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The Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law invites you to a Guest Lecture

Theme:

Corporate Social Responsibility in the new Africa and China investment relations

Date: 7 August 2026

Time: 11h00-12h30

Venue: MS Teams

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Contextual Background

This lecture examines the African Continental Free Trade Area Investment Protocol, which aims to foster sustainable intra-African and foreign direct investment (FDI) in Africa-China relations. Analysing the protocol's impact on fostering high-quality investments and on establishing a balance between investor protections and host-state regulatory rights is a critical objective. It discusses how the Belt and Road Initiative affects China's foreign direct investment (FDI), linking investments to African goals, such as industrialisation, and to the African Union's Agenda 2063. It also addresses implementation challenges and new ethical and human rights obligations for investors. The discussion also emphasizes the protocol's role as a "qualitative filter" that prioritises sustainable development over raw material exploitation.

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About Dr. E. Mutabazi

Dr. Etienne Mutabazi is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Iringa in Tanzania, as well as an external partner of the College of Law at the University of South Africa. He is a scholar of international criminal justice, human rights, and information and communication technologies. He wrote consultation and expert reports for a variety of businesses. He also worked as a Legal Assistant and Investigator for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda from 2000 until 2012. He is an experienced researcher and political analyst on the Great Lakes region of Africa, focusing on issues of democratic government and conflict minerals. He received his doctorate and master's degree in international law from the University of South Africa, cum laude.



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Programme Director: Ms Tebogo Rakate

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
11h00-11h05	Opening and Welcome	Prof. Lindelwa Mhlongo
11h05-11h10	Introduction of the Speaker	Mr. Tshepo Ramatabane
11h10-12h00	Guest Lecture	Dr. Etienne Mutabazi
12h00-12h20	Q&A	Mr. Sello Selelo
12h20-12h30	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Dr. Sikelela Ndlazi