



African Judiciaries Research Network (AJRN) newsletter, no. 22, May 2025

If anyone has any **information that they would like included in the next newsletter** (to be circulated the week of 2 June 2025) please email 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.

Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association Conference, September 2025

The Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association is organising its next Triennial Conference on the Theme: "Innovations in Judicial Practice: Embracing Change for A Better Future". The conference will be held in Banjul, the Gambia from 21-26 September 2025. Information on registration is now available on the CMJA's conference website: www.cmja.biz.

AJRN at the European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), Prague, 25-28 June 2025

The AJRN has two panels on African judiciaries at the forthcoming ECAS conference. If anyone else is going to be at the conference then please email g.lynch@warwick.ac.uk, as we'll organise some AJRN drinks!

Recent publications by network members

Dawuni, J. Jarpa (ed.) (2025) *African women judges: Storytelling as freedom* (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan)
https://trebuchet.public.springernature.app/get_content/3aedf69a-0668-4f4b-8b0f-afbfbef179be4?sap-outbound-id=E768EF693F8D63995C9CB51022612044DD87B245

Kuwali, Dan (2025) *Jus ad Pacem: Ending the Beginning of War in Africa*. *US-China Law Review* 22 (1): 1-22

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. 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/>.

AJRN member profile of the month



Ms Atalia -Lesego Nyembe holds a *Baccalaureus Legum Legum* (LLB) from the University of Pretoria. She is an Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa and has acquired 7 years post qualification and admission experience in a diverse pool of fields such as administrative law, commercial crimes and criminal Law, personal Injuries, medical malpractice law, general litigation and legal compliance. Ms Nyembe has worked at a Chapter 9 institution as well as at Legal Aid SA, the largest law firm in South Africa, which caters for indigent and vulnerable persons.

Immediately after her admission as a legal practitioner, she founded her law firm, “Nyembe Attorneys Inc” with a focus on Immigration and Specialised Commercial crimes and litigation. She then joined Sekgala and Njau attorneys as an Associate Legal Practitioner within their family law, general civil and criminal litigation and corporate-commercial department. She

has a love for justice and social change with a practical and innovative approach to problem solving.

For instance, Atalia has taken an advisory role on formation to conduct corporate social responsibility projects and to promote recreation, education, and community-based projects. Ms Nyembe is also a non-executive member of the South African Women's Lawyers Association and actively participates in their lobbying efforts for women in the corporate legal sector. Atalia is also a member of the South African Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges (SAC-IAWJ) as a mentor in their Gauteng Student Mentorship Programme and has been a mentor for young up and coming LLB graduates for the past two years. She is also a member of the New York Bar Association and Cyrus R. Vance Centre for International Justice, as part of their "Advancing Women in the workplace" leadership programme. She recently graduated from the US embassy's Young African Leadership Institute's (YALI) 2024 Business and Entrepreneurship Cohort and will be pursuing her LLM in Tax law in the near foreseeable future.

AJRN webpage

The AJRN has a webpage (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/ajrn>) where you can find past newsletters as well as information on events, opinion pieces and members. **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 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. E.g.

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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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