

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Multidisciplinary Postgraduate Student Conference on Contemporary Urban Development Questions

## 2024 THEME

Social Justice and Sustainable Urban Development in the African Context

**Friday 24 May 2024**

(Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/KKrhP26K1D>)

MS Teams link to be shared with registered participants upon registration

## PROGRAMME

08h30

### Welcome

**Prof Anél du Plessis** (Chair: Urban Law and Sustainability Governance, Stellenbosch University)

08h45

### Session 1: Different role-players, different interests – city life in Africa

**Chair: Prof Anél du Plessis**

“Rememorying’ the San: Centralising Indigenous Knowledge in sustainable development aims”

**Elizabeth Dhumbura** (Stellenbosch University)

“The readiness of South African local government law and policy for community-led collaborative modes of municipal service delivery”

**Krisdan Bezuidenhout** (North-West University)

“Are South African Cities Equipped for the Influx of Refugees and Asylum Seekers? A Critical Analysis”

**Siphesihle Mhlonishwa Mbatha** (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

**Q & A**

10h15

### Comfort Break

10h30

### Session 2: Cities, towns and climate change responses

**(Chair: Dr Bryony Fox)**

“Implications of Climate Change Risks on Urban Infrastructure: A Case Study of Khayelitsha”

**Lihle Sabisa** (Stellenbosch University)

“Climate change insurance: the extent to which South African law regulates climate risk”

**Wilmien van Biljon** (Stellenbosch University)

“Urban Climate Litigation: Lessons for African Cities as Legal Actors in Climate Justice”

**Englebort Chikodza** (Stellenbosch University)

**Q & A**

12h00

### Lunch

13h00

### Session 3: Urban environmental management and justice

**(Chair: Mr Krisdan Bezuidenhout)**

“The extent to which “the right to the city” may advance environmental justice in the urban areas of South Africa”

**Michaela O’Donoghue** (Stellenbosch University)

“The infringement of human rights connected to an estuary: the case of Knysna Municipality”

**Viandrie Robertson** (North-West University)

“Modelling the Maximum Potential Wave Energy Zones in North Bay Saldanha for Small Scale Green Energy”

**Lukhanyo Lesedi Matiwane** (Stellenbosch University)

**Q & A**

14h30

### Comfort Break

14h45

### Session 4: Public space dynamics in the African city context

**Chair: Prof Anél du Plessis**

“Public space and informal employment. The contribution of women-led solidarity movements in promoting decent work and social dialogue in South Africa”

**Shaka Keny Bob** (Stellenbosch University)

“Production and Consumption in Urban Social Spaces: exploring the foodification of Hazelwood”

**Emily Sarah Barnes** (University of Pretoria)

“Occupations as housing model: The everyday and political role of collective labour in sustaining an occupation over time”

**Kezia Fortuin** (University of Cape Town)

**Q & A**

16h15

### Concluding remarks