



DR WILLIAM SCHULTZ DURING A PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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By Dr. J. B. Ndohvu, Dr. Oriare-Nyarwath
and Dr. Francis E.A. Owakah

The Odera-Orika Symposium will be held on Tuesday, 19th to Thursday 21st, November, 2013 at the Goethe Auditorium, Nairobi. Scholars from around the world will congregate at the auditorium to commemorate the late professor's contribution to philosophy.

The late Kenyan Professor of philosophy (1944-1995) contributed immensely to the growth of contemporary African philosophy and helped locate African philosophy within global philosophical discourse. His works are in areas such as normative and applied ethics, epistemology, and most notably, philosophic sagacity.

The works continue to inspire many and play a major role in the current debate on African philosophy.

Professor Odera-Orika will be remembered as one of the founders of *Thought and Practice: A Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya*. The journal is currently an online, open access, bi-annual peer-reviewed publication, and is found at <http://ajol.info.index.php/tp/index>

Dr. Akaranga S. Ifedha,
Head of the Department
of Philosophy and
Religious Studies, spear
heading the symposium



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Mr. Uchenna Emelonye, Senior Human Rights Advisor based at the United Nations Headquarters, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya, will deliver a guest lecture to over fifty Master of Arts Degree in Human Rights students at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Resource Centre, Friday 20th June, 2013. The topic of the lecture is: *The Prospects and Challenges of Mainstreaming Human Rights and Peace in Post-Conflict*

Situations in Africa.

This lecture is part of a long tradition of the Department's seminar series which ensures partnership with professionals and stakeholders in line with the Universities core value of professional development that bridges theory, practice and professionalism.

Mr. Emelonye joined the United Nations, Nairobi office, from the International Development Law Organization, IDLO, Rome, where he served as Head of Institutional and Justice Reform Programs.

Among other things, he oversaw IDLO's tellurian work with governments, including providing technical support to a Committee of Experts in drafting the Kenya Constitution 2010.

He also worked in a similar capacity in Somalia and Afghanistan; and was instrumental in the strengthening of the national Human Rights

Commission of Ethiopia.



A SECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

A New Partnership

Between the Centre for Human Rights, CHRP, and the Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies, CHRIPS

By: Dr. J. M. Wafula and Dr. J.B. Ndohvu

The Centre for Human Rights and Peace at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies held discussions with the Center for Human Rights and Policy Studies, CHRIPS, Nairobi, Kenya, for collaborative research in human rights and peace. Efforts are at an advanced stage to cement this

partnership.

CHRIPS was founded as a response to the need for institutions in Africa dedicated to the strengthening of the region's infrastructure of knowledge to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Registered in 2009, the Centre is an international institution, principally working in Africa, and committed to the generation and dissemination of policy-relevant knowledge the



development of innovative public policy solutions that promote human rights and social justice. The Centre is an innovative and independent think tank engaged in the search for local solutions to the urgent problems of the day through local knowledge and the best of international ideas.

It is engaged in knowledge generation through research; in knowledge dissemination through different media and fora; in public policy analysis and evaluation; and in the provision of opportunities to scholars and policy innovators to develop their ideas, test them and disseminate them to relevant audiences.

The Centre offers a forum where policy makers and implementers, policy advocates and scholars

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interact in an environment of mutual respect. It seeks to support policy reforms in the public sector through evidence-based research and strengthening the capacity of relevant actors. It is also interested in supporting the work of the state, civil society and other non-state actors in contributing more effectively to the building of just societies.

Currently, the Centre has a core focus on security governance that builds on available capacities and knowledge while taking justice concerns seriously. It is interested in contributing to the building of a more secure society through the generation of policy relevant knowledge on community security and safety. To this end, the Centre produces high quality studies on rules, regulatory mechanisms,

institutions and initiatives on security with a view to providing policy makers,



implementers and scholars with tools of reform.

The Centre also regularly hosts seminars and lectures that bring together distinguished speakers, policy makers, implementers and scholars on topical issues on security and justice.

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