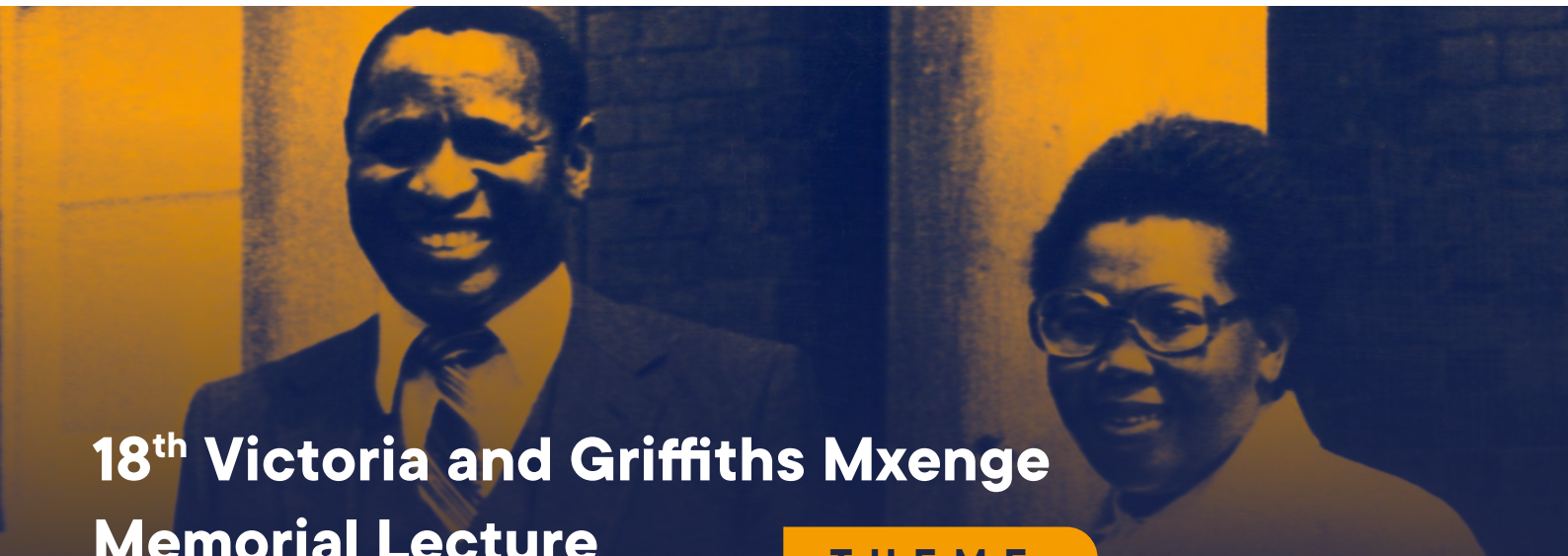
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18th Victoria and Griffiths Mxenge Memorial Lecture

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School of Law Student Awards Ceremony

THEME

The politics of transition and the unfinished business of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission

DATE: Thursday, 9 June 2022

TIME: 18h00 – 19h30

PLATFORM: Zoom CLICK HERE TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE



GUEST SPEAKER

MS YASMIN SOOKA

Chair: Board of the Foundation for Human Rights, South Africa
Chair: Commission on Human Rights, South Sudan
South African Human Rights Lawyer

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Ms Yasmin Sooka is a South African human rights lawyer and currently chairs the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, which was established by the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva to investigate serious crimes in South Sudan and collect and preserve evidence for future accountability efforts. The Commission has published three groundbreaking reports on Starvation as a war crime; Economic Crimes and more recently a report on Conflict-related sexual violence in South Sudan. She also chairs the Board of the Foundation for Human Rights in South Africa.

Sooka was appointed by President Nelson Mandela in 1995 to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a commissioner, where she served between 1995 and 2001.

She was appointed as one of three international Commissioners on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone by Mary Robinson. In 2011, Sooka served as advisor to Ban Ki Moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations as a member of the Panel of Experts advising him on Accountability for War Crimes in Sri Lanka. In 2015, she served on the Secretary General's Panel investigating Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by French Peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. She also served as a member of the High-level Advisory Group on the Global Review of Resolution 1325. She has advised many governments, the United Nations and civil society groups on transitional justice.

ABOUT THE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Victoria and Griffiths Mxenge Memorial Lecture is held annually by the School of Law to honour the memory of Victoria and Griffiths Mxenge and the important roles they played in the struggle to liberate South Africans from the shackles of apartheid.

The first of these lectures was delivered by Nobel Laureate and the late former President Nelson Mandela at the erstwhile University of Natal in 1992.

Griffiths Mxenge was a graduate of the Faculty of Law. He and his wife Victoria Mxenge were brutally murdered by the apartheid security police in 1981 and 1985 respectively.