

CALL FOR PAPERS

WINTER SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE ON
CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AFRICA

17 - 20
AUGUST

PRESENTED BY:

The African Network of Constitutional Lawyers and the Faculty of Law

**Globality, Extraction and Sustainable
Constitutionalism: African Resource Governance in a
Multipolar World**

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This call invites papers that critically interrogate how African constitutional systems are being reconfigured through extractive governance, securitisation practices and renewed external influence in a changing global

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Academics, legal practitioners, government officials, judges, civil society actors, policymakers, doctoral and postgraduate students interested in African constitutionalism, governance and the rule of law.

Global Continuities and Influences

We encourage analysis of the nature, incidence and effects of investment treaties, development finance, resource-for-infrastructure arrangements, security partnerships and supply-chain governance on domestic constitutional systems, democracy, equality, socio-economic rights and environmental protection.

Extraction and Constitutional Order

We welcome contributions exploring the constitutional governance of minerals, land, water, energy, biodiversity, and strategic infrastructure, including public trusteeship doctrines, socio-economic rights, environmental rights, democratic accountability and benefit-sharing regimes.

Securitised Governance and Constitutionalism

Submissions may examine the nature, incidence and effects of emergency powers, counter-terrorism legislation, military deployments, surveillance, border regimes and protection of strategic infrastructure on the shape of constitutional commitments to legality, accountability, human rights and democratic control.

Sustainable Constitutionalism





We invite work on sustainable constitutionalism as both ecological sustainability and institutional resilience. Topics may include water governance and sanitation, intergenerational equity, climate constitutionalism, environmental amendments and community-based governance models. We also welcome submissions that engage

IMPORTANT DATES

PROGRAMME FEE

ZAR 1000.00

The programme fee is ZAR 1000.00 whether one attends the School, Conference or both.

 Abstract submission deadline:	24 May 2026
 Applications for Winter School:	24 May 2026
 Abstract/application feedback:	31 May 2026
 Submission of final paper:	20 July 2026

The final paper should be between 7000 and 9000 words and formatted in the style of the Journal of Juridical Science, found at: <https://journals.ufs.ac.za/index.php/jjs/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/30>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application Guidelines

Conference requirements:

A brief bio data, an abstract not exceeding 300 words, including a title, author's name, institutional affiliation and contact details.

Winter School requirements:

A short curriculum vitae no longer than TWO pages and a motivation letter no longer than ONE page.

ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

The organisers may be able to provide limited support to some participants based on need and merit. The organisers will provide supporting letters for participant visa applications and for fundraising to support participation.

FOR SUBMISSION & MORE INFORMATION

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