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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**SECOND ANNUAL ANIMAL WELFARE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SEMINAR
PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL AFRICAN LAW AND HUMAN SECURITY
PROGRAMME, UWC (RALHUS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH LINCOLN LAW
SCHOOL, UK.**

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Bowman, Davies and Redgwell suggested that the intrinsic value of wildlife means that 'any sound ethical policy should additionally have regard to the extent to which individual organisms are permitted to flourish in accordance with their biological nature' and thus the expectation exists that a corpus of rules should have emerged for the protection of individual wildlife specimens (M. Bowman, P. Davies & C. Redgwell, *Lyster's International Wildlife Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), at p. 672.) In this vein they pointed to the "convergence upon a general principle of law" for the recognition of the concern for animal welfare as provided for in Article 38(1)(c) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice. A recent decision of the Constitutional Court of South Africa resonates with the views presented in Lyster's authoritative exposition as the court explained that the rationale behind protecting animal welfare has shifted from the safeguarding of the sensibilities of humans to "placing intrinsic value on animals as individuals" (*National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals v Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development* [2016] ZACC 46). The

Court explained that “constitutional values dictate a more caring attitude towards fellow humans, animals and the environment in general”. In the context of biodiversity, the court argued that “animal welfare and animal conservation together reflect two intertwined values” as the concern for individual animals strengthen environmental protection.

The forthcoming annual seminar will facilitate presentations on the relationship between wildlife welfare, the environment and values. Hence, we welcome abstracts (not exceeding 400 words) for oral presentations on the following topics:

- (i) Environmental constitutionalism and animal welfare**
- (ii) Conservation, welfare and biodiversity**
- (iii) Pluralist values and animal welfare**
- (iv) Animal rights and animal welfare: convergence or conflict?**

Kindly send your abstracts to wscholtz@uwc.ac.za and skasker@gmail.com before 15 June 2018.