

University of Pretoria hosts Law Teachers' Conference

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Harmonisation of law in Africa is one of the themes that will be discussed at the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa's Conference and the Southern African Society of Legal Historians' Conference that will take place from 21-24 January 2008. The four day conference takes place at the Post-Graduate Centre of the University of Pretoria.

The event is hosted by the Law Faculty as part of the university centenary's celebrations. About 200 people from across the world registered to attend the conference.

Guest speakers are, among others, Supreme Court Judge, Mahomed Navsa and Mr Mninwa Johannes Mahlangu (Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces and also a member of the Pan African Parliament). Some of the plenary speakers include Sir Bob Hepple - a distinguished British legal scholar.

The conference offers an ideal forum to discuss some of the recent developments in all fields of law. It also looks at the challenges posed by globalisation and regional co-operation to the law. As part of proceedings, there are a number of workshops, panel discussions and related sessions on issues such as:

- class actions
- legal education and skills
- the future of family law.
- Civil Unions Law
- Labour Law
- Child Law
- Consumer Protection Law
- Clinical Law
- Human Rights Law

Compared to the previous years, the number of this year's sessions has been reduced, resulting in longer individual sessions. The aim is to give participants more time to engage in meaningful discussions.

An opportunity has also been created for four young academics to make presentations and compete for a book prize sponsored by the Oxford University Press.

"The Law Teachers Conference gives delegates the opportunity to meet old friends and make acquaintances in an academic environment," says conference organiser, Prof Caroline Nicholson. Selected conference papers will be published in the accredited law journal, i.e. De Jure.

For more information, visit the website of the University's Faculty of Law (www.up.ac.za/law)
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