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Upcoming activities

Third African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors), Addis Ababa University, 7-11 October 2019

The call for papers for next year's AfriDoors will be published in January 2019. The third AfriDoors Forum will gather doctoral candidates, post doc researchers and supervisors from the partner institutes in Ethiopia, Finland, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda at the Addis Ababa University 7-11 October 2019.

SHUREA mobility

There are both long-term (2-5 months) and short-term (less than a week) mobility actions available within the SHUREA project. The long-term actions are targeted primarily at researchers working on their doctoral dissertation and the short-term mobility actions are meant for postdoc researchers attending international conferences. The doctoral candidates for the long-term mobility actions are recruited within the law faculty/school of the respective partner university. For presentations of SHUREA guest researchers visiting the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria and the Åbo Akademi University Institute for Human Rights, please, see https://blogs2.abo.fi/shurea/?page_id=39 7.

Past activities

Panel Discussion on 'Compensation for Human Rights Violations in Ethiopia: Legal Gaps and Implementation', School of Law of Addis Ababa University, 10 December 2018

On the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Human Rights Day on the 10th of December 2018, the School of Law of Addis Ababa University organised half-dav Panel Discussion а on 'Compensation for Human Rights violations in Ethiopia: Legal Gaps and Implementation'. For more information, please see

http://www.aau.edu.et/blog/school-of-lawholds-panel-discussion/.



Advanced Course on Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Åbo Akademi University, 10-14 December 2018

Participants SHUREA from partner institutions took part in the Advanced Course on Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights organised by the Abo Akademi Institute for Human Rights in Turku, Finland 10-14 December 2018. The intensive course offered participants an opportunity to develop specialist level knowledge in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, with a particular focus on justiciability at the national, regional and international level. information. For more please. see https://www.abo.fi/en/institute-for-humanrights/intensive-courses-on-humanrights/.



1st Annual National Disability Rights Conference, Disability Rights in Uganda: Perceptions, Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward, 3 October 2018, Makerere University

On 3rd October 2018, Makerere University organised the 1st Annual National

Disability Rights conference, 'Disability Rights in Uganda: Perceptions, Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward'. For the programme, see

http://blogs2.abo.fi/shurea/wp-

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Working Group on Access to Justice at the Third Annual Conference of the Law and Development Research Network: INTERFACES, Leiden University, the Netherlands, 19-21 September 2018

The SHUREA project coordinated a working group on Access to justice for development in Africa: A multi-actor perspective at the Third Annual Conference of the Law and Development 19-21 Research Network in Leiden September 2018. For more information on the conference. please see https://lawdev.org/event/third-annualconference-of-the-law-developmentresearch-network-ldrn-interfaces.

Leaving No One Behind: Leveraging the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to Realize Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 19-20 September 2018, Makerere University

The Makerere University organised 19-20 September 2018 a National Conference on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. For more information, please see <u>http://uhrc.ug/5th-annual-national-</u> <u>conference-economic-social-and-cultural-</u> <u>rights.</u>



Panel on Human Rights in Africa - From Rhetoric to Reality at AHRI 2018 Renewing Rights in Times of Transition: 70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 7-8 September 2018, Edinburgh Global Justice Academy

SHUREA researchers contributed to a panel on Human Rights in Africa - From Rhetoric to Reality at the AHRI 2018 Conference 7-8 September 2018 in Edinburgh. For the conference programme, please see https://www.ahriconference.law.ed.ac.uk/programme/.

Second African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors), University of Nairobi, 27-31 August 2018

The second AfriDoors Forum gathered some seventy doctoral candidates, post docs and supervisors from the partner institutes in Ethiopia, Finland, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda at the University of Nairobi 27-31 August 2018. The forum provided a platform for discussions and feedback on ongoing doctoral research and charted the way forward for continued cooperation among the partner institutions on capacity building in doctoral training in human rights.

In the context of the AfriDoors the first SHUREA Reviewer's Workshop took place 31 August 2018 at the University of Nairobi. The Workshop piloted an informal peer review process for iournal manuscripts within SHUREA and provided feedback on journal manuscripts by SHUREA researchers. The review panel consisted of Prof. Elina Pirjatanniemi (Åbo Akademi University), Assoc. Prof. Magdalena Kmak (Åbo Akademi University), Dr. Mesenbet Assefa (Addis Ababa University), Ass. Prof. Mizanie Abate Tadesse (Addis Ababa University), Prof. Ben Twinomugisha (Makerere University), Dr. Ashwanee Budoo (University of Pretoria), Dr. Ciara O'Connell (University of Pretoria), and Prof. Edwin Abuya (University of Nairobi).



Civil Society Forum on Effective Engagement with the Pan African Parliament, 8 August 2018, University of Pretoria

The Civil Society Forum on Effective Engagement with the Pan African Parliament was organised 8 August 2018 by the Centre for Human Rights at University of Pretoria in collaboration with the Pan-African Parliament. For more information, please see <u>http://www.chr.up.ac.za/latest-news/83-</u> <u>news-chr/916-centre-for-human-rights-cohosts-cso-forum-to-promote-constructiveand-meaningful-civil-society-engagementwith-pap</u>.

Southern Africa Expert Meeting on the Rights of Older Women, University of Pretoria, 30 May 2018

The Southern Africa Expert Meeting on the Rights of Older Women was organised by the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria on 30 May 2018 as part of the #AgeWithRights Campaign. For more information and for the conference presentations, plese see http://www.chr.up.ac.za/upcomingevents-activities/southern-africa-expertmeeting and http://www.chr.up.ac.za/wrunews/931-the-centre-for-human-rightshosts-an-inter-generational-dialogue-onthe-rights-of-women.

Publications and events

Please, keep us informed on events and publications relevant for the SHUREA project.

We will be happy to share the news via the SHUREA Newsletter, website (<u>www.abo.fi/shurea</u>), email list (<u>shurea@abo.fi</u>) and Facebook page.

SHUREA aims at improving the quality and availability of PhD training in human rights, and strengthening the role of human rights research in societal development processes. Project partners are the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University in Finland, Centre for Human Rights at University of Pretoria in South Africa, School of Law at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, School of Law at Makerere University in Uganda and School of Law at University of Nairobi in Kenya.

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