

Nobel Prize Laureate (Literature) – 2021: Abdulrazak Gurnah & UDSol

On 7th October 2021, the Nobel Peace Prize Committee declared Prof. Abdulrazak Gurnah of Zanzibar, Tanzania the Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature 2021. This is wonderful news!

Two years ago, in recognition of the contribution of Prof. Gurnah in the literary world, *The Zanzibar Yearbook of Law* (ZYBL) in Volume 9 of 2019 published reviews of his latest work titled *Afterlives* published by Bloomsbury of the United Kingdom. The publication of the reviews is an indication of the fore-sightedness of the Journal. (See attachment).

We whole-heartedly congratulate Prof. Gurnah for this great achievement - as the **fifth African** to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature (after Wole Soyinka of Nigeria in 1986; Naguib Mahfouz of Egypt in 1988; Nadine Gordimer of South Africa in 1991; and J.M. Coetzee of South Africa in 2003).

NB:

Prof. Gurnah is a friend of the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre (ZLSC) and has, on a number of occasions, delivered lectures at the Centre - (originally at the invitation of the founding Chair of the Centre the late Prof. Haroub Othman).

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