

## **BIOGRAPHY – DR GEORGE FORDAM**

Dr Fordam completed his LLD at the University of Pretoria in 2021 on the topic “Community & Customary Land Rights”. He has been studying law reform as a tool to transform the interface of dominance by the state statutory system over the customary rights of communities. He uses theoretical concepts of systems theory, social dominance and legal pluralism to test whether an interface model of recognition by the state of these communities’ informal tenure rights will be effective in redressing the unhealthy competition for land resources, instabilities and conflict in the areas that they live in. Dr Fordam joined the Free State Centre for Human Rights as a postdoctoral research fellow in March 2021.