



## African Judiciaries Research Network (AJRN) newsletter, no. 28, November 2025

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If anyone has any **information that they would like included in the next newsletter** (to be circulated the week of 1 December 2025) please email [g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk). Similarly, if you have suggestions of people who we should contact about joining the network or would like to unsubscribe from the newsletter please email [g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk).

## Workshops & conferences:

### AJRN workshop grant

The AJRN has secured funding for a series of workshops in Africa on judges/judiciaries with calls to be released on an annual basis. This call is for workshops to be held and fully invoiced by the **end of July 2026**. Applications can be submitted for **up to GBP5,000** as an upper limit. Workshops can be held anywhere in Africa and can focus on any aspect of African judges/judiciaries. However, priority will be given to applications that involve early career researchers and participants from different African countries (to facilitate comparative analysis and lesson learning); that have clear plans for how discussions will impact non-academic users; and which provide good value for money. Please note that, because this grant does not support research, no ethics approval or data management plan is required, but that successful applicants must secure their own institutional risk assessment prior to the workshop.

Applications should be submitted to Gabrielle Lynch ([g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk)) by **15 December 2025** and should include the following sub-headings and associated details:

Name, present position, institutional affiliation, and email address of lead applicant:

Title, location, and date of proposed workshop:

Details of workshop participants (this can include a list of workshop attendees or details of how a workshop call will be disseminated):

Outline of the aims, objectives, and non-academic impacts of the workshop (500 words):

Intended outputs (500 words):

Workshop plan timeline (a summary of key dates and deadlines):

Itemised Budget (Insert a table with details of costs and justifications, and the total amount requested. Please note that eligible costs include economy travel, accommodation, catering, room hire, and workshop outputs, but that they do NOT include research costs, honorariums, or institutional overheads).

CV of lead applicant (maximum of 2 pages):

If you have any questions about this scheme, please free to contact Gabrielle Lynch ahead of the deadline.

### Judiciary and democracy in Africa conference, Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR) in Lusaka, Zambia, 21-22 October 2025

Thanks to everyone who attended this fantastic conference, to SAIPAR and colleagues from the University of Zambia for leading on organising it, and to the Irish Embassy and British

Institute in Eastern Africa for their financial support, which facilitated attendance by scholars from Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, and Zambia.



### **Public opinion of the Kenyan judiciary, Nairobi, Kenya, 6 November 2025**

Professor Karuti Kanyinga (University of Nairobi) and Professor Gabrielle Lynch (University of Warwick) have undertaken an analysis of public opinion in Kenya including 9 rounds of Afrobarometer surveys (2003-2024) and two nationally representative surveys conducted by TIFA Research in 2023 and 2025. This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss key findings and their implications. The first two sessions will allow for a detailed presentation and discussion of what the data tells us (and cannot tell us) about changing levels of public confidence over time, key drivers, and the relationship between formal and informal judicial systems. The final two sessions will be led by judges and will provide space to discuss the implications of the report for the judiciary and areas for further research including questions to be posed in future surveys. The workshop will be held at the British Institute in Eastern Africa and will be **in-person only**. If you would like to attend, please contact Gabrielle Lynch ([g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk)).

### **Alternative Justice Systems: New Frontiers for Legal and Social Science Scholarship, Praxis and Pedagogy Workshop, Nairobi, 7 November 2025**

The Kenyan National Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) Policy (NaSCI-AJS) is leading efforts to reimagine and entrench AJS as a key pillar of access to justice in the country. These efforts are rooted in the recognition of Kenya's rich traditions of organic, community-based justice, the constitutional imperatives of people-centered justice under Article 159 of the Constitution, and the global discourse on innovative, people-centred inclusive pathways to justice. NaSCI-AJS has invested in building county-level models, conceptual ground-clearing work, and practical strategies that demonstrate the

viability of AJS as both a pragmatic modality of justice delivery and a philosophical-epistemic project.

Despite growing interest, scholarship and teaching on AJS remain relatively underdeveloped in Kenya and the wider region. There is urgent need for sustained dialogue between practitioners, legal scholars, and social scientists to:

- Interrogate AJS conceptual foundations and critiques;
- Surface emerging research questions;
- Explore pedagogies for embedding AJS in legal and social science curricula;
- Enrich comparative perspectives by connecting local experiences to global debates on plural justice systems.

This incubational roundtable is co-organised by the AJRN and NaSCI-AJS and will serve as both a stocktaking of NaSCI-AJS' journey and an invitation to scholarship to expand, critique, and refine the theory and practice of AJS. The workshop will be held at the British Institute in Eastern Africa and will be **in-person only**. If you would like to attend, please contact Gabrielle Lynch ([g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk)).

## **Contextual Approaches to Constitutional Law in Academic Publishing, Roundtable, University of Warwick, UK, 19 November 2025**

The Centre for Constitutions in Context (CCC) will be hosting a roundtable discussion on Contextual Approaches to Constitutional Law in Academic Publishing – the first event of its kind. Moderated by Professor Tom Ginsburg (Chicago), the roundtable will bring together representatives from six leading comparative constitutional law journals to discuss, among other things: the recent growth in contextual approaches to constitutional law scholarship; the relationship between contextual and interdisciplinary approaches; the future of contextual scholarship; and common mistakes in contextual work.

Participating in the roundtable will be: from Comparative Constitutional Studies: Dr Lael (Lulu) Weis and Dr Erika Arban; from Constitutional Studies: Professor Wen-Chen Chang and Dr José María Serna de la Garza; from European Constitutional Law Review: Professor Monica Claes and Professor Leonard Besselink; from Global Constitutionalism: Dr Susan Kang; from the International Journal of Constitutional Law: Professor Gráinne de Búrca; and from Public Law: Professor Aileen McHarg and Professor Roger Masterman. The event will be chaired by CCC co-director Dr David Vitale.

The roundtable will be held **online** on **19 November 2025** at **2pm GMT**. The event will be held via an MS Teams town hall. You can register for the event- and obtain the Teams link to connect- via the CCC's Eventbrite page for the event [here](#). For further information about this and other CCC events, visit the ["Events" page](#) of our website.



## Transformative Equality Jurisprudence in Africa Conference, Nairobi, 30-31 March 2026

### Call for Papers

The University of Nairobi Faculty of Law, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), the South African Research Chair in Equality, Law and Social Justice, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, and the African Judiciaries Research Network (AJRN) are organising a two-day conference on transformative equality jurisprudence in Africa to be held at the University of Nairobi on 30 and 31 March 2026.

This conference is motivated by the fact that – despite the work of regional bodies such as the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the recognition of equality rights in national constitutions and legislation, and the work of many judges, legislators, civil society organisations, and academics – equality rights across the African continent remain underdeveloped in both national and regional jurisprudence. Understanding the potential for transformative equality jurisprudence on the continent as well as the tensions that undermine it and the pathways to its resolution in international, regional, and domestic law are pressing issues for African judiciaries.

This two-day conference aims to increase discussion pertaining to, and to help strengthen the application of, equality and non-discrimination standards and jurisprudence in Africa. The first day (30 March) will be an in-person only event and will discuss the potential for and challenges facing transformative equality jurisprudence from the perspective of African judges. The second day (31 March) will provide space for the presentation and discussion of research papers on related topics and will be both in-person and online. If you would like to present your research on the second day, please send a **paper title and 300-word abstract** to Cathi Albertyn ([cathi.albertyn@wits.ac.za](mailto:cathi.albertyn@wits.ac.za)), Gabrielle Lynch ([g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk)), and Lawrence Mute ([lmute@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:lmute@uonbi.ac.ke)) by 30 November 2025.

Papers are welcome on any aspect of equality jurisprudence including:

- The content and role of international and regional law standards and guidance in domestic adjudication;
- How international and regional jurisprudence can and should be developed to ensure better equality protection;
- The state of comparative jurisprudence in Africa;
- The challenges faced by judges in adjudicating equality and non-discrimination cases;
- The challenges to achieving substantive equality in African judicial and quasi-judicial fora including establishing institutional and societal discrimination; working with intersectional discrimination; the use of expert evidence in equality cases; the implementation of positive measures to combat discrimination; and the difficulties of ensuring protection for persistently excluded groups, such as women, persons with disabilities, and sexual minorities.

Successful participants will be advised by 15 December 2025 and should submit written papers in advance of the conference, by 16 March 2026. Publication opportunities in a special edition of the *East Africa Law Journal* will also be explored at the conference.

## **Call for Papers on “Law/yers, the Geography of Extraction, and the (Re)Negotiation of Africa’s Relationship with the World Economy”, APAD International conference, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 27-29 May 2025**

Sara Dezalay (Université Catholique de Lille) and Sophie Andreetta (ULiège) are happy to share a **call for papers** for their panel on ‘Law/yers, the Geography of Extraction, and the (Re)negotiation of Africa’s relationship with the World Economy’ (abstract below). The conference will take place in Yaoundé (Cameroun), at the Université Catholique d'Afrique centrale (UCAC), between **27 and 29 May 2026**. If you are interested, please send Sara ([sara.dezalay@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:sara.dezalay@univ-catholille.fr)) and Sophie ([sandreetta@uliege.be](mailto:sandreetta@uliege.be)) a **title and abstract** by **30 November 2025**.

Over the last few years, the African continent has become the central node for some of the most pressing problems of our time – from the extraction of “green” minerals to the protection of endangered species, or the fight against terrorism and money laundering. These issues involve both transnational financial flows between various sets of actors including transnational corporations, private individuals and development funds; and global forms of normativity ranging from international conventions, private contracts between states and corporations, or local courts dealing with transnational forms of crime. This panel asks whether socio-legal enquiry can help untangle these nodes, asking questions such as: How are current legal/judicial practices transformed by ‘emergent’ legal categories, infractions or crimes? Can (and should) socio-legal studies provide a meaningful critique of the fight against terrorism/money laundering, or the so-called green transition?

Law’s ubiquity in the ongoing phase of capitalism—from the predominance of private contracts in the regulation of relations between states and transnational corporations to the formidable growth of transnational dispute settlement mechanisms since the turn of the 1990s —raises in and of itself a challenge. Existing socio-legal scholarship obfuscates rather than clarifies the relationship between law, the green transition and global markets as it tends to either posit law (and lawyers) as a redemptive tool against poor governance and societal violence or, even while it is built as a critique, to obscure the material origins of the rise of the West. Building on the “global turn” in the social sciences (Steinmetz 2014; Go 2011; Dezalay 2024), this panel shifts the focus to law’s entanglement as a repertoire of material and symbolic power and towards the interconnectedness of its deployment across scholarly, institutional and geographic scales. Embracing the expansion of the geography of extraction underscores that though uneven and unequal, the African South’s relationship with global markets is also reciprocal. It also helps track the uneven, messy and fraught relationship between law, financial flows and extraction.

Considering the selective social, financial, material, and cultural globalization fostered by global value chains helps account for the role of law, lawyers and legal institutions as at once actors and sites of resistance, and enablers in the reproduction of patterns of domination. This requires an interdisciplinary and multi-scalar research agenda: we welcome papers drawn from any sub-discipline of the social sciences and focusing on any site widely defined (professional, institutional, geographic), be it in the African South or in the so-called “cores” of the world

economy. We particularly welcome research attentive to micro patterns of transformations of social processes focusing on the roles played by legal intermediaries – be they lawyers, judges or other social agents mobilizing the law.

## Public Law Conference, Cape Town, July 2026

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### Public Law and the Future of Constitutional Democracy

Cape Town, 1–4 July 2026

#### Call for Papers

The 2026 Public Law Conference will be held at the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town on the theme 'Public Law and the Future of Constitutional Democracy'.

As with previous conferences in the Public Law series, the chosen theme aims to set meaningful parameters while facilitating a variety of responses from public lawyers across a range of legal systems in the common-law world. While the theme is especially apposite to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Africa's democratic Constitution of 1996, it also speaks to challenges confronting constitutional democracy in other common-law jurisdictions and indeed globally.

Prospective speakers are invited to engage with the theme from a range of disciplinary perspectives and using doctrinal, theoretical, empirical, comparative or other suitable approaches. Papers might address specific topics relating to the following (non-exhaustive) list of subthemes:

- The future of constitutional democracy and the rule of law / the separation of powers.
- The legislature, electoral systems, democratic participation and the future of constitutional democracy.
- Executive power (hard or soft), accountability and the future of constitutional democracy.
- Judicial independence, the judicial role and the future of constitutional democracy.
- Administrative justice and the future of constitutional democracy.
- Populism, nationalism, fundamentalism and the future of constitutional democracy.
- Private disruption of public power in a constitutional democracy.
- Identifying and upholding the unwritten norms, values and cultures that sustain constitutional democracy.
- The role of integrity institutions and other public-law bodies, including the public service, in supporting constitutional democracy.
- Public law as a bulwark against the erosion of individual, indigenous or community rights, including socio-economic rights.
- Constitutional democracy for future generations: environmental law, climate change, climate litigation.
- The intersection of international law and public law.

- Technology and the risks and benefits to constitutional democracy.
- Restricting protest, speech or dissent and the impact on democratic participation.
- The expansion of punitive state power and the erosion of constitutional democracy: surveillance, incarceration and militarised policing.
- The ways in which race, class and spatial inequality shape public law, including the experience of the criminal justice system.

### Submission of Abstracts

Prospective speakers are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words addressing any aspect of the conference theme. Abstracts must be submitted via the Oxford Abstracts electronic system, which will open on **Monday 1 September 2025** and close on **Friday 14 November 2025**. You will be informed by **Monday 12 January 2026** whether your abstract has been accepted for presentation. Please submit your abstracts by following the Oxford Abstracts link [here](#).

Abstracts are invited from those at any career stage. Papers will be accepted on the basis of merit and fit with the conference theme. Those who have their abstracts accepted will be required to submit a full written paper by **Friday 15 May 2026** for distribution in advance to conference delegates. Please note that speakers will have to meet their own expenses and pay the conference fee in the ordinary way.

Limited funding will be available to subsidise intending speakers resident in Africa who face financial challenges in attending the conference. Speakers in this category may apply for assistance on acceptance of their abstract. Regrettably, such funding cannot be assured.

In common with previous conferences, it is intended that an edited collection will be published by Hart Publishing, the conference sponsor, of a small selection of papers given at the 2026 conference.

### Doctoral Students

Like previous conferences, the 2026 conference will include dedicated panels for doctoral students. A reduced fee or, it is hoped, a fee waiver will apply to doctoral students whose papers are accepted.

### Richard Hart Prize

The Richard Hart Prize for the best paper by an early-career scholar will be awarded at the 2026 conference. Those who are eligible and wish to be considered for the prize should indicate this by ticking the relevant box in the electronic application system. The eligibility criteria are as follows: *Anyone who (a) is studying for, but who has not yet been awarded, a doctoral degree in Law; or (b) was awarded a doctoral degree in Law on or after 1 July 2023; or (c) was appointed to their first full-time academic position on or after 1 July 2023. No person who has held a full-time academic position for more than three years as of 1 July 2026 shall be eligible for the prize. The conference convenors' decisions as to eligibility shall be final.*

Please note that the prize will be awarded on the basis of the full written papers submitted in advance of the conference.

For queries about the conference, please email the organisers at [publiclawconference2026@gmail.com](mailto:publiclawconference2026@gmail.com).

## Publications:

### International Handbook on Courts' Management of Self-Represented Litigants – call for papers

Dr. Jona Goldschmidt, professor emeritus at Loyola University Chicago, is preparing an edited collection of papers for a book entitled *International Handbook on Courts' Management of Self-Represented Litigants*. He is inviting scholars, judges, or practitioners in any African country to submit an abstract of a proposed paper for inclusion in the book.

He has no set topics in mind but would like it to have broad international content. There are many aspects of the general subject of self-represented litigants (SRLs) in courts worldwide. The scope of the book will include SRLs in civil and criminal cases, in adversarial and civil code justice systems, and courts in Western, Non-Western, and Islamic legal systems. Other topics might be a history of the right to counsel and self-representation in different countries, programs established by courts to assist SRLs at trial or on appeal, or to process SRL cases efficiently, the law governing judicial assistance to SRLs, court rules permitting limited scope representation, permitting nonlawyer representation, etc. Papers that describe what courts themselves are doing in this area are most appreciated.

He invites interested individuals to submit their abstract of a possible submission along these or other relevant lines. Contributors will have about six months' time to submit the draft paper, but this deadline is flexible.

If this project is not of interest to you, please advise anyone you may know with relevant expertise who may be interested in contributing to this volume that they may contact Dr. Jona Goldschmidt at [jgoldsc@luc.edu](mailto:jgoldsc@luc.edu) with any questions or ideas for a possible submission.

### Recent publications by AJRN members

Gloppen, S., & Rakner, L. (2024). Legalised resistance to autocratisation in common law Africa. *Third World Quarterly* 46(2), 136–152.

### Opportunities to write on African judiciaries

The **Commonwealth Judicial Journal** is always looking for articles on issues of interest to judicial officers across the Commonwealth. Articles should normally range from 2,000 to 3,500 words in length. Any references and/or citations should be integrated in the main body of the manuscript, as footnotes/endnotes will normally be removed. Hyperlinks should not be embedded in manuscripts submitted for publication. Papers should be submitted to [info@cmja.org](mailto:info@cmja.org). All manuscripts received are evaluated by the Editor in consultation with the editorial board.

AJRN has teamed up with [Democracy in Africa](http://democracyinafrica.org) to launch a series of opinion pieces on African judiciaries and democracy. For details on how to write an article for **Democracy in Africa** go to <http://democracyinafrica.org/join-the-new-african-judiciaries-research-network-ajrn-today/>.

The AJRN has also been in touch with **The Conversation Africa** and **The Elephant** and is happy to report that:

**The Conversation Africa** welcomes articles on African judiciaries that are based on research. These can be republished anywhere in the world under a Creative Commons licence, giving your work a wider reach and introducing it to new audiences. You can pitch your idea for an article [here](#). You can subscribe to the Conversation Africa newsletter [here](#).

**The Elephant** welcomes articles of 1,500-3,500 words on African judiciaries. The Elephant is a popular online Kenyan news platform which seeks well researched, honest critiques, critical essays and sharp-eyed perspectives on a broad range of topics addressed from a Pan African lens. For details on how to submit a pitch and write for *The Elephant* see <https://www.theelephant.info/write-for-us/>.

## Jobs & scholarships:

### PhD opportunities at the University of Warwick

Gabrielle Lynch is looking to support an excellent candidate who would like to undertake PhD research on judges in Africa to apply for a competitive institutional PhD scholarship at the University of Warwick. To be competitive for these scholarships, the applicant would have to have an excellent academic track record and proposal, and the proposed project would have to be clearly feasible within the university's 3-to-4-year PhD programme. All PhD students at Warwick are co-supervised and, if successful in securing a scholarship, the candidate would be supervised by Gabrielle Lynch (Politics and International Studies, PAIS) and by someone else in PAIS or another department (e.g. Law or History). Interested applicants should contact Gabrielle Lynch as soon as possible to discuss proposals ahead of the institutional application deadlines of 8 December 2025.

### Job opportunity

The Department of Politics at the University of California, Santa Cruz, is conducting an open-rank search for a **teaching professor in the Legal Studies Program**. The specialization is open. Applications are due **14 November**. For more details see here:

<https://recruit.ucsc.edu/JPF01985>

## Network information:

### AJRN member profile of the month



Dr. Onthatile Olerile Moeti is a highly experienced Attorney, Academic and a distinguished thought leader in the legal sector in Botswana, renowned for her exceptional educational background, extensive exposure, expertise and experience.

With five degrees spanning various disciplines, Dr. Moeti exemplifies versatility as a legal academic. Her research focus includes the promotion and protection of vulnerable groups rights such as women, Indigenous Peoples and sexual minorities, International Law from below, Decolonisation of Human Rights, International Law and Constitutional Law, Feminist Approaches to the Law and adjudication, the judiciary and its role in dismantling discrimination, among others.

Dr. Moeti has made significant contributions to the legal industry in various roles including Litigation Attorney and Legal Advisor to the University of Botswana. Currently, Dr. Moeti holds a position as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Botswana, where she teaches Public Law, with a focus on Constitutional Law, Gender and the Law, Human Rights Law, and International Human Rights Law.

Beyond her academic responsibilities, Dr. Moeti serves as the Managing Partner of Moeti & Partners, a law firm focused on human rights litigation and is a Technical Member of the National Human Rights Strategy Coordination Committee. She is actively engaged in the development of the Botswana Human Rights Strategy.

Dr. Moeti is committed to giving back to the people of Botswana. She previously served as the Legal Representative for the Pitseng family in their case before the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights. In this role, she played a pivotal part in facilitating dialogue between the Pitseng family and the Government of Botswana, which ultimately led to the burial of Mr. Pitseng Gaoberekwe on his ancestral land. Dr. Moeti serves as the Project Coordinator and Legal Advisor for Section 18- Human Rights Forum, a Non-governmental Organisation dedicated to challenging the culture of complacency surrounding human rights and fostering a society that is aware of and committed to human rights in Botswana and beyond.

With her expertise in Human Rights Law and Gender and the Law, Dr. Moeti is exceptionally well-equipped to offer comprehensive legal counsel and representation to clients facing a wide range of legal challenges. As a specialist in this field, she helps organisations integrate Human Rights and Gender-Cognisant Approaches into their policies and processes.

## **AJRN webpage**

Apologies that the AJRN website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/ajrn>) is out of date – this is due to personnel changes at Warwick (the website host) – but it will be updated over the next few months.

**If you want to be included in the list of network members on the website and future newsletters, then please send a photograph and a bio in the standard format (see list of network members below) with details of positions and institutional/organisational affiliation, up to 5 keywords on relevant research interests, and contact email/social media handle to [g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk).**

**If you have already sent a bio for the newsletter, then please do send a photo for inclusion on the webpage.**

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