

## Einfaches Seminar: Researching key issues in African law

This seminar focuses on key emerging legal issues in Africa. A number of topical questions ranging from human rights, sustainability governance, regional integration, constitutionalism and comparative law will be discussed in light of epistemological and decolonial approaches from the Global South.

The seminar is designed to be also attended by students without previous knowledge in the individual problem areas and students in younger semesters. The seminar takes place as a block seminar with three main days over zoom.

Assignment of topics: 22 March 2021 at 12.00

Kick-off Day: 16 April 2021, 08.30-16.00

Intermediate meeting: 19 May 2021

Submission of papers: 14 June 2021, 12.00

Final presentation: 02 July 2021, 08.30-17.00

- Topics -

### Public international law

1. Using access to COVID 19 vaccines as an example, discuss the implications of the right to health for developing countries.
2. Solidarity has been described as a structural principal of international law. Critically discuss its effectiveness and limitations in relation to international efforts to combat COVID 19.

### Regional integration

3. Discuss how the African Continental Free Trade Area contributes to sustainable development in regard to investment law and intellectual property rights.



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4. Focusing on Southern African Development Community and East African Community, critically analyse the role of Africa's regional economic communities as a vehicle for promoting good governance and human rights.

#### Human rights

5. Critically analyse the contribution of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the protection and promotion of women's rights in Africa.
6. Utilising case law from Kenya, Malawi and South Africa, discuss the contribution of these jurisdictions to the development of the right to vote.
7. To what extent have British and French colonial laws contributed to current views about LGBTIQ rights in African jurisdictions?
8. Critically assess the efforts of the Ugandan Government in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), e.g. abortion. Precisely draw further legal actions that need to be taken.

#### Environment and sustainability

9. Utilising the Grand Renaissance Dam as a case study, critically analyse the law on transboundary resources particularly in relation to colonial agreements.
10. What is the role of social justice in relation to climate change law? Discuss this role in relation to the Paris Agreement.

#### Trade

11. Discuss the interlinkages between trade and human rights and the role African regional cooperation can play in ensuring synergies between these two regimes.

Please register by sending us your name, semester, matriculation number and your desired topic to: [africanlegalstudies@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:africanlegalstudies@uni-bayreuth.de). However, the final topic allocation will take place at the preliminary meeting.

