



Two-day workshop: “Law, Rights, and Governance in Africa. A look to the Future”

Location: Leiden University, The Netherlands

Date: 28 and 29 January 2020

This workshop facilitates exchange and dialogue between 13 early career researchers working on topics of law, (human) rights and governance in Africa. We welcome researchers from a wide range of disciplines – i.e. African studies, law, anthropology, sociology, geography, political science and development studies - to apply in order to meet and exchange ideas and findings. Through adopting an interdisciplinary approach, we bring together researchers from different universities, faculties, and departments to exchange and work on new research agendas from diverse perspectives. Keynote lectures will be given by: Professor Elisio Macamo and Professor Thomas Bierschenk. The seminar is given by Professor Janine Ubink. This workshop is funded by [LeidenASA](#) and the [African Studies Centre](#) Leiden University, the Netherlands, and part of [Africa2020](#).

Workshop Venue

Leiden Law School, Steenschuur 25, 2311 ES Leiden, room C14

Schedule

Tuesday 28 January 2020

09:00 - 09.15

Registration

09:15- 09:30

Welcome word organizers (Annelien Bouland)

Welcome word Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald (director African Studies Centre Leiden)

Welcome word Dr David Ehrhardt (chair of Leiden ASA)

09:30 - 10:30

Key Note Speech: *The World by Fiat: How time made Africa stagnant*

Prof. Elisio Macamo

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 12:45



Panel 1: Law, Economics and Business Networks (chair: Prof. Thomas Bierschenk)

Dr. Joseph Mangarella (Université Paris, Leiden University)

The Pitfalls of Sustainability in an African Rentier State: Normative Flux in Gamba, Gabon

Francesca di Matteo (EHESS, Marseille)

Community ownership: translation of land tenure reform in Kenyan policy arenas

Fatima Opebiyi (University of Manchester)

Foreign Exchange Regulation: Harmonising Multilevel Enforcements by Central and Commercial Banks

Cecile Richetta (University of Geneva)

Land Acquisitions and Trust in Multilayered Authority Structures in Sub-Saharan Africa

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch break. Leiden Law School, restaurant KOG.

13:45 - 15:45

Panel 2: Rights, Law and Development (chair: Dr. Caroline Archambault)

Lisa Marie Selvik (University of Bergen)

Learning Regressive Law-Making in Africa? What explains the difference in government responses to demands of increased access to information?

Michael Addaney (Wuhan University)

Climate Change Adaptation Action and Human Rights in Law in Africa: Evolving Trajectories, Synergies and Potential Challenges (ON SKYPE: addaney.michael)

Dr. Misha Plagis (T.M.C. Asser Institute)

The meaning of development: from the African Charter to universalist ideals

Tefera Degu (University of Antwerp)

Largescale Agricultural Investment in the pastoral Lowlands of Ethiopia: Implications for Environmental Rights of Indigenous People and the way forward

15:45- 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Seminar: *"Custom, Capitalism and Electoral Politics"*

Prof. Janine Ubink

18:00 – 20:00 dinner

Restaurant De Pizzabakkers.

Address: Herenstraat 1, 2313 AD Leiden.



Wednesday 29 January 2020

09:00 - 11:45

Panel 3: Governance and Mobility (Chair: Dr. Caroline Jacobs)

Dr. Elieth Eyebiyi (LASDEL Benin/Niger, CREPOS)

'Rights On the move'. A small ethnography of youth and women access to land in Southern Benin

Karliën Strijbosch (Maastricht University)

Performing Hegemonic Masculinities and Deservingness after Return in Senegal

Bruno Braak (Leiden University)

Freedom to move? Mobility and the contestation between South Sudanese refugees and Ugandan state agents (2016-9)

Yvette Ruzibiza (University of Amsterdam)

Making choices and keeping our mouths shut: the tactical dimensions of "young people's strategies in navigating sexuality" in refugee camps Nakivale, in Uganda and Mahama, in Rwanda.

Dr. Catherina Wilson (Leiden University)

Self-settled Central African refugees in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

[coffee break 10.00 – 10.15]

11:45-12:00

Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00

Key note speech: *"Capitalism, entrepreneurship and business associations. With empirical data from Benin"*

Prof. Thomas Bierschenk

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break. Leiden Law School, restaurant on the first floor.

14:00 – 15:30

Future agendas for the study of Law, Rights, and Governance in Africa

Plenary session led by Prof. Elisio Macamo

15:30-16:00

Wrap-up

Panel Format

Note that the format for the panels is as follows:

Ten minutes of introduction to the theme by the senior convener, followed by presentations of workshop participants (ten minutes each max.) Then the senior convener responds to the



presentations (twenty minutes). The following fifty minutes are dedicated to (1) questions by fellow panel members (2) questions from other workshop participants and discussion.

Contact details workshop organizers

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