

Urbanisation, sustainability and the law are merging @ *SU Law* through its new *LLM Elective in Urban Law*

Following the inception of its **Chair in Urban Law and Sustainability Governance (ULSG)** in 2023, **SU Law** is now also offering an exciting new **LLM elective module in "Urban Law"**.

Through this module, students will explore the legal dimensions of urban development and the legally relevant relationships between private and public urban actors. The module content is premised on the multi-layered law and policy frameworks applicable to a) the pursuit of cities that are safe, inclusive,

resilient, sustainable, democratic, and accountable as well as, b) spatial and environmental justice in urban settings. The purpose of the module is to introduce students to the meaning of the emerging field of 'urban law' and familiarise them with the current discourse.

In this module, students will learn from the Chairholder, Prof Anél du Plessis and international and national subject experts how international public law and domestic constitutional law (especially the sub-branch of local government law), respond to specific urban challenges. The latter include access to basic services, urban safety and cities confronted with armed conflict,

mobility, informality, climate-resilient development and disaster risk preparedness, environmental health, housing and overall local government accountability. Students will delve into the content of key international normative documents (such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda), international law (such as the Paris Climate Agreement), African regional law (such as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralisation, Local Governance and Local Development), as well as domestic / national constitutional and local government law (including chapters 2, 3 and 7 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013).

Any student registered for the LLM Programme (General) at Stellenbosch University is welcome to enrol for this module. The module is annually presented in the first semester (February – June).



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