

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### 9TH ELA ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

7 TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - VIA ZOOM (LIMITED DAILY SESSIONS)

# “(Re)configuring environmental law amidst COVID19”

As we compile this call for abstracts, South Africa and the world grapple with the unprecedented challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the immediate social, economic and environmental consequences thereof. There can be little doubt that as we emerge from this crisis, the foreseeability of future crises of this nature will be interrogated, and existing ways of doing business, governance structures and policy and legal responses scrutinised.

The 9th Annual Student Conference of the Environmental Law Association of South Africa is an opportunity for students who are presently engaged in research about environmental law and governance, or those who have recently completed such research to present papers. Student papers may address (i) the (re)configuration of environmental law amidst COVID-19, or (ii) the adequacy of the law in response to other critical environmental, social and economic challenges in the context of their own research.

All student researchers and others are welcome. Lecturers and lawyers practising in environmental law will be in attendance (physically or virtually) to offer feedback and guidance to students.

Participation will be online, via Zoom. Sessions will be spread out over the course of three days to avoid Zoom fatigue, and to maximize participation and engagement.

Abstracts of max. 300 words to be submitted by no later than **31 July 2020 to the ELA Secretariat:**  
[EnviroAssociationSA@gmail.com](mailto:EnviroAssociationSA@gmail.com)



Registration is free, students who are in need of financial assistance to participate in the conference may provide a detailed motivation for such support to the ELA Secretariat together with their abstract submission. The ELA has limited funding to support students and reserves the right not to provide such assistance. Zoom details will be provided on confirmation of registration, and once the programme has been finalised.