



FACULTY OF LAW CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

06 – 08 October 2026

Midlands State University's **Faculty of Law** is proud to host the **Inaugural Conference** from **06 October 2026 to 08 October 2026**. This conference aims to enhance scholarly discourse and promote critical discussions on legal education and practice. The theme of the conference is **Exploring Decoloniality of Legal Education in Africa**.

We invite papers expanding the incorporation of African/decolonial perspectives in legal education and practice in the following areas:

1. Regional perspectives on transforming legal education
2. Comparative case studies on transforming legal education
3. Public Law: Human Rights, Constitutionalism, Law and Development, Democracy and Governance, Jurisprudence, Statutory interpretation, Administrative and Local Governance Law
4. Emerging and topical areas of law such as: AI and Technology, Cyber Law, E-commerce, Environment and Climate Change Law, Gender Law, Mining Law and Energy Law, etc
5. Private Law: Commercial law, company law and Corporate governance, Contract Law, Property Law, Child Law, Family Law, Succession and Administration of Estates, Labour and Employment Law
6. African Customary Law
7. Procedural Law: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminology and Penology, Law of Evidence, Civil Procedure, Advocacy, Ethics, Clinical and Practical Skills Training
8. International Law and specific aspects such Environment, Criminal law, Humanitarian Law, Conflict of Laws, Public Law, Space Law, Economic Law,
9. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

NB: The above sub-themes do not constitute an exhaustive list.

Any other contributions that are related to the sub-themes are more than welcome.

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and clearly outline the objectives, methodology, and relevance of the proposed paper to the theme of the conference.
- Submissions must be original and previously unpublished work.

All submissions should follow the MSU Law Review (MSULR) referencing style seen here: <https://ww5.msu.ac.zw/download/msulr-house-style-1/>

Please submit your abstracts and final papers via email to lawconference@admin.msu.ac.zw

Conference fees

	Early Bird	Late Registration	Virtual
Local Delegate	\$180.00	\$230.00	\$100.00
Local Student	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$30.00
International Delegate	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
International Student	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$80.00

Participations whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will be expected to pay the above mentioned fees into the banking details provided below.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: **17 July 2026.**

Notification of acceptance: **17 August 2026.**

Registration deadline: **08 September 2026.**

Full paper submission: **31 January 2027.**

Book launch: **April 2027.**

The selected full papers will be considered for publication as book Chapters in a Special Book Project.

For inquiries, please email: lawconference@admin.msu.ac.zw

We look forward to your contributions to this dialogue on the transformation of legal education and practice in Africa.

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