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Nine Tenths of the Law: Property, dispossession and human rights in South Africa

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Property law is one of the most important sources from which spaces of social action are constructed and reshaped. It sets the terms on which people may access and exploit material goods. Through reforms to property law, South Africa is embarked on a fundamental re-imagining of those terms.

These important amendments to South African property law are reshaping social and economic relationships across a wide range of geographical and social contexts. They are driving social change.

Speaker

Stuart Wilson, Executive Director, Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI)

Stuart Wilson is the Executive Director of the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI). A practicing barrister at the Johannesburg Bar, he specialises in constitutional and administrative law. He is particularly well-known for his work on land and housing rights, and has argued several cases concerning the right to housing and protection from arbitrary eviction before South Africa's Constitutional Court and Supreme Court of Appeal. Stuart has his MA from Corpus Christi College, Oxford and his LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

Discussant

Dr Sarah Keenan, Lecturer in Law, Birkbeck University of London

Sarah Keenan completed her BA/LLB (Hons) at the Australian National University and her PhD at the University of Kent Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality. She has worked as the associate for Justice Margaret Wilson of the Supreme Court of Queensland and as a solicitor at Prisoners' Legal Service before coming to academia. Sarah has previously held academic posts at SOAS and the University of Oxford Brookes. Currently, Sarah's research is focused on the role of land title registration in the production of categories of race. She is the author of *Subversive Property: Law and the Production of Spaces of Belonging* (Routledge 2015).

Chair

Pilar Domingo, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

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