

Global Companies in Africa: Law, History, Empire

Workshop – 2 July 2024

School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Call for Papers



Companies have a long history in Africa. They are entangled with empires old and new, with multiple forms of government, rule and administration, with practices of territorialisation and deterritorialisation, waging war and making treaties, and with development and state-making projects. For this small Workshop, we invite papers from any discipline, which engage with questions of companies and legalities in historical context with a focus on Africa, or with a focus on other regions of the South, but methodologically aligned to these concerns.

Papers can either be 15–20-minute workshop papers, or 10 minute exploratory ‘ideas’ papers which we will convene into a roundtable format.

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Submissions

If you would like to propose a paper, in the abstract document please include your current institutional status, your contact details (capitalise your last name) and whether you’d like to give a 15–20-minute paper or be part of an ‘ideas’ roundtable. [Upload a short abstract of 300 words here](#) by 21 May 2024,

The workshop will be small, and directed toward sharing research in progress, but there will be some capacity for people based in Durban to attend without presenting. If you’d like to receive more information about that, please [register your details here](#) by 31 May 2024.

Costs

This is a local Workshop, to be held in person at the University of KwaZulu-Natal’s Howard College Campus in Durban, designed to focus on scholars in and around the region. There is no registration fee, and food will be provided, but there is no general travel support available. There is no general online/hybrid element at this Workshop.

Further information

In late 2022, Professor Sundhya Pahuja launched The Laureate Research Program in Global Corporations and International Law, a collaborative research program designed to rethink how we understand the company-state-(international) law relation in historical context. For more information, please go to lpgcil.org.

The Workshop is supported by the Laureate Program in Global Corporations and International Law at the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, and the School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

For more information on the Workshop, please contact lp-gcil@unimelb.edu.au

