Media Advisory

Unisa to host a webinar on the intersection of law, penology and societal implications in South Africa

The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s Law Clinic will host webinar reflecting on the intersection of law, penology and societal implications on Thursday, 07 March 2024.

The webinar will explore the definition and significance of high-profile inmates, their impact on organisations and the role of influential figures in shaping prison conditions. It will further investigate corruption within the correctional environment, analyses various categories of high-profile inmates as well as examine the complexities of high-profile criminal cases.

Speakers includes:

- **Prof Dirk van Zyl Smit** will reflect on parole reforms in post-apartheid South Africa and the crisis of legitimacy surrounding the release from life imprisonment of 'political' prisoners"
- **Mr Julian Knight** will explore the risks of allowing high-profile cases to shape legal precedence and the importance of impartial judicial decision-making.
- **Ms Tania Koen** will explore the rights of victims and the fact that no real alternative was presented after abolishing the death penalty.
- **Prof Anni Hesselink** will address the evaluation of high-profile inmates for successful rehabilitation and integration, specifically exploring the Henry van Breda case.
- **Prof Lincoln Fitz** will explore the development and application of parole in the South African Department of Correctional Services and its influence on the inmate and the system.

Members of the media are invited to join the event via the following link**: Click Here to Join the Meeting**

Date   : Thursday, 07 March 2024
Venue : Microsoft Teams
Time   : 09:50

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