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I am a Senior Lecturer in the Law Department of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in South Africa. My passion in the field of law is Constitutional Law, with specific focus on Human Rights Law. As I live in a country where a large part of the population lives in abject poverty, I enjoy doing research on how the implementation of socio-economic rights conferred by the South African Constitution can alleviate, and eventually eradicate poverty and improve the living standards of the people in the country. I believe that the lessons we learn in South Africa is very relevant to the international community, as many of the challenges we face in South Africa are also challenges faced by the majority of other developing countries, as well as the developing parts of first world countries. By researching relevant issues and publishing and presenting on these issues the international community can work together to find solutions for specific challenges, especially those of a universal nature.

I am in the fortunate position that I am living my dream as a lecturer. I lecture at the Mbombela Campus of TUT. The majority of my students are groundbreakers in their communities, as they are very often the first person in the community pursuing a professional career through tertiary education. I therefore have the opportunity to play a small part in the development of my beautiful country and its people.