

Lex-Informatica 2026

30-31 July 2026 (2 Day Hybrid Conference)

08:00 AM – 17:00 PM

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"Regulating Data Protection, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Intellectual Property (IP), Internet of Things (IoT) as well as contemporary E-Commerce and Social Media"



Day 2 Program

31 July 2026

Chaired by Prof. Sylvia Papadopoulos

08:00 – 08:30 AM

Arrival, Registration & Breakfast Refreshments

Participant registration and refreshments.

08:30 – 08:50 AM

Beyond Regulatory Silos: Rethinking Institutional Design for AI Governance

Conference Chair: Prof. Sylvia Papadopoulos
University of Pretoria

08:50 – 09:15 AM

AI & Data Protection, Reviewing AI Policy

Dr. Jabu Mtsweni
CSIR

09:15 – 09:40 AM

AI & Data Protection, Reviewing AI Policy

Advocate Stroom
Information Regulator

09:40 – 10:00 AM

Patents and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing In Africa: A Mirage?

Prof. Lonias Ndlovu
University of Venda

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Reviewing AI Policy

Prof. Sizwe Snail Ka Mtuze, Dr. Jabu Mtsweni & Advocate Stroom

10:30 – 10:50 AM

Tea / Coffee-Networking Break

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AI Hallucination and Human Headaches: Law in the age of underground intelligence

Azhar Aziz-Ismail, Andrea Campbell
Baker McKenzie, Microsoft

11:10 AM – 11:30 AM

Copyright infringement in cyberspace: Assessing the liability of internet service providers as host intermediaries

Adv. T Nyathi- LLM Candidate, University of Limpopo
Advocate SE Ngwane, Lecturer, University of Limpopo

11:30 – 11:50 AM

Trading privacy, not identity: image rights protection as the remedy social media law needs

Dr Nomalanga Mashinini
University of the Witwatersrand

11:50 AM – 12:10 PM

Navigating The Digital Frontier; Gaps in South African Cybersecurity Law and Policy

Ntoteng Sebapu,
University of Limpopo

12:10 – 12:30 PM

Intellectual Property and Digital Innovation

Mmaphuma C Mugivhi,
LLM candidate UWC

12:30 – 12:50 PM

How Indigenous Knowledge System And Artificial Intelligence Intersect- A Legal Perspective

Isack Molefe Nkwe
Snails Attorneys @ Law

12:50 – 13:00 PM

Panel Discussion & Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 PM

Networking Lunch

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14:00 – 14:20 PM

Rethinking legal pedagogy in the AI Era: Balancing technological advancements with human-centric skills development

Prof. Itumeleng C' Tshoose, University of Limpopo

14:20 – 14:40 PM

E-Commerce and digital platforms: disclosure and regulation of deepfake generative AI Technology.

Ms Fulufhelo Ramatsitsi
Director at Ramatsitsi Attorneys Inc

14:40 – 14:50 PM

The Ghost in the Tor: When Ai breaks the rules of data protection

Advocate Dennis Ramphomane and Delani Mthembu
AU AI Working Group

14:50 – 15:10 PM

Sharenting: Navigating The Conflict Between Parental Autonomy and the Best interests of the child

Orel Jean,
University of the Witwatersrand

15:10 – 15:30 PM

Tea / Coffee Refreshment Break

15:30 – 15:50 PM

AI, Cybersecurity and Data Protection

Prof. Sizwe Snail Ka Mtuze,
Snail Attorneys @Law

15:50 – 16:10 PM

Artificial Intelligence And The Law- Advancing The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Through Regulatory Governance And Legal Frameworks)

Lerulela Mashabela, University of Limpopo

16:10 – 16:30 PM

Harmonising Technologies Innovation with Environmental Governance: The Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Right to a Healthy Environment in South Africa

Ofentse Ledwaba, University of Limpopo

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Indigenous Knowledge Sovereignty: Protecting Ancestral Knowledge from AI Exploitation

Precious Ndlazi, LLM Candidate, University of Limpopo

16:50 – 17:00 PM

Closing Session