



SAELA

South African Education Law Association



23rd Annual international Education Law conference

Theme: Re-imagine education law

2 to 5 September 2018

Kruger National Park, Mphumalanga, South Africa

Education is one of the cornerstones of any society, but what if we can reimagine education... Reimagine how can education laws, regulations and policies give effect to the constitutional right to a basic education. In 2018 we are going to reimagine the dream for quality education within the framework of education law. Reimagine school leadership, management and governance... Reimagine codes of conduct, contract, discipline, unions, harassment and bullies... Reimagine how we measure quality, deal with social ills, develop gifted children and all other relevant aspects. Can you reimagine a society based on constitutional values actively taught in schools...?

The conference theme will be explored through a compilation of academic and non-academic papers, panel discussions and workshops. In this manner, SAELA intends to create a vibrant space for deliberation, learning and growing education law. Practitioners, officials, governors, academics, leaders and others interested in or working in Education or in Law are invited to present at and/or attend this conference.



SUB-THEMES AND TOPICS

The following sub-themes may be explored. Please indicate when submitting your abstract which sub-theme your abstract will address.

- Re-imagining the relationship between law and policy in education
- Re-imagining teacher conduct and ethics
- Re-imagine learner discipline
- Re-imagining the funding of education
- Re-imagining how schools are lead, managed and governed
- Re-imagining the realisation of rights in education
- Re-imagining how schools can be welcoming spaces for different learners

IMPORTANT DATES

Submit Abstract – 31 March 2018
Early-bird registration – paid before 30 June 2018
Registration close – 2 August 2018
Conference – 2-5 September 2018

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Call for Papers will be open from 15 January 2018. The conference theme may be explored through conference papers, poster presentations and panel discussions. Please contact Annamagriet.dewet@nwu.ac.za for more information or to submit an abstract. Abstract submission date is 31 March 2018.

VENUE

The conference will take place at the Greenway Woods Golf Resort in White River, Mpumalanga, South Africa. Enjoy the ethnic influence at Greenway Woods Golf Resort, a scenic, tranquil and vibey hotel with much to see and do. Perfectly located, from here you can easily explore Mpumalanga with breath-taking scenery and a multitude of wildlife species. The hotel neighbours the White River Golf Estate and is within close proximity of Kruger, Mpumalanga National Airport and Nelspruit. The venue is close to the Kruger National Park, in north-eastern South Africa. The Kruger is one of Africa's largest game reserves. Its high density of wild animals includes the Big 5: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalos. Hundreds of other mammals make their home here, as do diverse bird species such as vultures, eagles and storks. Mountains, bush plains and tropical forests are all part of the landscape.





ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Kindly make use of the abstract submission form to submit abstracts. Abstracts should be submitted on or before 31 March 2018. Further instructions are provided on the form. To submit an abstract, please complete the Abstract Submission Form and e-mail it to Annamagriet.dewet@nwu.ac.za Use the exact phrase "SAELA 2018 Abstract Submission" in the subject line.

PUBLICATION / DISSEMINATION OF PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts of all accepted papers (including a 200-word bio plus a recent photo of the author(s)) will be published in the conference programme. A full text of the paper or presentation should be submitted electronically via e-mail to Dr Annamagriet de Wet at annamagriet.dewet@nwu.ac.za. SAELA will make full-text papers available to its members as part of the online archive. The copyright remains with the author. Authors are allowed to submit papers for publication elsewhere.

Full-text papers should be submitted no later than 15 July 2018. Only presentations of which full-texts have been received will be included in the conference programme.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration opens on 31 March 2018. Register and pay before 30 June 2018 to qualify for the early-bird rate. For more information or to register please contact Annamagriet.dewet@nwu.ac.za. Conference fees are as follows:

Early-bird full registration (paid by 30 June 2018):	R3,800
Unemployed post-graduate students:	R2,800
One-day only registration:	R1,800 per day
Registration after 30 June 2017:	R4200

Please note:

- Presenters and attendees are required to register for the conference. Your registration is only final once we have received your payment and issued a Payment and Registration Confirmation.
- The registration fee covers the conference costs, refreshments and lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as the cocktail function on Sunday evening and the social dinner (braai) on Monday evening.

- The registration fee excludes accommodation and travel costs, tourist activities and other meals.
- SAELA regrets that we are unable to pay for travel costs, conference fees or any other costs of presenters/delegates. Please make your own arrangements for travel and accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

Book your own accommodation. The Greenway Woods Golf Resort offers accommodation in self-catering chalets or in hotel rooms. You can reach them via <https://aha.co.za/greenway/> or phone +27 (0) 87 740 9292.

Alternative accommodation can be explored at <https://www.sa-venues.com/attractionsmpl/white-river.php>

MEALS

The conference package includes a buffet lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. In addition, two functions, namely Sunday evening Meet and Greet dinner as well as Monday evening Braai (Informal dinner) is included in the conference fee.

All other meals will be for your own account. Enjoy traditional African decor, dishes and music at the on-site Injabula restaurant, or take a short drive into White River if you prefer something different.

If you wish to bring accompanying persons to any of the meals, please indicate accordingly on the registration form.





FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

SAELA values interaction and networking between delegates. The programme allows ample time for this during tea and lunch breaks. We have also added the social functions (Game drive, Meet and Greet and Braai) to further create opportunities for being together in a relaxed manner. Please take note of the following:

- Conference delegates are invited to join a game drive into the Kruger National Park as our 'meet and greet' function on Sunday afternoon/evening. These drives leave from the conference venue before dusk and return after sunset. Search for grazers in the cool afternoon and predators starting their nightly hunts. Sunset is a time when night animals emerge and a drive during this period is the perfect opportunity to witness the beauty of the bush as it changes from day to night. Learn about fauna and flora from our expert guides and return to camp with a spot-lit night drive. This is an excellent opportunity to meet delegates in a relaxed atmosphere while enjoying a taste of South African wildlife. The *game drive* will take us from the conference venue into the Kruger, and includes a food-pack and drinks.
- Conference delegates are invited to an informal dinner (Braai) on Monday evening. A braai is a traditional South African social occasion where we gather round the braai outdoors and cook the food over an open fire. The meal is subsequently eaten outside by the fire. Delegates can enjoy this relaxed dinner while socially interacting with other delegates. The dinner is included in the conference package. Cash bar available.

If you wish to bring accompanying persons to any of the functions or activities, please indicate accordingly on the registration form.

TRANSPORT

SAELA does not offer any transport or make transport arrangements. Delegates are responsible to arrange and pay for their own transport to and from the conference.

The venue is situated in White River, and can be reached via the N4. It is about 350 km (4+ hours) drive from the OR Tambo airport. However, a closer airport, the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (Nelspruit) is a mere 15 km away from White River.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE

Delegate registration will take place on Monday morning from 7:30 to 8:25, and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:25. During this time delegates can collect their conference bags, program, name tags etc. from the registration table. Please bring your Payment and Registration Confirmation with you.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenters : SAELA values interaction and exchanges, therefore each session and/or presentation should allow sufficient time for questions and discussions from the floor. Presenters who wish to make use of presentations (Power Point, Prezi) should E-mail it to Annamagriet.dewet@nwu.ac.za on or before 1 September.

Keynote Address: A presentation/speech of 25-30 minutes, leaving about 10 minutes for questions from the floor.

Panel Sessions: A short presentation of 6-10 minutes per panel participant is allocated to start off the discussion. This is followed by a discussion among the panellists and with delegates from the floor.

Individual Papers: A presentation of max 20 minutes, leaving at least 10 minutes for questions and discussion from the floor. SAELA welcomes papers from academics, lawyers and education practitioners. Indicate on your abstract submission form whether your paper is an academic paper or not.

Please strictly adhere to the time allocation so as to allow each person the fully allocated time. Tea breaks, lunches and social dinners provide additional opportunities for networking and further interaction.

Session Chairs: Kindly introduce each presenter (short biographical statements included in the program and abstract booklet) and ensure that all presenters strictly adhere to the time allocation. Afford each presenter his or her own 10 minutes of discussion and question time directly following the presentation. Do not combine discussion time for all of the presenters at the end of the session. Please start your session and the papers in your session exactly on time according to the program.

Delegates: When asking questions during discussion times, kindly stick to one question at a time and keep it short so as to allow maximum participation.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

DAY 1 – SUNDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

15:00 Depart from venue on game drive and meet and greet dinner in Kruger National Park.

DAY 2 – Monday, 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:00 – 8:30 Registration and Tea / Coffee

8:30-10:00 Session 1: Opening, Welcome, Opening Keynote (MEC Mphualanga) (Room A)

10:00 – 10:30 Tea

10:30 – 12:30 Session 2: Parallel sessions: Papers (Room A) and Workshop on the relationship between law and policy in the school environment I (Room B)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Session 3: Keynote address (Room A)

14:30 – 15:45 Panel discussion Re-imagine how education is funded (Room A)
Learner Panel (Room A)

15:45 – 16:00 Prize giving and lucky draws

16:00 – 16:30 Tea

16:30 – 17:30- SAELA Annual General Meeting

18:30 Informal dinner (Braai)

DAY 3 – Tuesday, 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:00 – 8:30 Registration and Tea / Coffee

8:30-10:30 Session 4: Panel discussion: Re-imagining school governance (Room A)

11:00 – 10:30 Tea

11:00 – 13:00 Session 5: Parallel session: Papers (Room A) and Papers (Room B)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Session 6: Parallel session: Papers (Room A) and Workshop: The relationship between law and policy in the school environment II (Room B)

16:00 – 16:30 Tea

16:30 – Own time

DAY 4 – Wednesday, 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 9:30 Keynote address:

9:30 – 10:00 Tea

10:00 -12:30 Session 7: Hans Visser Memorial Session (panel discussion) - Discussion of recent case law (Room A)

12:30 – 12:45 Collaborative assessment of conference

12:45 – 13:00 Closing remarks and announcement of the 2018 conference venue and theme

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Post conference Workshop: Re-imagining learner discipline

16:00 Conference adjourns

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