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Opportunities and Challenges of Ubuntu in the South African Land Reform Context



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INGA DYANTYI OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF LAWS IN 2017 AND SHE IS currently completing a Master of Laws degree at Stellenbosch University. Her research explores the opportunities and challenges that could result from the application of Ubuntu in the South African land reform context. From 2016 to 2018, she was the Project Manager of the Constitutional Literacy and Service Initiative. In 2018, she was both a Private Law Departmental Assistant and a Writing Consultant for the Stellenbosch University Law Faculty. Inga has worked at two prominent law clinics, namely the Legal Resources Centre and the ENS Pro Bono Office – that specialize in providing legal advice and legal representation to the marginalized and the poverty-stricken. Inga is currently a Candidate Attorney at Norton Rose Fulbright, and she is working towards qualifying as an advocate that specializes in public-interest matters upon the completion of her articles.

South Africa suffers from a racially-skewed unequal distribution of land. This pattern of access to land was facilitated by unjust policies in the colonial and apartheid eras. At the advent of democracy in 1994, the newly elected African National Congress government embarked on a land reform program that aimed at redressing colonial and apartheid era disposessions.

The land reform program in South Africa is three-fold, namely: land restitution, land redistribution and tenure reform. Inga's talk focuses on the failure of the state-led programs in providing equitable access to land for persons or communities who were dispossessed of property because of past racially discriminatory laws. It further investigates the possible opportunities and drawbacks that would result from the application of Ubuntu in the land reform program. Inga argues that, to be effective post-apartheid measures should be as multi-layered as the apartheid-era