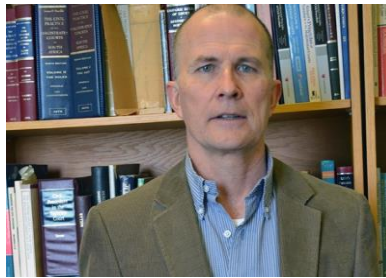

SEMINAR CELEBRATES 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAGNA CARTA



Mr David Hulme.

The School of Law held a seminar titled: "The Magna Carta - The Birth and Development of Parliament", in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

The seminar was presented by Law Academic, Mr David Hulme, who explained in detail the history behind the Magna Carta and the significant role it played in the development of the constitution in England 800 years ago.

'It is very important for lawyers to know about the Magna Carta as it was very important in the development of legal concepts in England and for the role it played in reducing the powers of the kings. The Magna Carta is one of the world's most famous documents being vital to the development of parliament and the constitution,' explained Hulme.

The Lecture created an opportunity for the audience to share their views about the dynamics of the document and how it relates to the state of South Africa's parliament today.

Second year Law student, Ms Raquel Mack, said the lecture had been very educational as it shed light on most of the concepts they were learning about in class.

'It was interesting to hear about how the constitution was formed all those years ago and how our constitution is based on the amalgamation of the British and United States constitutions. Without the Magna Carta we would not have the constitution, so it is a very important document,' said Mack.