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CONFERENCE ON TRUST AND LAW IN AFRICA

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MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2024

09:00–09:20 Registration

09:20–09:40 Welcoming Address
Ralf Michaels
online *Niels Petersson*
 Hatem Elliesie

Panel 1: Resources and Political Economy

09:40–11:00 Trust in the Law and the Political Economy of Gold in Ghana:
 Basis for the Critique of the Political Economy of Trust
 Ignacio González Piedra

 Reconfiguring Trust in Land Management in the Extractive
 Industry in Africa
 Ange-Dorine Irakoze

 Trust and Post-Conflict Water-Land Governance in Tigray,
 Ethiopia
online *Zbelo Hailelassie Embaye*

 Discussion chaired by *Isaac Kundakogo Kunko*

11:00–11:20 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Cooperate Governance and Commercial Law

11:20–12:30 Towards effective Stewardship in State-owned Enterprises in
 Malawi: Applying the Public Trust Doctrine in Corporate
 Governance
online *Nebert Chirwa & Teuka Tembo*

 Building Trust through Effective Corporate Governance in
 State-Owned Enterprises in Ghana
online *Kweku Ainuson & Barnabas Abisa*

 Enforcing Foreign Judgements in Africa: Trust as the
 Cornerstone of Transnational Legal Cooperation
online *Neha Singh*

 Discussion chaired by *Nils Bruckhuisen*

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

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Panel 3: Legal Frameworks of Inclusion and Exclusion

13:30–14:45

A Vicious Cycle of Missing Trust: Africa’s Historical Exclusion from the Conceptualisation of International Crimes
Lea Schubert

online

Trust in the Ethiopian Religious Leaders as Peacemakers?
Berhane Gebregziher Berhe

(Mis)trust in Uganda’s Humanitarian Context: Implications for refugee protection
Dr. Sophie Nakueira

Discussion chaired by *Katrin Seidel*

14:45–15:15

Coffee Break & Group Photo

Panel 4: Post conflict Judiciary and Transitional Justice

15:15–16:30

Trust and litigation of mass crimes in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo. The point of view of the accused
Jonas K. Sindani, Emmanuel A. Bigosi & Aline B. Cibambo

online

Building Trust in Courts after Conflict: The Case of Tigray (Ethiopia)
Tsegai Berhane Ghebretekle

The Interplay between Trust and Transitional Justice Processes in Ethiopia
Mekonnen Fisseha & Gebreyesus Abegaz Yimer

Discussion chaired by *Pierre Druart*

16:30–17:30

Guided Library Tour & General Assembly of the African Law Association

17:30–18:30

Dinner at the Institute

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Panel 5: Colonialism and Development in Postcolonial States

- 18:30–19:45

Colonialism & Political Trust: An Indian and Kenyan Perspective

Pradeep Kulshrestha & JohnPaul Kanya Musembi

Theorising Trust in Law and Development in the Postcolonial States of Africa

Cyprian Kambili

Scepticism and loss of trust in government: a case of Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) operationalisation in Malawi

Gift Gawanani Mauluka

Discussion chaired by *Kwamou Eva Feukeu*
- online

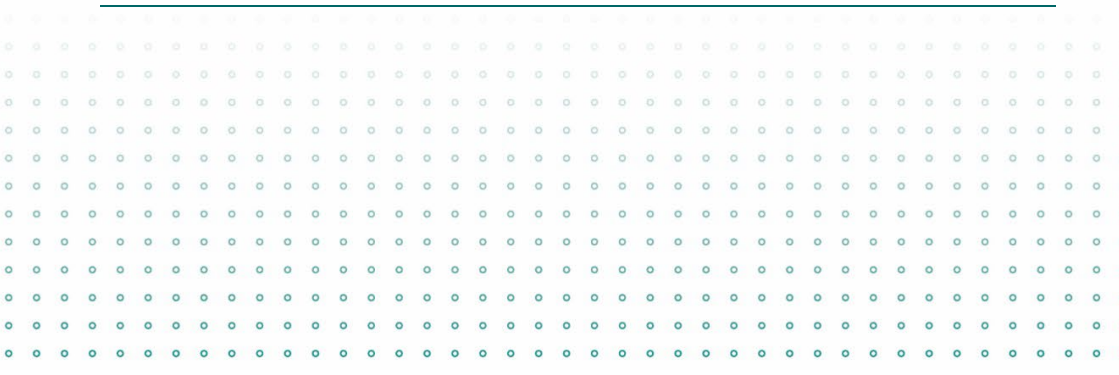
Closing of the Conference

- 19:45–20:00

Closing Remarks by the Conference Organisers

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