



# International Conference on Transformative Constitutionalism and Private Law

5 - 6 June 2025

Faculty of Law, UFS, Bloemfontein, South Africa

Call for Papers

The Faculty of Law at the University of the Free State, in partnership with Hochschule Schmalkalden, University of Applied Sciences, invites scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit abstracts for its upcoming conference on **Transformative Constitutionalism and Private Law**, to be held on 5 - 6 June 2025 at the Faculty of Law, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

## Theme

Since the adoption of the South African Constitution in 1996, the nation's legal framework has undergone a profound transformation, shifting from an oppressive apartheid regime to a democracy grounded in constitutional principles. Recognised as one of the most progressive and transformative constitutions globally, the South African Constitution seeks to catalyse political, economic, and social change. It aims to advance the rule of law, safeguard human rights, and promote economic justice, serving as a model for African constitutionalism and global conversations on transformative justice.

One of the most significant areas influenced by Transformative Constitutionalism is Private Law, encompassing fields such as contract law, property law, law of delict, family law, law of succession and beyond. This conference will explore how the Constitution's transformative mandate has shaped the development of Private Law in South Africa and elsewhere. It seeks to foster interdisciplinary discussions on the intersections between constitutional principles and the evolution of Private Law.

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We invite papers that critically examine the effects of Transformative Constitutionalism on Private Law. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- The reimagining of Private Law doctrines considering constitutional values.
- Comparative perspectives on Transformative Constitutionalism and Private Law across jurisdictions.
- The role of Private Law in advancing social justice and economic transformation.
- Case studies highlighting the integration of constitutional principles into Private Law.
- Challenges and opportunities in aligning Private Law with transformative constitutional ideals.
- The global implications of South Africa's Transformative Constitutionalism on Private Law systems.

## Submission Guidelines

- **Abstracts:** Submit an abstract of no more than 300 words, clearly outlining the paper's objective, methodology, and critical arguments to [viljoenr@ufs.ac.za](mailto:viljoenr@ufs.ac.za) with the subject line: "Abstract Submission: Transformative Constitutionalism and Private Law".
- **Submission Deadline:** 4 April 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 25 April 2025
- **Final Papers:** Full papers (optional) must be submitted by 30 September 2025.

## Publication Opportunities

Selected papers may be considered for publication in an edited volume or a special issue of the Journal for Juridical Science.

## Key Information

- **Conference Date:** 5 - 6 June 2025
- **Venue:** Equitas Auditorium/Senate Hall UFS Main Campus, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa
- **Format:** In-person

## Contact

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We look forward to your contributions to this meaningful dialogue on the intersection of Transformative Constitutionalism and Private Law.

## Conference details

**Dates:** 5-6 June 2025

**Where:** South Africa, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein (Main) Campus

**Registration fee:** R2 500.00

**Gala dinner:** 5 June 2025

**Presentation:** Papers should be presented in person