

DR MISPA ROUX

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Mispa Roux

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Nationality: South African

Present position: Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg

Degrees: 2006: LL.B (University of Johannesburg)

2007: LL.M (International Law) (University of Johannesburg)

2012: LL.D (International Law) (University of Johannesburg) Thesis entitled *A Comparative Analysis of the Causes for Breaching the Erga Omnes Obligation to Prevent and Prosecute Gross Human Rights Violations*.

2. SCHOOL EDUCATION

Matriculation: Hoërskool Randburg, 2000

3. TERTIARY EDUCATION

Degrees awarded by the University of Johannesburg:

2006: LL.B

2007: **Course-work LL.M in International Law.** The course work component consisted of international criminal law, international human rights law, international environmental law and international terrorism. The research component consisted of a mini-dissertation entitled *A Consolidated Approach to International Human Rights Law: Incorporating Universality and Relativism*.

2012: **LL.D in International Law** under the supervision of Professor HA Strydom. Thesis entitled *A Comparative Analysis of the Causes for Breaching the Erga Omnes Obligation to Prevent and Prosecute Gross Human Rights Violations*.

4. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

2006: Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa.

5. EMPLOYMENT

- a. **2006 and 2008: Research assistant for Professor HA Strydom (UJ).** My duties included conducting research on various topics of international law, ordering international law books for the UJ library, and performing various administrative tasks. I also assisted in the marking of Public International Law semester test and exam papers.
- b. **2008 – 2010: Lecturer in the Department of Practical Business Law at the Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus.** Lecturing responsibilities: Business Law 1A (BSL11A1) and Business Law 1B (BSL11B1) for first year non-law-students. I was appointed as course co-ordinator between July 2009 and November 2010. My responsibilities included teaching, developing, managing and writing study material and tutorials, as well as drafting of all assessments (tutorial tests, semester tests and examinations).
- c. **2010 – 2013: Lecturer in the Department of Public Law at the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.** Lecturing responsibilities: Public International Law (ITR0011) and Bill of Rights (HRE0021). I am course co-ordinator for both subjects, and am responsible for teaching, developing, managing and writing study material as well as drafting of all assessments (assignments, semester tests and examinations) for the two courses in Afrikaans and in English.

The students registered for Public International Law are pursuing the following degrees: LLB (second year), BA Law (third year), BCom Law (final year), and BA International Relations (second year). The students registered for Bill of Rights consist mainly of students in their final year LLB-, BA Law-, and BCom Law-studies.

I have organised guest speakers to discuss various topics with the undergraduate students for both Public International Law and Bill of Rights. For the Public International Law students I have invited various Holocaust survivors and Rwandan genocide survivors who volunteer at the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre to speak about their experiences during these gross human rights violations. I also invited Johan van der Vyver, I.T. Cohen Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia (United States of America) on 17 May 2011 to discuss international humanitarian law.

For the Bill of Rights students I have invited various guest lecturers and speakers. Tali Nates, Director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre, presented a lecture on the 23rd of October 2012 on "Seeking justice in Africa", which included a discussion on the Nuremberg Tribunal, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Irene Klass, a Holocaust survivor, and Bonaventure Kageruka, a Rwandan genocide survivor, also gave their testimonies during this lecture.

2013: Lecturer in the Department of Criminal Law and Procedure at the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus. Lecturing responsibilities: Introduction to Legal Studies (IRS0000). I lectured the course to Afrikaans students during the second semester, and my responsibilities included teaching, developing, managing and writing study material as well as drafting of assessments (class tests, assignments, semester tests and examinations).

The students registered for Introduction to Legal studies are first year LLB-, BA Law-, and BComm Law-students.

I invited Adv JJ du Toit, Deputy Director Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, South Gauteng High Court, to speak to the Introduction to Legal Studies students about his experience as a prosecutor both at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and at the High Court of South Africa.

e. 2012 – 2013: Guest lecturer for LLM (International Law) students at the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.

Prof H Strydom invited me to give a guest lecture to the LLM students in International Law on 8 May 2012. I lectured on “The obligation to prevent and prosecute genocide as interpreted by the International Court of Justice and Dutch national courts”.

I have also given several guest lectures over the past couple of years for all the modules in the LLM in International Law. For the International Humanitarian Law module I have lectured on “The principle of distinction: proportionality, indiscriminate attacks, and necessity”. For the International Criminal Law module the topic of the guest lecture was on “State immunity, international crimes and universal jurisdiction”. I gave two lectures for the International Human Rights Law module, the first on “The United Nations and the protection of human rights: the Charter-system, Charter-based organs and mechanisms”, and on the second “The Inter-American Human Rights System: with specific focus on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”. For the International Environmental Law module I lecture on “Biological Diversity and Conservation”, and I was requested to draft two exam questions for this module.

f. 2014 – current: Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law at the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus. I was appointed on a permanent contract as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law. I am still the course co-ordinator for Public International Law (ITR0011/INL41AO) and I present guest lectures for the LLM in International Law. I will also be the course co-ordinator of the LLM in Human Rights between May 2017 and August 2018.

g. May 2017 – August 2018: Acting Director of the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC).

6. PUBLICATIONS

a. Journal Articles

- Mispa Roux “Early warning of gross human rights violations: an international law perspective”, (4) *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg (Journal of South African Law)* 2011 650 – 663.
- Mispa Roux “The *erga omnes* obligation to prevent and prosecute gross human rights violations with special emphasis upon genocide and persecution as a crime against humanity”, *African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law* 2012 98 – 133.
- Mispa Roux “Reaction to early warning of gross human rights violations: preventative steps by the international community”, (3) *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg (Journal of South African Law)* 2013 453 – 477.
- Mispa Roux “Sexual violence during armed conflict and reparation: paying due regard to a unique trauma”, *African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law* (2014) 87 – 110.
- Mispa Roux “The evolution of international criminal law: the influence of war crimes on the development of genocide and crimes against humanity as autonomous international crimes” (2017) *Southern African Yearbook of International Law* (submitted for publication).
- Mispa Roux “Obstacles to the prevention of gross human rights violations” (2018) 1 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg (Journal of South African Law)* (forthcoming).

b. Book Reviews

- Danwood M Chirwa (2011) *Human Rights Under the Malawian Constitution* 2012 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 376 – 380.
- Im Rautenbach (2012) *Rautenbach-Malherbe Constitutional Law / Rautenbach-Malherbe Staatsreg* 2013 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 600 – 601.
- TW Bennett and J Strug (2013) *Introduction to International Law* 2014 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 659 – 660.
- CR Snyman (2012) *Strafreg* 2014 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 922 – 923.
- Bartłomiej Krzan (Editor) (2016) *Prosecuting International Crimes: a Multidisciplinary Approach* 2017 *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg* 444 – 446.

c. Books Edited

- Im Rautenbach (2012) *Rautenbach-Malherbe Constitutional Law / Rautenbach-Malherbe Staatsreg*.

7. CONFERENCES, PUBLIC LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND LECTURES

- Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa Conference, hosted by Stellenbosch University, 17 – 20 January 2011. Paper entitled “Early warning of gross human rights violations: an international law perspective”.
- “American Responses to the Holocaust: Transatlantic Perspectives”, hosted by the Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg, The Netherlands and the Institute for Jewish Studies in Antwerp, Belgium, 15 – 17 June 2011. Paper entitled “Early warning of genocide: engaging the Holocaust as a comparative study”.
- Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa Conference, hosted by Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, 10 – 13 July 2012. Paper entitled “Reaction to early warning of gross human rights violations: preventative steps by the international community”.
- “Responsibility to Protect, in theory and practice”, hosted by the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 11 – 12 April 2013. Poster presentation entitled “The interconnection of the Responsibility to Protect with the United Nations Charter: preventing genocide and crimes against humanity by means of humanitarian intervention”.
- “The Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda”, hosted by the University of Johannesburg, 31 October – 1 November 2013, international conference, speaker. Paper entitled “The forgotten victims of the Rwandan genocide: reparations for sexual offences”.
- “Prosecution of Sexual Violence: International Workshop on Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Crimes in Light of the ICTR’s Experience”, hosted by the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Entebbe, Uganda, 30 – 31 January 2014, international workshop, participant.
- “Socio-Economic Rights in the South African Constitution”, Cornell University Law School, Institute of African Development, hosted by the Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, January 2015, 2016, and 2017, lecture to law students in the “experiential portion” of the course “Law and Social Change: Comparative Law in Africa”.
- “Corruption and the South African Constitution: the start of a new era?”, APK Library Auditorium, 7 March 2016, public lecture.

8. DISTINCTIONS AND BURSARIES

- 2012** Awarded the African-German Network of Excellence in Science (“AGNES”) Grant for Junior Researchers 2012 in recognition of academic or scientific achievements. The AGNES Grant is to encourage grant-holders to apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for a fellowship to pursue postdoctoral research in Germany.

- 2011** Awarded the "First Time Presenters" Award at the Conference of the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa in 2011, held at Stellenbosch University.
- 2007** Awarded the Chancellor's Medal for the Best Masters Student in the Faculty of Law.
- 2003** Awarded membership of the Golden Key International Honour Society.
- 2002 - 2007** Awarded Merit Bursaries each year for averages ranging between 70 and 79%.

9. RESEARCH-BASED VISITS

- **Research at the Peace Palace Library, The Hague, The Netherlands:** I conducted research for my doctoral thesis at the Library of the Peace Palace in the Netherlands from 28 November – 23 December 2008, from 18 – 26 June 2011, and again from 22 – 26 June 2015.
- **Research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany:** I completed the research for the final stage of my doctoral thesis at the Institute between the 27th of June and the 13th of July 2011, and revisited the Institute from 21 June – 10 July 2014.

10. OTHER

- Member of the editorial board of the *Tydskrif vir die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg (Journal of South African Law)*.
- Member of the South African Branch of the International Law Association ("SABILA");
- Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society;
- Member of the South African Parastatal and Tertiary Institutions Union ("SAPTU");
- Volunteer at the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre.

11. REFERENCES

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