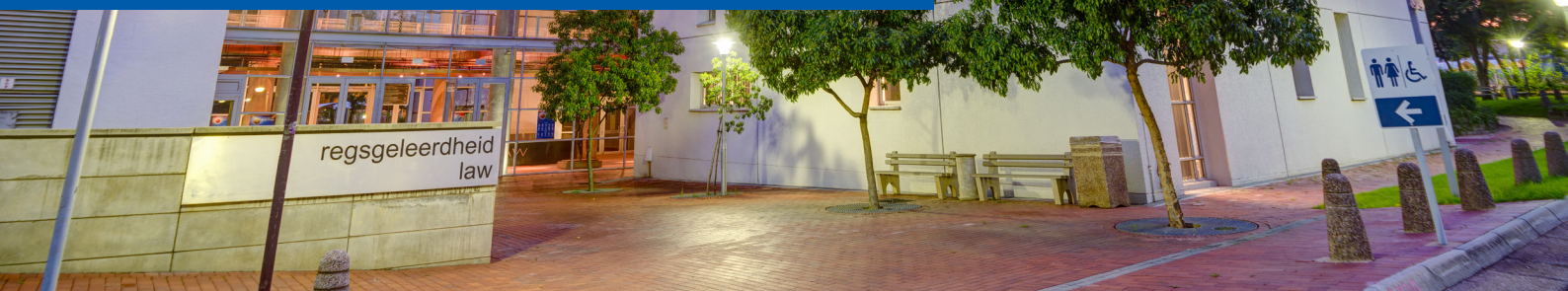


CALL FOR PAPERS

Southern African Law Teachers' Conference (SALTC)

13 – 18 July 2025
Kievits Kroon, Pretoria



The University of Pretoria's **Faculty of Law**, in collaboration with the **Society for Law Teachers of Southern Africa (SLTSA)**, is proud to host the **Southern African Law Teachers' Conference (SALTC)** in July 2025. This conference aims to enhance scholarly discourse and promote critical discussions on the significance of constitutional supremacy in shaping legal education and practice in Southern Africa.

Constitutional supremacy has profound implications across Southern Africa, influencing the composition of legal systems and how the law is taught, studied, and practised. SALTC 2025 aims to explore the distinct yet interconnected constitutional dynamics across the region and their impact on various legal and educational frameworks. Additionally, the conference acknowledges the evolving role of legal professionals in upholding and advancing constitutional principles, especially as Southern Africa contends with social, economic, and political challenges that influence legal education and practice.

We invite law scholars, educators, practitioners, and policymakers to collaboratively explore the effect of constitutional supremacy on legal teaching methodologies, curriculum design, research, and professional practices. Conference participants can leverage national and regional constitutional experiences, addressing successes and challenges (failures) to foster a forward-thinking legal education landscape that reflects the Southern African region's collaborative spirit and shared goals.

The proposed theme for the conference is *Reflections on constitutional supremacy in Southern Africa: reviewing the impact on law teaching and learning, research and practice.*



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We invite papers expanding on the following sub-themes:

- Consumer law and emerging technologies
 - Consumer law and sustainability
 - Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors - *this is not only limited to Mercantile law*
 - Tax Law
 - International trade law - AfCFTA
 - Labour and Social Security Law
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- Access to justice and procedural fairness
 - Dispute resolution mechanisms in commerce
 - Civil procedure and constitutional rights
 - Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and constitutional values
 - The impact of constitutional law on evidence rules
 - Public participation and procedural law
 - The influence of landmark cases on procedural norms
 - Procedural challenges in post-apartheid South Africa
 - Decolonising perspectives on the law of evidence
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- Transformative constitutionalism
 - Global perspectives on law, justice, and constitutional supremacy
 - The history and theory of development, decolonisation, compensation and constitutionalism
 - Race and human rights
 - Third-world perspectives
 - African tradition perspectives
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- The transformation of family law
 - Intellectual property rights and constitutional protections
 - Property rights and land reform
 - Access to justice and private law
 - Human dignity in private law matters
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- Evolution of constitutional law in South Africa
 - The role of constitutional supremacy in transforming legal education
 - Human Rights and constitutional supremacy: legal protections and teaching
 - Constitutional supremacy and social justice in law practice
 - Challenges in upholding constitutional supremacy
 - The future of constitutional supremacy in a changing socio-political landscape
 - Constitutional supremacy and legislative reform
 - Environmental protection
 - Challenges in the realisation of socio-economic rights after 30 years of constitutional supremacy
 - The rule of law, the principle of legality, and constitutionalism
 - Executive accountability and parliamentary oversight
 - Electoral reform
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- Protection of rights of minority groups
 - Disability rights protection and promotion

The above sub-themes do not constitute an exhaustive list.

Any other contributions that are related to the sub-themes are more than welcome.

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and clearly outline the objectives, methodology, and relevance of the proposed paper to the theme of the conference.
- Submissions must be original and previously unpublished work.
- All submissions should follow De Jure/PULP referencing style seen here:

- Please submit your abstracts via email to

Registration and fees

Registration fees for the conference are R 6 000. Fee includes Teaching & Research workshop for ALL delegates.

Participants whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will be provided with banking details and the payment process for conference registration.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline:	14 March 2025
Notification of acceptance:	11 April 2025
Full papers:	31 October 2025

The selected Full papers will be considered for publication in a special issue in De Jure Law Journal.

For enquiries, please email

We look forward to your contributions to this dialogue on constitutional supremacy's impact on legal education and practice in Southern Africa.