**A History of Black Lawyers in South Africa**

**Wednesday, 3 August 2022**

WiSER, 6th Floor, Richard Ward Building, East Campus

*University of the Witwatersrand*

9:00 – 9:30

*Opening and Introductions:* ***Jonathan Klaaren (University of the Witwatersrand)***

09:30 – 10:45

**Panel One: The Future of Black Women Lawyers in South Africa**

**Jessie Ditshego, Tsireletso Mokoaqo, Sithuthukile Mkhize,** & **Busisiwe Kamolane-Kgadima** **(CALS, University of the Witwatersrand)***The history of black women lawyers in South Africa: What Thendele and Thendele v Legal Practice Council tells us about the persisting resistance to the transformation to the legal profession*

10:45 – 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 – 12:45

**Panel Two:** **Contemporary Histories**

Short Briefings on Ongoing Research Projects: (11:00-11:45):

*A History of the Wits Law School***Thomas Coggin/Desia Colgan/Jonathan Botes (University of the Witwatersrand)***Young, Black, and Lawyering for the Public Interest in Johannesburg*

**Leila Strelitz (University of Oxford)**

*Some Comments on Buttressing Black Lawyers in South Africa, Pre and Post-1994*

**Alice L Brown (University of the Witwatersrand)**

Comments and Future Directions for Research: (11:45-12:45)

**Discussant: Charmika Samaradiwakera-Wijesundra (University of the Witwatersrand)**

12:45 – 13:45 *Lunch*

13:45 – 15:15

**Panel Three**: **Histories and Networks**

**Elizabeth Thornberry (John Hopkins University)**  
*Law Agents and the Making of Customary Law in the 19th Century Eastern Cape***Tara Weinberg (University of Michigan)**  
*Pixley ka Seme, the Native Farmers Association and legal networks in early 20th century South Africa*

Discussant: **George Karekwaivanane (University of Edinburgh)**

15:15 – 16:45

**Panel Four:** **Histories and Fields**

**Ralph Madlalate (University of California, Berkeley)**    
*Legal Education in South Africa: Racialized Globalizations, Crises, and Contestations*

**Max Bolt (WiSER/University of Oxford)**  
*Legal assistance and the making of a legal field: the case of Johannesburg’s deceased estates*

Discussant: **Timothy Gibbs (University College, London)**

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