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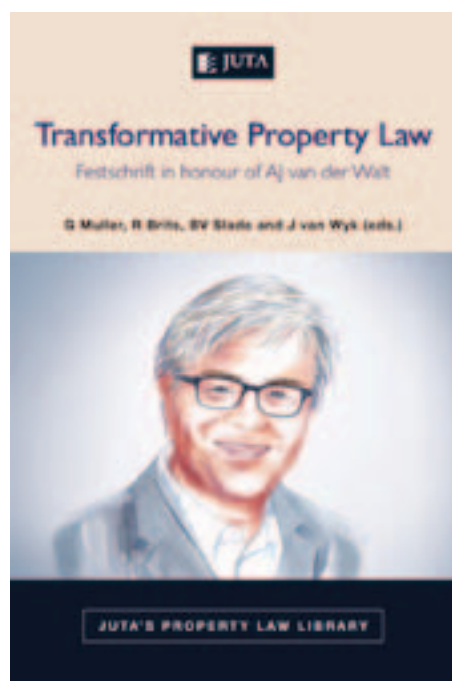
Transformative Property Law (Festschrift in honour of AJ van der Walt) by G Muller, R Brits, BV Slade and J van Wyk (eds).

Professor AJ van der Walt is a name synonymous with constitutional property law in South Africa. As Distinguished Professor in the Department of Public Law at Stellenbosch University and incumbent of the South African Research Chair in Property Law, his research into the role that the regulation of property plays in constitutional transformation in South Africa and in social justice more broadly is internationally recognised. In South Africa, his work has had significant influence on the development of property law in the constitutional dispensation, and the Constitutional Court has relied on his insights on numerous occasions. Prof van der Walt's passing on 5 November 2016 was met with great sadness — for a loved colleague, a respected researcher and a foremost legal academic.

The book, *Transformative Property Law*, authored and edited by his colleagues, former students and friends, honours Prof van der Walt's legacy through academic research on some of the themes closest to his heart.

The book consists of 20 essays by a combination of leading and rising scholars from South Africa, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Zimbabwe. The essays focus on the themes that Prof Van der Walt developed during the first 10 years of his occupancy of the "South African Research Chair in Property Law", namely:

- (a) the single system of law and subsidiarity principles;
- (b) the marginality principle;
- (c) the development of the common law of property;
- (d) constitutional property law; and
- (e) property theory.



As Prof van der Walt noted: "property must reflect, and must be accountable to, the fundamental choices we have made in favour of living in a democracy characterised by dignity and equality". *Transformative Property Law* unpacks the role that the legal regulation of property plays in achieving these constitutional aims.

An interesting and informative read — each contribution addressing the topic from a unique angle — *Transformative Property Law* is recommended for all those interested in the constitutional development of property law in South Africa. The topics covered in the book are on the forefront of global thinking on property law, and provide insight into issues relevant both to legal cases before the courts, and to how we as a country think about property rights in a 21st century constitutional democracy. [A](#)

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