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Global Campus of Human Rights facilitates lectures on comparative perspectives of transitional justice

In the context of the Global Campus of Human Rights' Exchange of Lecturers, a representative of the Master's Programme in Human Rights & Democratisation in Africa (HRDA), Mr Tshepo Madlingozi, together with a representative of the European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (ERMA), Dr Iavor Rangelov, hosted joint lectures on the theme of **"Comparative Transitional Justice: Retributive and Restorative Approaches"** on 29 and 30 June 2017 at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, replicating the lecture in Sarajevo at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo on 16 and 17 May 2017.

The course examined transitional justice theories and practices from a comparative perspective. It started by introducing students to some of the central concepts and debates in the field, focusing in particular on the genealogy, mechanisms, and critiques of transitional justice. It then compared and contrasted two models of transitional justice – retributive and restorative – by drawing on the Balkans and South Africa as case studies. The aim was to provide students with understanding of the pros and cons of retributive and restorative justice from a human rights perspective and appreciation of the factors that constrain the pursuit of justice in negotiated transitions from war to peace and from repressive to democratic rule.

This activity aims at progressively putting in contact the academics of each programme, with the students and the curricula of the other Regional Master's programme. It envisages the exchange of one academic staff for each Regional Master, who shall teach a specific module and unit, short seminar and alike, prepared and offered to the intakes of another Regional Master during the academic year. These exchanges deepen the global understanding of human rights issues by students and advance the academic research and international collaborations.

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