

Call for Papers, Panels & Posters

Conference Theme: Lawyers, Constitutionalism & Globalization Conference

Conference Venue: KSL Karen Campus, Nairobi, Kenya

The terrain for legal education and practice in East Africa and around the world has remarkably evolved over the last six (6) decades, arguably in line with the region's political governance. From nascent training institutions and professional associations characterized mostly by 'expatriates', to now more 'localized' firms and independent professional associations, the opportunities for growth have been just as immense as corresponding challenges. Inevitably, these opportunities and challenges associated amidst globalization of legal practice itself bring into sharp focus the role of lawyers and their professional associations in society. Whilst the traditional model envisaged a 'conservative' professional guided by established ethical standards and guidelines, the 'disruptive' effect of globalization and politics would seem to challenge this.

In East Africa, for instance, the historical role of the lawyer as harbinger for constitutionalism and rule of law has arguably been eroded by fragmentation of standards and 'opportunities', which no longer dictate predictability in professional path. The impact of this has been more evident in increased disparate activism, generational rivalries, politicization of the professional and the loss of focus on the broader role of the lawyer to society including as a vanguard of constitutionalism. How to deal with these issues is the reason the Kenya School of Law and partners have collaborated to host the "Lawyers, Constitutionalism & Globalization Conference". The aim is to share facts, emerging trends, ongoing studies and findings. The conference will be headlined by key notes addresses by prominent scholars, judicial officers and practitioners, who will share their perspectives and experiences in this area.

The Organizing Committee welcomes abstracts (max. 250 words) for papers, posters and panels on the following and related themes:

- o Trends in Globalisation and Cross border Legal Practice in East Africa and Elsewhere
- o The Lawyer, the Society & Constitutionalism in the 21st Century
- o The 'New Firm? - Young Lawyers in Digital Space.
- o Globalisation, Sources of Law and the future of Common Law
- o Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
- o Globalisation, Legal Education and the Future of Law Schools
- o Globalization, Legal Market Place and Judicial Activism
- o Judges and Technology
- o Intellectual Property in the Era of Globalisation.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts should be submitted to:
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For information, enquiries & clarification please contact:
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Abstract Publication

All Conference proceedings and papers will be published online in our e-journal.

2. By Bank Deposit

Bank: ABSA Bank (Formerly Barclays Bank)
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Conference Dates

The conference shall take place from 23rd - 24th November, 2020.

Important Dates

Deadline for receiving Abstracts (Max 250 Words), posters, panel proposal: August 30th, 2020.

Conference Costs & Payment

Local (East Africa)

* Students - KSHS. 3,000 (USD 30)

* Non students - KSHS. 5,000 (USD 50)

International (outside East Africa Community)

* Students - KSHS. 5,000 (USD 50)

* Non students - KSHS. 10,000 (USD 100)

The organizers will strive to keep costs as low as possible to enable broad and diverse participation. Very limited sponsorships may be provided on demonstrated need.

Accommodation Options

*See conference page here: www.ksl.ac.ke (regularly updated)

Certification & CPD Points

The Kenya School of Law will issue all participants with CERTIFICATES and 2 CPD Points on full attendance



We look forward to hosting you at the Kenya School of Law!