

**Special ILS Course****Belonging and the Law as Relational Praxis: Human Rights, Dignity and Belonging****Date: 07 May 2025****Time: 13:00-15:30****Venue: FZA Building, Rooms 007-008****Topic: Belonging and the Law as Relational Praxis: Human Rights, Dignity and Belonging****Description:**

Course Overview: As part of the Belonging and the Law as Relational Praxis conference (05–07 May 2025), the Chair of African Legal Studies at the University of Bayreuth offers special ILS course in the form of a structured workshop for participants to engage in critical reflection on law's role in shaping inclusion, identity, and belonging. The course shall be divided into two parts:

- First is the seminar session. The session is based on a workshop held on Wednesday, 07 May 2025 from 14:00-15:30 at the FZA building [Rooms 007-008]. The seminars will be based on pre-assigned readings categorized as Mandatory Readings and Complementary Readings. All participants are expected to complete the mandatory readings before the sessions.
- The second part is a reflection session at home. Participants will write a 1,500–2,000-word opinion paper on a contentious and timely topic related to law and belonging. The topic may be chosen freely but must address key themes of the conference - such as migration, indigenous sovereignty, environmental justice, or digital inclusion - and will require prior approval from the workshop coordinator. Submitted papers will be reviewed, and the best contributions will have the opportunity to be published on [africanlegalstudies.blog](http://africanlegalstudies.blog).

**Participation Criteria and Registration:**

Students must participate in both the seminar and submit the opinion paper. In any event, a possible absence has to be announced timeously through the coordinator. The courses amounts to 2 ECTS for the respective ILS elective module.

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All students may also participate in the other sessions of the Conference on "Belonging and the Law as Relational Praxis", in these sessions attendance is not required. The programme will be made available at <https://www.africanlegalstudies.uni-bayreuth.de/en/news/index.php> in due course.

**Links:**

e-learning: <https://elearning.uni-bayreuth.de/course/view.php?id=44236>

CMLife: <https://my.uni-bayreuth.de/cmlife/s/courses/Ly91YnRAY21jby9hcGkvY291cnNlcy8zNTk2Njg/overview>

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