

Race, Refuge and Repair: Rethinking Migration from the Global South

An International Colloquium hosted at the University of Cape Town

29th - 30th May 2025

Moot Court Room, Faculty of Law, Kramer Building, Middle Campus, UCT

Thursday 29 May 2025

8:00 - 9:00

Registration at Pius Langa Quad facilitated by UCT's Refugee Rights Unit

9:00 - 9:30

Welcome Address facilitated by Prof Fatima Khan, A/Prof Kelley Moulton, Dr Nicola Palmer and Dr Lufuno Sadiki

9:30 - 11:00

Opening Plenary - Colonial and Decolonial Encounters at the Border

Chair: Prof Noura Erakat (Rutgers University)

Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi (South African Human Rights Commission) - *ilizwe Lifile/Nkaba: Le-fatshe and the Crisis of Constitutional Neo-Colonial Societies*

Prof Jonathan Klaaren (University of the Witwatersrand) - *What is owed, by whom, to Global South citizens on the move in Southern Africa?: A Viewpoint from 1961*

Prof Siphamandla Zondi (University of Johannesburg) - *The Question of Being and the Decolonial Turn in Migration Studies*

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break: Staff Common Room

11:30 - 13:30

Panel 1 - Life & Law at the Border: Racialisation and Criminalisation

Chair: A/Prof John Reynolds (Maynooth University)

Prof Fatima Khan & Shazia Sader (University of Cape Town) - *Criminalising Asylum in South Africa*

Dr Olanike Adelakun (Lead City University) - *South-South Migration and Gendered experiences: Exploring Nigerian Women Refugees in Africa's Stratified Protection System*

Simbarashe Knox Kaneunyenye (University of Cape Town) - *Fear, Exclusion, and Historical Legacies: How Colonialism and Apartheid Shape Fear of Crime and Social Fragmentation in South Africa's vulnerable African Migrant Communities*

Jumani Pathak (University of Kerala) - *Refugee or Criminal? Rethinking Law, Race, and the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh*

13:30 - 14:15

Lunch: Pius Langa Quad

14:15 - 15:45

Panel 2 - Experiences of Protection & Distributions of Mobility

Chair: A/Prof Catherine Briddick (University of Oxford)

Sky Kruger (University of Cape Town) - *Securitisation and Deterrence of Asylum in South Africa*

Tshegofatso Motene (Hachac Foundation) - *Digital Borders and the Colonial Legacy: The Role of Technology in Racialised Migration Control*

Vera Wriedt, Hanaa Hakiki, & Delphine Rodrik [European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)] - *From Colonies to Courts: Continued Denials of Access to Justice for Border Violence*

Marielys Padua Soto [The American University in Cairo (AUC)] - *Decolonial Repair and Mobility Justice for Sahelian Pastoralists*

15:45 - 16:00

Coffee break: Staff Common Room

16:00 - 18:00

Keynote Address: Moot Court Room, Faculty of Law, Kramer Building, Middle Campus, UCT

Welcome and Introduction from Prof Danwood Chirwa, Dean of the Faculty of Law, UCT

Chair: Dr Lufuno Sadiki (University of Cape Town)

Prof E. Tendayi Achiume, Professor of Law, Stanford University

Corporate Border Imperialism

Discussant comments from South African Human Rights Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi

Friday 30 May 2025

9:00 - 9:30

Opening refreshments: Staff Common Room

9:30 - 11:00

Panel 3 - Colonial Imbrications of Migration & Refuge

Chair: Dr Alpa Parmar (University of Cambridge) (online)

Dr Eleni Karageorgiou (Lund University) - *Does money do the job? Making sense of EU migration cooperation with third countries as a distributive (in)justice question* (online)

Herman Tuhairwe (University of Cape Town) - *Colonial Echoes in Uganda's refugee policy: Examining the influence of 'Othering' on contemporary practices in refugee settlements* (online)

Karolina Rybakowska (UNHCR Poland) - *Necropolitics of Hospitality: Race, Refuge, and the Management of Refugee Life in Egypt* (online)

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break: Staff Common Room

11:30 - 13:00

Second Plenary - Forced Mobility and Immobility

Chair: Prof Fatima Khan (University of Cape Town)

Dr Catherine Briddick (University of Oxford) - *When Treaties are Forbidden: Jus Cogens, Norm-Conflict, and Refugee Protection*

Prof Mary Bosworth (University of Oxford) - *Supply Chain Justice: The Logistics of British Border Control and its Failures* (online)

Dr Uttara Shahani (University of Oxford) - *Colonial legacies of the management of im(mobility)*

13:00 - 14:15

Lunch at the Pius Langa Quad followed by a Colloquium Group Photograph - walk to Upper Campus for group photo, weather permitting; alternatively, an aerial shot will be taken at Pius Langa Quad

14:15 - 15:45

Panel 4 - Reparation, Accountability & Repair

Chair: Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana (University of Cape Town)

Sheryl Kunaka (Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria) - *The Global North's denial of the Global South's access to the "right to have rights"*

Dr Aristel Skrbic (Ghent University) - *Untangling individual and collective aspects of decolonisation*

Mansha Mohee (King's College London) - *Françafrique, creeping mobility policing and accountability* (online)

Diana Volpe (University of Oxford) - *Out of sight, out of mind: Italy-Libya and its colonial past and present*

15:45 - 16:00

Coffee break: Staff Common Room

16:00 - 17:30

Final Plenary - Racialisation and Repair

Chair: Prof E. Tendayi Achiume (Stanford University)

A/Prof John Reynolds (Maynooth University) **and Prof Noura Erakat** (Rutgers University) - *Racialisation and Displacement, Reparations and Return in the context of Palestine*

Dr Nicola Palmer (University of Cape Town and King's College London) - *International Law at the Border: Rwanda's role in the global legal ordering of migration*

Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana (University of Cape Town) - *The Black White Males: Bordering Racial Redress in South Africa*

A/Prof Chris Gevers (University of the Witwatersrand) - *Re-settling Whites: Race, Sovereignty and Space*

17:30 - 18:00

Open Discussion on Next Steps facilitated by Dr Lufuno Sadiki, Dr Nicola Palmer and Dr Catherine Briddick

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