

Indigenous Values and the Law: Ubuntu and the South African Constitution



Ubuntu, an ethical concept of African origin, emphasizes social cohesion and collective justice. What role should indigenous values like Ubuntu play in the development of the new legal and political systems in post-apartheid South Africa? In this lecture, Cornell will reflect on why the debate about reconciling Ubuntu values with constitutional principles, notions of justice and the duties of the individual has become so central to contemporary South African politics.

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Stéphane Robolin (RU-English) will serve as discussant.

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