahams, Rushdah
Alexander, Jayne
Alli, Rose Dew-Anna
Amsterdam, Yolanda
Arendse, Kirsten Eliyanne
Badenhuizen, Nico
Barnard, Cole Alexander
Barnes, Rehaaz (with distinction)
Bester, Ulricke (with distinction)
Blick, Linley Oswald
Botha, Dirk Cornelis
Cader, Luthfia
Carolus, Algeatha
Cassiem, Ismail

De Jager, Nicola (with distinction)
Ditema, Magdeline Keneilwe
Dlamini, Londeka Sinenhlanhla
Ellis, Aletta
Enoque, Luis
Erispe, Fiona Cecelia
Essa, Valdir
Faure, Deslyn Sharon
Gerber, Johann Pieter
Goff, Edward Vincent
Harrison-Braunger, Tracey-Lee Denise
Heath, Jan Hendrik
Henderson, Clinton Spencer
Hlophe, Linda Tebogo
Hlophe, Phindile
Isaacs, Liezel Andrea
Jordaan, Romay Antonio
Kgaladi, Joe
Kuna, Ndzalama Raffic
Levendal, Wesley (with distinction)
Lwandle, Sibusisiwe
Majeke, Luvo
Malomane, Sinah Maseboko
Manana, Ncumisa
Maseko, Mduduzi
Matande, Ronald
Mathys, Henry Egbert
Matwa, Amanda
Mazubane, Keneuwe Sagacious
Mcambi, Vusumuzi Andreas
Mfeka, Mandisa Nomcebo
Mgutwana, Lunga Ernest
Mkhize, Sandile Ralph
Mohamed, Faiza
Mongalo, Mosa Debra
Msimanga, Noluthando Nomusa
Mwalli, Xolani Lerato
Naidoo, Ranjeni Valonia
Ndinisa, Asanda
Ndukwana, Anele Nongcali
Ndwandwe, Mlungisi Zethembe
Nguvauva, Ngaritangue
Nkosi, Konanani Nomsa
Nokwe, Pumeza
Ntombela, Andile Brenda
Nzilo, Emmanuel Mogomotsi
Ogle, Carmen Michele
Oosterwyk, Lee-Roy
Peters, Robin
Phillips, Byron Liam Benedict
Preiss, Wicus
Ramulondi, Mulalo
Redinger, Nicola Kerry
Ronnie, Jason
Seepe, Kgomotso Zacharia
Silima, Vhangani
Sithole, Portia
Somai, Hema

Stoffels, Rhowaldo Winderay
Taaibosch, Nina Samantha
Tremble, Simone
Tshabalala, Mabel Sophie
Tshilande, Unarine Eunice
Udjombalah, Onecca Indira
Van Wyk, Johnny Leaka
Williams, Joy Eileen

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS

Abrahams, Shuaib
Ahmed, Salma (in the first class)
Alcock, Jonathan Ross
Amukushu, Tonata Ilona
Armadien, Zahraa
Bailey, Kayla Thandi
Bashala, Masengu
Belcher, Aidan David
Bhorat, Ammaarah
Booi, Siphe Sibabalwe
Burn, Jadeline Cameron
Caplan, Leah Erin
Chetty, Cailin
Coetzee, Bianca Shaheda
De Freitas, Romano Fernando
De Kock, Nicole Tania
Dhlamini, Mzwakhe Musawenkosi
Dove, Joshua
Eckstein, Jemma Camryn
Edwards, Cade Robert
Gama, Andiswa Susan (in the first class)
Gardner, Meka-Eel Christopher
Govender, Claudio Liam (in the first class)
Hamana, Gcobani
Hammerslacht, D’Nielle Mariah
Higgs, Jordan Thomas
Hlokoane, Siphiwe Reabetswe
Huxtable, Emma Paige
Jardim, Alex
Kathrada, Aaliah
Khuzwayo, Luyanda
Kleinschmidt, Cleopatra (in the first class)
Kolweni, Yonela
Koyana, Ambeswa
Leeuw, Onkokame
Le Grange, Ruan
Lekoko, Warona Rose
Lillane, Lubna
Lithakong, Lehlohonolo Lawrence
Lithudzha, Mulisa Peciance
Logday, Mohamed Zafar (in the first class)
Maart, Damian Andrew

Mabona, Somikazi Tobani
Madiba, Thabo Harvy (in the first class)
Madlala, Sibusiso Leroy
Maiwashe, Mafanedza
Maja, Sharon-Rose
Makhanya, Lwazi
Makone, Olorato Wendy
Malila-Ndebele, Victor
Masuku, Nicole Samantha
Mathipa, Paballo
Mathunywa, Lindelwe Yentiwe
Matidza, Phindulo Cindy
Mbambo, Mpilontle
Mbangeni, Ayanda
Mkula, Amahle
Mnculwane, Anele Immaculate
Modise, Rethabile Paulina
Mokgothu, Tlhalefo
Mokgweetsi, Baitumetse
Monakali, Asanda Zena
Morgan, Grace Jasmine
Motebang, Letele
Mtsweni, Muzikayifani Siyabonga
Murahwa, Allen
Mzimela, Siphosihle Olufemi Silindile
Nkxoyi, Avuziwe
Ntozake, Masixole
Ntumba, David Misakabo
Nyawose, Samkelo
Pasqualle, Louise Mary
Patel, Shazia
Perdikies, Keagan Anthony
Peter, Zine
Petrie, Alexander
Phokanoka, Tshepang
Poswa, Sisipho
Powell, Nicholas Taliesin
Raaff, Kitsoyaone
Ralinala, Ndivhuwo
Ramduny, Dhisnha
Ramokoka, Kgalalelo
Ratswene, Morongwa Angel
Richard, Justin Anthony
Saliem, Khaalid (in the first class)
Savel, Sherneil Maria
Scholtz, Pieter De Klerk
Seshibe, Kitumetse
Shabalala, Nokukhanya Unathi
Sibiya, Ngiphiwe Senamile Fezile
Sidlova, Lumkile Yomelela
Sikhakhane, Silindile
Simelane, Nomphele Portia
Sparks, John Winchester (in the first class)
Stemmet, Moegammad Yaaseen
Tag, Wail
Titus, Mbalentle Sipehelele

Tsoai, Relebohile Ratsoai (in the first class)
Van Herzele, Matthew
Van Staden, Jalee Douglas
Wallace, Orianne Erica
Yumata, Sinazo

2. FACULTY OF LAW

Dean: Professor D Chirwa

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS

Adams, Aamira
Andropoulos, Alexander Evangelos
Stephen
Barrow, Frances Cecilia
Beukes, Callum Ryan
Busakwe, Sandile
Chafeker, Ni-Shaat
Chakweya, Queen
Chikumbu, Timunamate Mavis
Chinnasamy, Simeon Charles
Chishiri, Cassandra Nothando Nohlahla
Dlali, Tshagofatso Khensani
Farista, Iman
Hlophe, Sphumelele
Hoilejane, Dineo Melody
Jack, Gugulethu
Johnson, Chloe Jessica
Khumalo, Lethokuhle Noluthando
Kinahan, Timothy Michael
Lupondwana, Sisanda Mpho
Magadzire, Tadiwanashe Tinotenda
Mahange, Nyeleti Ntsako
Makwenda, Esther Thandiwe
Manyaka, Laercio Gentil
Maqolwana, Tandiswa
Modise, Rebaona Candice
Motsoaledi, Modiegi
Msikwa, Nomampondo
Mtembu, Luyanda
Mtizira Nondo, Panashe Craig
Muchenje, Sikhumbuzo Sophia
Mugadza, Anesu Edith Daniella
Müller, Lynette
Naidoo, Kiara Michelle
Ncoko, Siyasanga
Thurston, Jarryd Trevor
Tshiamala, Abigail Lusamba
Van De Rhede, Raacesah
Williams, Mbali
Woji, Luthando Solomon

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION	Musi-Mosae, Masentle Evelyn
Chakapfava, Natsai Lassie	Abrahams, Laureen Cecilia	DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY
Doidge, Christopher John	Barnwell, Tayiba	Dike, Megan
Dyamond, Megan Bernadine (with distinction)	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	Finger, Boitumelo Rethabile Precious
Gотора, Ngonidzaishе Tafadzwa	Aschoff, Lauritz Clark	Lopes, Claudia Alexandra Xavier
Jordaan, Frederik Ernst	Dube, Ayanda Nina Rose	Michaels, Gino Stephano
Kawoza, Gugulethu	Isak, Hassan Nur	Ndou, Oliver
Mafora, Dan Tumisang (with distinction)	Naqvi, Zahra Batool	Retief, Rita Theresa
Maponya, Randy Shibu	Ogwang, Frank Mike	Sehlabo, Mpho Lydia
Mgiba, Martin Rifuwu	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW	DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Mhapha, Thabo	Janse, Kyle Phillip	Andrew-Uponi, Omuwa Amen
Mokibe, Linah Gobitsaone M	Nene, Mduduzi Mkhululi	Thesis Title: <i>Women with disabilities and the right to work in Nigeria: recommendations for an inclusive public service and labour market</i>
Möller, Jonathan	Triegaardt, Naa-Iela	
Morape, Emerentia Ntebogeng	Zulu, Nyasha Amanda	
Moyo, Dumoluhle Mazwemzini Gorden	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW	Omuwa Andrew-Uponi completed her LLB(Hons) and LLM(Hons) at the University of Benin, Nigeria. She began PhD studies at UCT in 2018. She works as a Lecturer at the University of Benin, Nigeria and is a Senior Partner and Counsel in the Nigerian law firm, THTS Practice.
Mpiko, Xabiso Gift	Malek Murtuja, Aaliya	Omuwa Andrew-Uponi's thesis focuses on the intersection between gender, disability, and employment. It is specifically concerned with employment barriers faced by women with disabilities in Nigeria, a country where men with disabilities are twice as likely to access formal employment as are women with disabilities, and where gender- and disability-based discrimination places women with disabilities in particularly precarious positions. That leaves them with few income-generating options apart from isolated, self-run small businesses or begging for alms. These circumstances undermine their right to work free of all forms of discrimination. Omuwa Andrew-Uponi's thesis examines the employment barriers experienced by women with disabilities in Nigeria and offers a critique of the existing Nigerian legal frameworks, as measured against international and regional human rights imperatives. She offers recommendations for law reform and for implementation strategies to achieve substantive equality – recommendations that aim to improve
Mugauri, Joseph Junior Tyronne	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN LABOUR LAW	
Rangarirai	De Vries, Cheslin Franklin	
Mulama, Doreen Muteyitsi	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	
Mushati, Julita	Moosa, Humairaa	
Mutendera, Chiyedza Ennah	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN TAX LAW	
Naicker, Terysha Tiara (with distinction)	De Klerk, Matthew John	
Ng'ambi, Tibonge Namwai	DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN THE LAW OF MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXTRACT AND USE	
Nkwanui Fongong, Wilson Hollyfield	Hadebe, Thokozani Spencer	
Ntambi, Blair Michael	Kobe, Motlatjo Constance	
Nyongesa, Cynthia Nafula	Molefe, Didintle (with distinction)	
Rubenstein, Ruvenna Samantha	Murimirambewa, Mildred Mirirai Y	
Seboko, Goitseman Tilly		
Shoko, Ropafadzo Sandra		
Siang'andu, Twaambo Ellah Mapenzi		
Stein, Ruth Emily		
Tetyana, Andile		
Viljoen, Eleanor Catherine		
Zieten, Gidion Pascal (with distinction)		
DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN COMMERCIAL LAW		
Booi, Bandile		
Byaruhanga, Anita Nicole		
Gavaza, Rutendo Faith		
Jowela, Anesipo		
Karma, Tanek		
Khutlang, Puseletso Selina		
Köster, Magdalena Erika (with distinction)		
Mutumbwa, Nevanji Tavemhuri		
Nacke, Stefanie Anna		
Ndovela, Cebolenkosi Shaun		
Ngqakoshe, Gcobisa		
Ramogopotsi, Selelo Grace		
Salie, Saeedah		
Zwane, Lindelani Felihle		

the extent of inclusion of women with disabilities in Nigeria's employment sector.

Supervisor: Professor W Amien
(Public Law)

Co-supervisor: Professor D Collier-Reed
(University of the Western Cape)

† Bondi, Vyonna Achieng

Thesis Title: Procedural environmental rights in regional trade agreements: trends, policy drivers and the case for multilateralisation within the WTO

Vyonna Bondi holds an LLB from Mount Kenya University and an LLM in International Trade Law from UCT. An Advocate of the High Court of Kenya since 2019, she began PhD studies that same year. A Legal and Policy Advisor at Prof. Albert Mumma & Company Advocates, she specialises in environmental consultancies and legislative drafting. In 2023, she became Commissioner for Oaths and, in 2024, Notary Public.

Vyonna Bondi's thesis explores the intersection of international trade and environmental protection through the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. She examines how these frameworks, established to facilitate fair trade among nations, have been adapted to include environmental considerations. She highlights Regional Trade Agreements' role in enabling countries to engage in trade whilst addressing environmental issues and offering exemptions from standard non-discrimination rules. She investigates the challenges posed by these agreements and how they often lead to conflicting obligations for states. She shows that legal fragmentation complicates implementation of procedural environmental rights essential for ensuring access to information, access to justice and participation in environmental decision-making. Vyonna Bondi proposes methods for harmonizing commitments to creating a coherent international trading system that effectively integrates trade and environmental goals.

Supervisor: Professor L Feris
(University of Pretoria)
Administrative/Co-supervisor:
Professor A Paterson (Public Law)

Clarke, Sharna-Lee

Thesis Title: Advancing the best interests of the child in South African family-related legal disputes

Sharna-Lee Clarke holds LLB and LLM degrees from the University of the Western Cape. She was previously a lecturer in the Department of Applied Legal Studies at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and now serves as the Deputy Head of the Faculty of Law at the IIE Varsity College.

Sharna-Lee Clarke's thesis investigates South Africa's compliance with international standards for protecting the best interests of the child in family-related legal disputes. She draws on international treaties, domestic legislation and case law to identify core substantive elements and procedural safeguards necessary for protecting children's best interests. She also conducts an in-depth critical analysis and evaluation of South African law and practice on family-related disputes concerning children. She finds that, while South African courts generally recognise and enforce substantive protections, procedural inefficiencies hinder the practical realisation of the best interests principle. She makes recommendations to improve procedural efficiency, including providing timely legal representation, multidisciplinary support services, and professional training. Her recommendations aim to strengthen South Africa's ability to protect children's best interests, particularly in time-sensitive cases such as child abduction.

Supervisor: Professor DM Chirwa
(Public Law)

Davids, Mogammed Wafiq

Thesis Title: The Regulation of South Africa's Emerging Hydrocarbon Sector: A purposive analysis of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act 23 of 2024 compared to the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002

Mogammed Davids holds an LLB degree from UNISA, as well as BSocSci and LLM degrees from UCT. He has been

a legal practitioner for thirteen years and commenced PhD research in 2020.

Mogammed Davids' thesis analyses South Africa's upstream petroleum regulation. For the last 20 years, petroleum and minerals were regulated under the same legislation known as the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA). However, in 2024, the joint regulation of minerals and petroleum ended with the enactment of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act (UPRDA). Legal reform of South Africa's regulatory framework governing the exploration and production of indigenous petroleum resources was prompted by favourable onshore and offshore natural gas discoveries. These discoveries indicate a significant opportunity for South Africa's socio-economic advancement. In his thesis, Mogammed Davids compares the two pieces of legislation to determine which provisions are best suited to derive public benefit from the extraction of South Africa's petroleum resources. Ultimately, he concludes, the recently enacted UPRDA provides a superior regulatory landscape for realising public benefit than does the MPRDA. However, he points out, particular focus must be placed on transparency and accountability mechanisms in the UPRDA's implementation to avoid wastage of South Africa's petroleum resources.

Supervisor: Professor H Mostert
(Private Law)

Hendrikse, Cindy

Thesis Title: The impact of air traffic management automation on the human performance of air traffic controllers in aviation law

Cindy Hendrikse holds an Advanced LLM International Air and Space Law from the University of Leiden, the Netherlands. She commenced her studies at UCT in 2022.

Cindy Hendrikse's thesis focuses on the impact of automation on air traffic controllers within a highly regulated environment. Using a multidisciplinary approach, including human factors research, analyses

of international and EU aviation legislation, and comparisons of the legal frameworks of the UK, Netherlands, and South Africa, she highlights a general lack of consideration for air traffic controllers. Her analysis of the legislation reveals several shortcomings, while the data from her qualitative survey provides insights from air traffic controllers' operational experiences. Cindy Hendrikse's findings highlight automation-related challenges in air traffic control, including complacency and overreliance on technology when air traffic controllers adhere to operational procedures, regardless of the automated systems' accuracy. She also describes how automation failures increase air traffic controllers' workloads and that, while none of her research participants could identify current applications of artificial intelligence in air traffic management, most of them expressed distrust in its ability to manage air traffic independently and without humans being present.

Supervisor: Distinguished Professor P-J Salazar (Private Law)

Kanyangi, Leah Aoko
Thesis Title: *A critical examination of the humanitarian visa as a complementary pathway in ameliorating the plight of "Climate displaced persons" in Eastern Africa*

Leah Kanyangi graduated from the University of Nairobi with an LLM in 2021. She has had experience in environmental law and policy projects as a Consultant at the Africa Research and Impact Network. She began pursuing her PhD in 2022 at UCT.

Leah Kanyangi's thesis critically examines climate-induced displacement as an urgent global challenge and advocates for innovative solutions, such as the integration of humanitarian visas. In it she underscores the recurring nature of climate-driven displacements and the pressing need for humanitarian approaches in the absence of robust legal protections. Specifically, she finds that humanitarian visas are a mechanism to protect vulnerable populations affected by climate disasters in the absence

of a binding legal framework. Leah Kanyangi's work provides invaluable insights for policymakers, non-state actors, and academics, offering a unique human rights perspective on climate change-induced migration and advancing practical recommendations for addressing this critical issue.

Supervisor: Professor F Khan (Public Law)

Kok, Anna-Maria
Thesis Title: *Dark networks: a South African cash-in-transit crime case study*

Anna-Maria Kok completed a BA and a BA(Hons) in Criminology at the University of the Free State. She also holds an MPhil in Criminal Justice from UCT.

Anna-Maria Kok's thesis focuses on the organisational structure of a criminal network involved in cash-in-transit crimes. Her analysis of that structure and its characteristics demonstrates that the network balanced security and efficiency by relying on small cohesive groupings. Her study simulates network disruption to assess the impact of targeting key individuals by applying different dismantling strategies based on measures of structural social capital. Drawing on her network analysis and interviews with key respondents, she uses the second part of her thesis to conceptualise the cash-in-transit criminal network cycle. That enables her to illustrate that security remains a priority throughout each cycle and that it is preserved by recruiting members based on reputational trust. Anna-Maria Kok's findings indicate that, whilst stakeholders involved in policing the phenomenon are knowledgeable about criminal networks' functioning, a lack of specific intelligence, analytical capacity, and cooperation limits their ability to respond effectively.

Supervisor: Emerita Professor E van der Spuy (Public Law)

Maiga, Philda
Thesis Title: *Intellectual Property, Innovation and Trade: Strategies for the actualisation of Agenda 2063 of the African Union*

Philda Maiga earned her LLB from Makerere University, Uganda, and holds two LLM degrees, one from the University of Pretoria, and another from the University of Turin, Italy. She commenced her PhD studies in 2019.

Philda Maiga's thesis provides an analysis of how intellectual property (IP), innovation, and trade can be mobilised to achieve the agriculture-related goals of Agenda 2063, Africa's visionary development framework. She highlights agriculture's crucial role as a cornerstone of economic growth in African economies, particularly its large contribution to GDP. Confronting barriers to productivity such as climate variability, a low technological base, low technological innovation and adoption, she argues that current Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights-compliant (TRIPS-compliant) IP laws, combined with disjointed policies on IP, trade, and innovation, fall short of cultivating the agricultural transformation essential for Agenda 2063. She makes a persuasive case for a tailored TRIPS-compliant IP framework that strategically employs TRIPS flexibilities, supported by a sufficient outlay of R&D investments to ignite an agricultural renaissance needed to fulfil the ambitious goals of Agenda 2063.

Supervisor: Professor C Ncube (Commercial Law)

Mathole, Alexandria Motshwanetsi
Thesis Title: *A critical analysis of the South African consumer protection regulatory architecture in the retail banking sector with a focus on fair customer outcomes in the context of its developing economy*

Alexandria Mathole completed her BLuris at UWC and LLB at Wits and began study at UCT towards a Master's degree in 2020. That was upgraded to a PhD in 2022. She has worked in legal, governance, risk and compliance across industries, including

regulatory and conduct risk management in the financial services sector.

Alexandria Mathole's thesis considers the system in which fair treatment of retail financial consumers is embedded. She focuses on simplifying the regulatory architecture, enhancing supervisor cooperation, coordination, and accountability measures, closing gaps, and reducing ambiguity and inconsistencies in the fairness control mechanisms applicable to retail banking. She analyses the retail consumer-protection regulatory architecture and fairness controls in the United Kingdom and Australia, and recommends enhancing South Africa's Conduct of Financial Institutions Bill and its Conduct Standard for Banks. Given the high levels of vulnerability amongst South African financial institutions' retail customers, she proposes introduction of a blacklist and grey list of unfair terms, and legislative introduction of an overriding duty of good faith by financial institutions. Adopting a principle-based and outcomes-focused regulatory approach, she recommends an assessment criterion to determine fairness of conduct, one that aims to avoid subjective determination of fairness for customers.

Supervisor: Professor T Naudé
(Private Law)

Obonyilo, Matthew Onoja
Thesis Title: *Counter-Terrorist Financing (CFT) regimes and institutional responses: a case study of Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria*

Matthew Obonyilo holds a BSc in Economics from Benue State University, Nigeria, an MSc in Security Psychology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and an MSc in Security Studies from University College London, UK. Before beginning his PhD studies, he worked with the Department of State Services in Nigeria.

Matthew Obonyilo's thesis reports how local contexts, situational specificities and international regulatory functions impact efforts to limit Boko Haram's access to funding through two multilateral instruments, United Nations

Security Council Resolutions 1267 and 1373. He also investigates the transfer of both these global frameworks to combat the financing of terrorism in Nigeria. He reveals the complex dynamics underlying the transmission processes, from the international to the national and to the inter-institutional diffusion exercises that involve internal institutions in Nigeria, itself a developing state. His thesis explores the Boyleian Analytical Framework to analyse data from study participants, from the literature and from multilateral policy documents. In doing this he sets a new paradigm for researching the effectiveness of multilateral instruments deployed to address security and other development issues in third-world countries. Matthew Obonyilo's findings enrich the policy and theoretical landscape on policy transfer and institutional transportation from first-world environments to third-world countries.

Supervisor: Emerita Professor E van der Spuy (Public Law)
Co-supervisor: Associate Professor C Powell (Public Law)

Ripson, Coen Petrus Johannes
Thesis Title: *The state as a shareholder in cases of reflective loss deriving from commercial activities in international investment arbitration*

Coen Ripson completed his LLB and LLM at Leiden University, the Netherlands. He also completed an LLM at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He began studying towards his PhD at UCT in 2022.

Coen Ripson's thesis provides an overview of the legal position of state investors in International Investment Arbitration (IIA) in cases of shareholder claims for reflective loss, which is the loss suffered by shareholders following a reduction in their shares' value. He investigates the restrictions on state shareholders claiming damages for reflective loss in International Investment Arbitration, and demonstrates an imbalance between private and state shareholders when they both act as claimants. He presents the current legal framework on reflective loss, as based

on existing international investment law and jurisprudence, as well as on the domestic law on reflective loss in eleven jurisdictions. He also addresses the risks that commercial investments made by state entities impose on host states, and he provides recommendations to enhance the position of state shareholders as claimants in International Investment Arbitration.

Supervisor: Dr F Adams
(Commercial Law)

Steytler, Isabeau Elizabeth
Thesis Title: *Procedural justice under the principle of legality in South African administrative law*

Isabeau Steytler completed BA(Law) and BA(Hons) (English Studies) degrees at Stellenbosch University. She also holds an LLB from UCT and an LLM in Public and International Law from the University of Melbourne, Australia. She began PhD studies in 2020.

Isabeau Steytler's thesis concerns the procedural grounds of judicial review applicable to public decision making under the principle of legality. In it she sets out how, in its recent jurisprudence, South Africa's Constitutional Court has excluded the application of the long-established ground of procedural fairness from legality review, instead applying the new ground of procedural rationality. She analyses the conceptual differences between the two grounds of review and finds that, unlike procedural fairness, procedural rationality is not a conceptually coherent or sustainable ground of review for the achievement of procedural justice. Isabeau Steytler therefore recommends that the Court charts a new course and finds procedural fairness applicable under the principle of legality.

Supervisor: Professor DM Chirwa
(Public Law)
Co-supervisor: Emeritus Professor H Corder (Public Law)

Tong-Mongalo, Minah Bahentse
Thesis Title: *Original powers of state-owned companies' boards in South Africa*

Minah Tong-Mongalo completed an LLB and an LLM degree at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. She began her studies towards a PhD in 2021.

Considering a pattern of mismanagement and poor governance in South African state-owned companies (SOCs), Minah Tong-Mongalo's thesis explores whether SOC boards' governing authority is undelegated or is derived from the state shareholder. She further investigates whether the best suited body to manage SOCs is boards or the state shareholder. Minah Tong-Mongalo explores the most appropriate system of corporate governance for SOCs by way of an analysis of South African corporate law and comparative precedent. Her thesis makes several far-reaching recommendations on how to restore accountability and integrity in the manner in which SOCs should operate.

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Thesis Title: *Executive interference and the erosion of the rule of law: a comparative study of the prosecution of official corruption offences in Nigeria, South Africa, and the United States of America*

Temple Uchegbune holds a Bachelor of Law from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria and an LLM in Corporate Finance and Commercial Law from Columbia University, USA. He is a Senior Counsel at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. He commenced PhD studies in 2020.

Temple Uchegbune's thesis investigates the impact of the interference, by the executive arm of government, in prosecuting official corruption offences in Nigeria, South Africa, and the United States. He focuses on such interference's implications for the rule of law. His research synthesises the principles of the separation of

powers, prosecutorial independence and discretion, and the social contract to examine how executive interference erodes the rule of law. Through comparative analysis, he identifies how structural and political differences in these three countries influence the extent of executive interference in official corruption prosecutions. He finds that inadequate constitutional frameworks for prosecutorial independence enable such interference and undermine democratic accountability and the rule of law. His conclusions lead to recommendations for legal reforms that would strengthen prosecutorial independence, ensure fair prosecution processes, and safeguard the rule of law. His findings have broad implications for improving governance structures in the three countries on which he focuses and in other similarly affected countries.

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Weldman, Julian
Thesis Title: *The relevance of the doctrine of collation in the modern-day South African law of succession*

Julian Weldman completed his BCom Law degree at the University of South Africa and holds an LLM in Private Law and Human Rights from the University of Cape Town.

Julian Weldman's thesis examines the law of collation in the law of succession which requires children to repay certain gifts and advances, received from their parents during their parents' lifetime, upon their parents' death. The aim of collation is to ensure equality among children. However, based on qualitative and quantitative empirical data involving over 1,000 respondents, Julian's Weldman reveals in his thesis that parents give gifts and advances to their children for various reasons, such as celebrating significant life events, providing support during challenging times, helping them to establish a business or career, or fulfilling cultural norms. Generally, parents do not expect their children to repay these gifts and advances. Often, parents also feel a moral obligation to support their children

as the children navigate life's journey. Julian Weldman's thesis demonstrates that parents employ various methods to ensure that children are treated equally, suggesting that automatic application of collation may be unjust or unconstitutional for fettering freedom of testation.

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