

## CROSS-CULTURAL CONVERSATION III

### *JUDEX: HOPE FOR THE HOPEFUL AND THE HOPELESS*

#### INTRODUCTION

The third edition of the Interdisciplinary **Forum** for the study of **Jurisprudence and Value Inquiry** in the Non-Western World (JVI) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The third Conversation focused on *JUDEX: Hope for the Hopeful and the Hopeless*'

Veronica Strachan, University Secretary and Vice Principal of Corporate Services at RGU, was at the Moot Courtroom to thank the organizers for doing a very good job. Professor Emilios Christodoulidis FBA, University of Glasgow (Scotland), reviewed the Conversation and Professor Wahab Egbewole SAN, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin (Nigeria), was the guest author. John Clifford, event host and Dean of the Law School at RGU, was represented by David Christie, also of RGU. Linda Harper, a recent RGU LLM graduate who is a nurse by profession, moderated the Conversation.

In the host's welcome address, David Christie mentioned ongoing interactions at RGU with students from various countries and colleagues around the world, and stressed the significance of cultural perspectives in the Law School. The importance of cross-cultural thinking was emphasized. This provided an opportunity to reflect on the importance of understanding the philosophy of law and the role of cultural perspectives, recalling the impact of lectures by Professor Christine Lewis on Jewish studies. This requires that practitioners be aware of underlying legal principles and emphasises the need to understand the theory of law for practical implications. A welcome was then extended to the audience, showing excitement about the diversity of the audience, before concluding by saying that he looked forward to the upcoming discussions.

Linda Harper, the moderator, introduced Professor Wahab as the first presenter. She set the time limits and the rules of engagement for the Conversation.

### **KEY NOTES FROM THE GUEST SPEAKER'S CONVERSATION**

Professor Wahab discussed the trust of the judiciary and its role in society, highlighting the changes in society since 2000 and the impact on political questions. He then emphasized the need for a 'surgical operation' on the state and its affairs. He discussed challenges faced during the 2023 elections and the role of the judiciary in determining outcomes. He then advocated for leveraging technology for judicial activities, before concluding with an emphasis on the need for a change in perspective and orientation in the judiciary.

Linda invited Professor Emilios to respond.

### **KEY NOTES FROM THE REVIEWER'S COMMENTS**

Professor Emilios Christodoulidis commended Professor Wahab for the critical and ambitious paper. He raised questions on the placing of faith in the judiciary given corruption and the justiciability of social rights. He agreed with the author on the need for justiciability but introduced a distinction in certain cases.

The Convener, Dr. Femi Ilesanmi delivered the closing address. He encouraged the continuation of the conversation on the Facebook platform of the forum and personally thanked the guest speaker, reviewer, moderator, and organization team for a job well done. The next edition of the Conversation is scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 at 12.00.

Date	Topic	Presenters
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Wednesday 31 January (12-2pm)	CCC Title: “Recognizing the Value of the African Indigenous Knowledge System: The Case of Ubuntu and Restorative Justice. ”.	JVI Reviewer is Professor Francois du Bois (University of Leicester, England); and  Guest Author is Professor <b>Serges</b> Djoyou Kanga (University of the Free State, South Africa)
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## CONCLUSION

There were a lot of questions from members online and from members in the room. The JVI Forum continues to remain a medium for the advancement of cross-cultural dialogue in the field of jurisprudence. The conversation was interesting, engaging, thought-provoking and, overall, a great learning experience.

**Conversation Reporters:** Akinyele Olupitan, Blessing Oladele, and Titilayo Ogunsina

**Here is the link to the live coverage of the maiden conversation:**

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