



Programme

Hybrid* -Conference on Trust and Law in Africa Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law Hamburg 2 December 2024

09:00–09:20	Registration
09:20–09:40	Welcoming Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prof. Dr. Ralf Michaels, LL.M. (Cambridge)</i>; Director of the MPI for Comparative and International Private Law • <i>Prof. em. Dr. Niels Petersson</i>; Research Coordinator Max Planck Law, Frankfurt a. M. • <i>Prof. Dr. Hatem Elliesie, MLE</i>; Chairperson of the African Law Association (ALA), University of Leipzig
Panel 1: Resources and Political Economy	
09:40–11:00	Trust in the Law and the Political Economy of Gold in Ghana: Basis for the Critique of the Political Economy of Trust <i>Ignacio González Piedra</i> (Universidad de Costa Rica) Reconfiguring Trust in Land Management in the Extractive Industry in Africa <i>Ange-Dorine Irakoze</i> (University of Bayreuth) Trust and Post-Conflict Water-Land Governance in Tigray, Ethiopia* <i>Dr. Zbelo Hailelassie Embaye</i> (Mekelle University) Discussion chaired by <i>Isaac Kundakogo Kunko</i> (MPI for Innovation and Competition / Co-Organiser of the Africa and Law Initiative)
11:00–11:20	Coffee Break
Panel 2: Cooperate Governance and Commercial Law	
11:20–12:30	Towards effective Stewardship in State-owned Enterprises in Malawi: Applying the Public Trust Doctrine in Corporate Governance* <i>Nebert Chirwa & Teuka Tembo</i> (University of Malawi) Building Trust through Effective Corporate Governance in State-Owned Enterprises in Ghana* <i>Dr. Kwaku Ainuson & Mr. Barnabas Abisa</i> (University Ghana & AB Lexmall & Associates Lawyers, Accra, Ghana) Enforcing Foreign Judgements in Africa: Trust as the Cornerstone of Transnational Legal Cooperation* <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Neha Singh</i> (School of Law, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India) Discussion chaired by <i>Nils Bruckhuisen</i> (Secretary-General of the African Law Association, Cologne)
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break
Panel 3: Legal Frameworks of Inclusion and Exclusion	
13:30–14:45	A Vicious Cycle of Missing Trust: Africa's Historical Exclusion from the Conceptualisation of International Crimes <i>Lea Schubert</i> (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin) Trust in the Ethiopian Religious Leaders as Peacemakers?* <i>Berhane Gebregziher Berhe</i> (Mekelle University, Ethiopia) (Mis)trust in Uganda's Humanitarian Context: Implications for refugee protection <i>Dr. Sophie Nakueira</i> (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale) Discussion chaired by <i>Katrin Seidel</i> (Vice Chairperson of the African Law Association, University Leipzig)
14:45–15:15	Coffee Break & Group Photo
Panel 4: Post conflict Judiciary and Transitional Justice	
15:15–16:30	Trust and litigation of mass crimes in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo. The point of view of the accused <i>Jonas K. Sindani, Emmanuel A. Bigosi and Aline B. Cibambo</i> (Catholic University of Louvain, Catholic University of Bukavu)* Building Trust in Courts after Conflict: The Case of Tigray (Ethiopia) <i>Supreme Court President Prof. Dr. Tsegai Berhane Ghebretেকে, LL.M.</i> (Tigray Supreme Court) The Interplay between Trust and Transitional Justice Processes in Ethiopia <i>Mekonnen Fisseha and Dr. Gebreyesus Abegaz Yimer</i> (University of Oslo and MPI for Comparative and International Private Law) Discussion chaired by <i>Pierre Druart</i> (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
16:30–17:30	Guided Library Tour & General Assembly of the African Law Association
17:30–18:30	Dinner in the Institute
Panel 5: Colonialism and Development in Postcolonial States	
18:30–19:45	Colonialism & Political Trust: An Indian and Kenyan Perspective <i>Prof. Pradeep Kulshrestha and Dr. JohnPaul Kanya Musembi</i> (Bennett University, Greater Noida (Delhi-NCR) and Kenyatta University) Theorising Trust in Law and Development in the Postcolonial States of Africa <i>Dr. Cyprian Kambili</i> (University of Malawi)* Scepticism and loss of trust in government: a case of Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) operationalisation in Malawi <i>Gift Gawanani Mauluka</i> (University of Bayreuth) Discussion chaired by <i>Kwamou Eva Feukeu</i> (MPI for Comparative and International Private Law)
Closing of the Conference	
19:45–20:00	Closing Remarks by the Conference Organisers