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Summary

Shepherd Mutsvara is a Ph.D. Candidate with the Pedagogical University of Krakow. His research project focuses on the effect of economic liberalization on refugee movements in Sub-Saharan Africa. It seeks to establish if economic liberalization has become a serious form of economic persecution which International Law should take into consideration in the adjudication of asylum claims.

Shepherd's research interests are; Asylum and Migration Law, Refugee Protection, Citizenship and Labour Migration Governance. He has the ability to work with international organizations, academic societies, and government bodies. Shepherd has expertise in legal drafting and has excellent communication skills. His experience as a teacher in southern Africa has cultivated his socio-legal research skills.

Education

2019 – 2023	PhD in Political Sciences	Pedagogical University, Krakow Supervisors: Prof. Joanna Bar (UP) Co-Supervisor: Prof. Ellen Desmet (Ghent)
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Doctoral thesis: 'Economic refugees: An analysis of persecution and displacement in the new global era'.

2015 – 2019	LL. M: Public International Law	University of London
2017 – 2018	Post Grad. Dip in Laws <i>Distinction</i>	University of London
2016 – 2017	Post Grad. Cert in Laws <i>Distinction</i>	University of London
2009 – 2013	LL. B: Bachelor of Laws	University of South Africa
1998 – 2000	Dip in Education	University of Zimbabwe

Professional experience (selected)

- Aug 2018 – Nov 2019 **Part-time Lecturer**
Management College of Southern Africa (MANCOSA), Teaching Academic Writing and Labour Law to Undergraduate students.
- Jan 2018 – Dec 2019 **Head of Department, F.E.T English Home Language**
St Christopher's' Private School, Teaching English Language to Gr.10-12.
- Jan 2015 – Dec 2017 **Nated Report 191 Lecturer.**
Academy of Training & Development, South Africa. Teaching N5 and N6 Public Law and Labour Law

Conferences

- Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law Emerging Scholars Network Annual Workshop 2019, *Economic Refugees: An analysis of persecution and displacement in the new global era*, 27 November 2019, Sydney, Australia. (video link from South Africa)
- "Neoliberalism: Deciphering the boundaries of poverty in southern Africa," Challenging Boundaries Claiming Rights Conference, Cape Town, Canon Collins Trust, 1-3 June 2018.
- "Democratic Violence: Legitimacy, Power and Injustice in Higher Education," Black Management Forum Conference, Grahamstown, Rhodes University, 21-23 March 2017.
- "Student Activism in Post-Apartheid Era: A curse of Self Flagellation?" Time for Academic Activism Conference, Cape Town, Canon Collins Trust, 3-5 June 2016.

Awards and Honours

- 2019 Ph.D. Scholarship, Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland.
- 2017 UN Volunteers Certificate of Appreciation for contributing towards Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2016 The Canon Collins Educational & Legal Assistance Trust (CCELAT Scholar) LL.M programme, University of London.
- 2015 Best Candidate in High Court Practice, South Africa Law Society, Bloemfontein, Practical Legal Training.
- 2015 Best Candidate in Constitutional Law, South Africa Law Society, Bloemfontein, Practical Legal Training.

Professional Membership

- April 2019 - Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law: Emerging Scholars Network Africa Research Group, member
- Oct. 2019 – Research Affiliate at Refugee Law Initiative.