The Southern African Public Law Journal Launches New Blog: The Public Law Corner

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In association with the Southern African Public Law Journal (SAPL), the Public Law Corner (PLC) is a contemporary space for legal practitioners, students, academics, and people beyond the legal sector to engage with relevant and current legal issues related to public law. Our main aim is to amplify all voices and issues in public law that are often excluded from formal publications.

As a group of young lawyers and academics working on and undertaking research in the public law space, we noticed a gap in digital media and academia: the absence of a digital media platform for legal researchers, academics, and activists. This idea was borne out of the frustration of the young people on the editorial team who were searching for a community with which to unpack legal developments, debate emerging legal trends, and reflect on the efficacy of law in advancing positive change.

PLC endeavours to create safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces for people to share their thoughts and insights on a diverse range of topics, from human rights to intellectual property, and customary law, to technology, and everything in between. We encourage robust debate around developing jurisprudence, law reform, and regional and international legal trends.

PLC will act as an extension of SAPL, as a platform where writers of varied backgrounds and interests can engage with new and interesting concepts, share ideas, and find innovative ways to make the law more accessible, tangible, and meaningful. We, therefore, welcome all legal practitioners, students, and academics to contribute short written articles, commentary, op-eds, artistic expressions and legal opinions to the PLC to bridge the gap between law and reality.

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All submissions must be limited to a word count of 800-1300 words. Authors must ensure that they adhere to this word count, or alternatively request special permission from the editors if they seek to exceed the specified word count.

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Although subheadings are allowed, they are discouraged. Instead, authors should organise their manuscripts in the format of an essay/Op-Ed. When subheadings are used, these should be numbered and must be in the same font

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