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This volume contains contributions from seasoned and young academics dealing with the following issues: the developments in Dutch law regarding sexual morality, in particular pornography; the decision of the Kenyan High Court in relation to the nature of states' obligations to ensure access to medicines for their people; money laundering through an attorney's trust account (case note); derogation from constitutional rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights; Uganda's civil courts and the administration of military justice; criminal liability in cases of dangerous or irresponsible driving (case note); the potential for the Independent Police Investigative Directorate to be an effective oversight mechanism to ensure accountability in the South African Police Service; special interest councillors in the Zimbabwean new constitution; women's right to reproductive and sexual rights; Nigeria's counter-terrorism measures; land rights in rural Nigeria; poverty as injustice; the European Union model of regional integration and its relevancy to the Southern African Development Community; and the right to basic education in South Africa.

The special issue was edited by Dr Ebenezer Durojaye and Ms Gladys Mirugi-Mukundi of the Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape, and focuses on the application of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights by South African courts. The theme was inspired, informed and sought to acknowledge the consistent engagement of the Community Law Centre with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The articles in the special issue were based on papers presented at the Colloquium on "Application of the African Charter on Human and People Rights by South African Courts", convened by the Community Law Centre. These articles deal with the following issues: an overview of the challenges of the African human rights system; developments at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights; the right to adequate

housing in the African regional human rights system; the relevancy of the Robben Island Guidelines to South Africa; the relationship between international law and domestic law; the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the right to health; and the activities of two non-governmental organisations, the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa, in the protection of human rights through litigation. The Colloquium brought together scholars from across Africa, members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, advocates, judges, representatives from human rights institutions and other stakeholders to engage in a dialogue on various human rights themes. The Colloquium was funded by the Ford Foundation, South Africa.