

Invitation

UCT Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price, has pleasure in inviting you to the Inaugural Lecture of:

Professor Loretta Feris

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Topic: 'A Sense of Place: New frontiers for the law?'

Date: Wednesday, 08 October 2014

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building,
Middle Campus, University of Cape Town

Time: 17h30 - Guests to be seated by 17h15

RSVP: By 01 October 2014 for catering purposes

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The possibility of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the Karoo has encountered fierce opposition – this due to its threats to surface aquifer contamination, the possible introduction of persistent organic pollutants and the depletion of a non-renewable energy source. The discourse around it has, however, an elevated dimension: The Karoo is infused with symbolic meaning connected to culture, identity and the environment – it evokes a 'sense of place'. This lecture explores whether the concept of a sense of place, or place identity, can be infused with legal meaning and as such become a tool in the avoidance of undesirable development.

Loretta Feris is a professor at the Institute of Marine and Environmental Law within the University of Cape Town's Faculty of Law and holds the portfolio of director of research in the faculty. She holds a BA (Law), LLB and LLD from the University of Stellenbosch and a LLM from Georgetown University, USA. Feris is a law commissioner of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and has served on the executive committee of the South African Environmental Law Association.

