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cordially invites you to a webinar on

The South African Constitution at 30: Human Rights, Justice and the Future of Democracy

“From Promise to Practice: Rethinking Constitutionalism at 30”

Date: 21 May 2026
Time: 14:00–16:00 SAST
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Background

In 2026, South Africa marks 30 years since the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996), a landmark moment in the country's democratic journey founded on human dignity, equality, freedom, and social justice. While the Constitution remains one of the most progressive constitutional frameworks globally, persistent inequality, socio-economic exclusion, gender-based violence, institutional challenges, and emerging issues linked to climate change, digital transformation, and artificial intelligence continue to test the realisation of constitutional rights in practice.

This ASSAf webinar will provide an interdisciplinary platform to critically reflect on the achievements, limitations, and future trajectories of constitutional democracy in South Africa. Bringing together scholars, legal experts, policymakers, and civil society voices, the discussion will explore the relationship between constitutional rights and lived realities, while considering how constitutional values can guide responses to contemporary societal and technological challenges.



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