



African Judiciaries Research Network (AJRN) newsletter, no. 32, March 2026

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Workshops & conferences:

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

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 AJRN are organising a two-day conference on transformative equality jurisprudence in Africa in Nairobi on 30 and 31 March 2026.

Day 1, 30 March 2026

Day 1 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.

Day 2, 31 March 2026

Day 2 will provide space for the presentation and discussion of research papers on related topics and will be both in-person and online.

9.00-11.30: Panel 1: The promise of, and challenges to, transformative equality jurisprudence

Walter Khobe Ochieng (Legal Advisor, Kenyan Judiciary), 'Catalytic Courts and the Enforcement of Positive Equality Duties in Kenya: Rethinking the Judicial Role'

Mitchelle Ojaamong (Advocate, Kenya), 'Decolonizing Equality: Reconceptualizing Postcolonial Jurisprudence and its Contribution to Attaining Substantive Equality in Africa'

Justin Winchester (University of Oxford), 'Equality as solidarity'

Laura Nfomi (Advocate, Cameroon), 'The Bench and the Body: The Failure of Transformative Equality in Cameroon's Common Law Jurisprudence'

11.30-12.00: Tea & coffee

12.00-1.30: Panel 2: Gender

Mariam Kamunyu (Cardiff University), 'Gender Transformative Adjudication in Africa's Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: A feminist appraisal'

Gift Dorothy Makanje (University of Malawi), 'The liberal but justified interpretation of restrictive abortion laws to protect vulnerable women and girls'

Wakoli Sam (Mount Kenya University), 'Gender Equality in Matrimonial Property Division: A Comparative Jurisprudential Review of Substantive Justice and the Economic Valuation of Domestic Labour'

Cynthia Njagi (Strathmore University), 'Beyond Judicial Discretion: Codifying Cross-Examination to Achieve Transformative Equality in Sexual Violence Trials'

1.30-2.30: Lunch

2.30-4.00: Panel 3: Sexual minorities

Gideon Basson (University of Oxford), 'Anti-discrimination as the first or last feature of an 'African concept of rights'?'

Stephen Brown (University of Ottawa) & Rui Garrido (Portugalense University), 'Jurisprudence on the decriminalization of consensual same-sex acts in Africa: Recent cases'

Dorcas Chitiyo (Bindura University of Science Education, Zimbabwe), 'Judicial Activism's role: Purposive interpretation for LGBTIQ+ equality and dignity in Southern African Jurisprudence', online

Nebert Chirwa (University of Malawi), 'Interrogating the Right to Equality in Malawi: Section 20 and "Any Other Status or Condition"'

4.00-4.30: Tea & Coffee

4.30-6.00: Marginalized and vulnerable groups

Justin Jaftha (University of Witwatersrand), 'The role of equality law in distributing resources and services to poor and vulnerable communities in an equitable manner: Divergent judicial paths in South Africa and Kenya'

Onthatile Olerile Moeti (University of Botswana), 'Judges Can Do Better: Infusing International Law in the Adjudication of Indigenous Peoples Litigation in Botswana'

Lawrence Mute (University of Nairobi), 'From Codification to Enforcement: Litigating Against Denial of Reasonable Accommodation Measures in Employment Under the Persons with Disabilities Act 2025'

Herman Tuhairwe (University of Cape Town), 'Reclaiming Justice: The Transformative Role of Ugandan Courts in Advancing Equality for Accused Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities'

6.00-7.30: Book launch and reception

Cathi Albertyn (University of Witwatersrand)

If you would like to attend the conference, please contact Gabrielle Lynch (ajrn-network@warwick.ac.uk) to request a place as space is limited.

African judiciaries stream, African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUK) conference, Durham, 10-12 September 2026

The AJRN is organising a stream of panels on African judiciaries at the ASAUK biannual conference on 10-12 September 2026. If you would like to submit an abstract or panel, please go to the submission portal and select the "African judiciaries" stream.

<https://pay.durham.ac.uk/event-durham/abstract/eyJpdil6lkxESkiOU01UWFpDQZJsa3U4UWQ5UWc9PSIsInZhbHVlIjoiwWjhNTRpLzQrM014Tzd6MytaOTROQT09liwibWFjIjoiwNWQxNjA1MGM2MTNiYTU1NmUyZTcwM2U2ZWwEwNjg4NzJkOTkzNjA2NDRmYjZkZU4ZGY1YjEyMjc1M2E0NWVhNCIsInRhZyI6Ij9.> The deadline for individual paper and panel submissions is **30 April 2026**.

Stream abstract: African politics and societies are becoming increasingly judicialized. How judicial actors deal with cases and litigants, whether they act independently and impartially, why different stakeholders bring cases, how they argue them and how they respond to controversial rulings, and whether justice is seen to be done, will help to determine the future of African judiciaries, democracy, and stability. Despite their importance, African judiciaries remain relatively understudied. This stream welcomes papers on any aspect of African judiciaries. This includes the history of courts, judicial reforms and current practices; how judges behave both in and out of courts and explanations of their decision making; the ways in which different actors – from governments to lawyers and litigants – engage with, use and respond to the courts; the relationship between different legal systems; and public opinion. The stream is organised by the African Judiciaries Research Network in collaboration with the British Institute in Eastern Africa.

Awards:

AJRN workshop grants

AJRN workshop grants were awarded to:

- Justice Koreen Etambuyu Mwenda-Zimba and the Zambia Judiciary's Advisory Committee on Training and Continuing Education for a workshop on the 'Use of AI and Electronic Resources in Legal Research' to be held in Lusaka in June 2026.
- Prof Jarpa Duwani (Howard University and the Institute for African Women in Law) and Professor Margaret Satterthwaite (New York University School of Law & the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers) for a workshop on 'Safeguarding Judicial Independence and Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence in Africa' to be held in Johannesburg in December 2026.

Workshop grant opportunities for events in 2027 will be advertised later in the year.

Job opportunity: Research Fellow (Fixed Term)

The British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) seeks to appoint two early career researchers who have successfully completed doctoral studies within the last five years as full-time Research Fellows at their research Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. These are fixed-term posts on two-year contracts. The BIEA will appoint one Research Fellow with a background in either history, archaeology or anthropology; and one Research Fellow with a background in either sociology, politics, geography or law. To conform with Kenyan legislation, applicants must have the right to live and work in Kenya.

In addition to conducting and publishing their own high-impact research, BIEA Research Fellows are expected to actively contribute to and promote the BIEA research community. The successful candidate will be assigned certain academic and administrative activities for which they will take a strategic lead and responsibility. They will also be expected to contribute to the running of, and to participate in BIEA events. Candidates should also demonstrate that their research is aligned with one of the BIEA's six broad Research Themes:

- Africa in the World
- Retelling the Past
- Changing Environments
- Urban Lives
- Technologies of Politics
- Next Generations

Applicants must be available to start on **5 May 2026**. Applications must be received by **17:00 East Africa Time, on Friday 6 March 2026**. Late applications will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and called for interviews, which will take place in the third week of March 2026. For further details see <https://biea.ac.uk/job-opportunity-research-fellow-fixed-term/>.

Annual Law Transform PhD Course

The annual LawTransform PhD Course on "Effects of Lawfare- Courts and law as battlegrounds of social change" is open for applications. The course is hybrid, with two weeks of digital classes and one week on site in Bergen, Norway, for the "Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation", which is an integral part of the course. (Full digital participation is also possible). The course is free of charge, but students must fund their own travel and accommodation. The registration deadline is **10 March 2026**. For further information about the course and a link to the registration form: <https://lnkd.in/ePGrhAVv>.

Publications

The African Journal of Judicial Science, Call for Papers, Inaugural issue to be published in September 2026.

1. About the African Journal of Judicial Science

The African Journal of Judicial Science (AJJS) is a premier, peer-reviewed, multi-lingual, open-access journal dedicated to advancing scholarship and policy dialogue on African judiciaries. The journal focuses on studying the totality of African judiciaries, by examining their emerging jurisprudence on the one hand, and judicial systems, reforms and practices, on the other. The journal seeks to promote interdisciplinary research, and provide actionable insights into judicial administration and access to justice.

African judiciaries and judicial systems of governance are increasingly playing a pivotal role in Africa's governance processes. They continue to navigate various challenges, including old and emerging issues that impact on judicial governance and access to justice. However, the current level of scholarly inquiry on the state of African judiciaries does not generally reflect this new reality.

AJJS seeks to provide an African platform for judges, judicial officers, judiciary staff, scholars, jurists, practitioners, policymakers, civil society, and other stakeholders in Africa's justice systems to explore topical issues regarding judicial systems and administration of justice. AJJS will be managed and published by the Kenya Judiciary Academy.

The AJJS welcomes submissions from authors for its inaugural issue, which will be published in September 2026.

2. Submissions to the journal

AJJS welcomes submissions on the general area of African judicial systems, practice, and any themes and topics related to the judiciary in Africa. Submissions to the journal may be on any of the following areas:

- Studies and themes in 'judge-craft' and court practice
- Judicial institutional reforms and innovations. This may include: Technological advancements in judicial processes, such as: e-filing, virtual courts, case tracking systems, court transcription systems; Judiciary Enterprise Resource Planning systems; Institutional capacity building; and; Structural reforms.
- Emerging issues in technology and justice. This may include: human rights in the digital space; artificial intelligence and justice processes; digital privacy and

protection; use of digital evidence in court adjudication; equity and inclusiveness in technological solutions to administration of budgets; institutional assessments of judicial transformation and technological uptake; and the emerging impact of technologies in access to and administration of justice, among other related topics.

- Judicial responses to human rights, democratic consolidation, and social justice, and other human rights related issues, such as gender equality, socio-economic justice.
- Judicial independence and accountability, which may include: institutional independence and the accountability of judiciaries; individual accountability, disciplinary processes and ethics of judicial officers; and any other emerging issues.
- Formal and informal justice systems, including indigenous and alternative systems of justice
- Court and registry administration and management processes
- Assessing judiciary performance and outputs, measuring the performance of judges/judicial officers as well as administrative offices of African judiciaries.
- Comparative judicial studies, which may include transnational and regional judicial issues, such as, regional courts and African judicial processes, international justice systems, and cross-country analyses
- Decolonization of judicial systems and promoting of Afrocentric judicial frameworks and approaches
- Applied research and institutional collaboration in practical-oriented judicial governance themes
- The state, standards, style of judicial practice of the Bar: perspectives from the Bench
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- Any other relevant topics or issues that fall within the general scope of judicial systems and practice, jurisprudence, and judicial governance in Africa

3. Instructions to authors and contributors:

All submissions to the journal must be original and should not be pending or undergoing consideration elsewhere for publication elsewhere.

Any relevant information regarding the submitted work (including research funding, institutional affiliation or other relevant information) must be disclosed during submission/review stage of the paper.

The African Journal of Judicial Studies is a multi-lingual journal that is published in three languages (English, French, and Portuguese) and contributions are welcome in the three languages.

AJJS accepts manuscripts that range between 8 000 and 10 000 words for articles.

Contributors are required to include a 300 word abstract that provides a summary of the article, including the contribution of the article to knowledge and practice, and findings.

Manuscript should be submitted together with the abstract by e-mail to ajjs@kja.go.ke. The Journal does not charge any fees and the published journal is freely accessible to readers.

All articles will be taken through the following steps immediately after submission:

- Checking for plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content, using appropriate software and a thorough review of the submissions.
- Initial check of content for relevance to the journal, quality of content and editorial compliance. Authors will be informed at this stage if the article will proceed to full review.
- Each article submitted to the journal will be subjected to a double-blind review process by at least two subject matter experts.
- Contributors will revise the articles based on the comments from the peer review process as well as the comments by the editor-in-chief and the AJJS editorial team.
- The contributor will be informed whether the paper has been accepted for publication, based on the comments from the peer reviewers and the editor-in-chief. Where an article is rejected, the contributor can revise the article to address the issues raised and re-submit in the same manner.
- The Journal reserves the right to edit the content and structure of articles submitted to align the same to the journal's style guide and editorial policy.

4. Contributions

- Original peer reviewed articles 8,000 – 10,000 words
- Case notes (analyses of landmark judicial decisions) 2,000 – 3,000 words
- Policy briefs (actionable policy recommendations targeting judiciary policy makers and practitioners in the region) 2,500 – 3,500 words
- Book reviews (reviews of recent publications in judicial studies) 1500 - 2,000 words
- Commentaries (reflections on judicial conferences, reforms, and relevant emerging/topical issues to the theme of judicial governance theme) 2,000 – 3,000 words
- Forum section (invited essays, debate, and replies on contentious issues in judicial studies) 3,000 -6,000 words

Guidelines for submissions

Initial submissions to the AJJS will adhere to the Oxford Standard of Citation for Legal Authorities (OSCO-LA) accessible here

https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf

Date of submission

All articles and submissions **for the inaugural issue should be sent to ajjs@kja.go.ke by 30 April 2026.**

Recent publications by AJRN members

Ahlbäck J, Jablonski R. How to Distinguish Human Error from Election Fraud: Evidence From the 2019 Malawi Election. *British Journal of Political Science*. 2025;55:e153.

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<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123425100951>

Miyandazi, V. (2025). The Role of Kenyan Courts in Tackling Persistent Inequalities: Navigating Deference and Accountability. *German Law Journal* 26(2): 234-254.

Network information:

AJRN member profile of the month



Prof Maame A.S. Mensa-Bonsu, DPhil, is an Associate professor of law and head of the Department of Law and Public Policy at Ashesi University, Ghana and a legal practitioner called to the Ghana Bar. Her scholarship spans African constitutional theory, comparative constitutional law, constitutional rights, administrative law, and criminal law. Her legal practice is however primarily in property law. She is a leading voice in public discourse on governance, constitutional review and legal education reform in Ghana.

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She previously taught Public Law and Criminal Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Constitutional Law at Lancaster University, Ghana campus. She has held visiting positions at the GIMPA, Ghana and The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and was a Democracy and Development Fellow of the Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana.

She serves on the Conference of Law Deans subcommittee on legal education reform, the Expert Committee on Constitutional Review of Amnesty International, Ghana and the Legal Team of the Civil Society Organisations Platform for Constitutional Review.

Her work on judiciaries focuses on judicial review, judicial independence, interpretation and judicial politics. She has published extensively and locally with respected publishing houses including Oxford University Press, Routledge, University of Chicago Press, and in many leading journals. She was named one The Africa Report's '10 African Scholars to Watch' (2024), the Exeter Law School's Black History Month list of Black Scholars who inspire, and the Institute of African Women in Law (IAWL)'s 25 Women who inspire in 2025.

Maame chairs the editorial board of the soon-to- be released Ashesi Law Journal. Her current research project is a book on constitutional pluralism through a judicial lens in Ghana.

AJRN webpage

The AJRN website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/ajrn>) is in the process of being updated. **If you want to be included in the list of network members on the website, 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 ajrn-network@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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