

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



23 – 25 JUNE 2016

**VENUE: RIVERSIDE SUN HOTEL,
VANDERBIJLPARK, SOUTH AFRICA**

**HOST: NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY
VAAL TRIANGLE CAMPUS**

CONFERENCE THEME

Bridging the disciplinary divide: New routes to understanding the South African past?

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Are there different routes to comprehending the South African past?

To what extent are the conventional practices in historical research relevant to our understanding of the complex past issues facing South African society? And, how do we engage with those views in the present and the future?

Is it not time for historians of culture, society, identity, politics, economics, philosophy, the environment, warfare and the self, to collectively engage in discussion? Would it not also be worth engaging with intellectual historians and historians of science?

Collaboratively they may be in a favourable position to deliberate with historically engaged scholars in fields related, or far distant, from historical studies.

Is there a need for historians to move out of their comfort zone? Or does the discipline have sufficient resilience to stand the test of time and still prove itself useful in the era of 21st century

globalisation, increasing communication, social networking and virtual (spatial) and temporal consciousness.

How does history stand up to the test of time in comprehending contemporary challenges of real-time change and the demand of society for providing an account of how we have reached the point we are at in the present?

Historians, as well as specialists in a variety of related study fields are constantly faced with reframing the past to provide lucid insights on the present and the future.

A salient theme of the conference is to contemplate strategies to engage with new and different views of the past.

It would also be worthwhile securing participation from non-historians working in disciplines, foreign to history.

A critical engagement could lead to new insights and potential collaboration that could lead to bridging the disciplinary divide.

Above all, for those adventurous spirits who would like to experiment in the field of history, there should be an opportunity to share their views.

The conference is, above all, an opportunity for historians who specialise in multi-faceted and varied fields of South Africa's past to continue their deliberations and engagement in an atmosphere conducive to fine academic discourse.

DETAILS OF CONFERENCE

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops, interactive sessions, posters/exhibitions are invited to the 2016 HASA conference.

Apart from the leading question posed the conference will address a range of critically important themes in the various history related fields.

The purpose of the conference is to attract scholars and researchers from a variety of disciplines and to bring together a cohort of established and emerging researchers in one assembly to deliberate on topics related to the theme and sub-themes.

AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE

The aims of the conference include:

- continue with discussions in all the relevant fields of South African history currently under investigation;
- establishing a platform for constructive academic deliberation on the South African past, present and future;
- opening up collaborative fields of scholarly discussion and contemplation across disciplines;
- accommodating specialists in a variety of specialised areas of historical studies to share their insights on subject matters;
- creating an environment for collaborative engagement between young and experienced scholars;
- promote the objectives of the Historical Association of South Africa that aim at promoting the constructive pursuit of history in all its diversity

SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

Sub-themes include, but are not confined to the following areas, related to the history of South Africa in the fields of:

Multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary research

Social history

Contemporary history

Family history/genealogy

Environmental history

Intellectual history

History of Science

Cultural history

Water history

Military history

Theory of history

Philosophy of history

Methodology of history

ABSTRACTS

Guidelines and instructions:

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to Petra Lawson at conferencepl@gmail.com on the prescribed form.

Acknowledgement of receipt of all abstracts:

Within three working days of the abstract having been successfully submitted, an email will be sent to the presenting author(s) to acknowledge receipt. The author will also be provided with an abstract number that should be stated in all further correspondence.

All abstracts will be adjudicated.

A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

POST CONFERENCE TOUR

Option 1. A water history tour of the Vaal Dam, Barrage and Rand Water

Option 2. Visit the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site

IMPORTANT DATES

Final date for submission of abstracts:	2 February 2016
Notification of acceptance of abstracts:	8 March 2016
Closing date for registration:	26 April 2016
Closing date for payment (submit proof of payment):	26 May 2016

REGISTRATION

Academic Scholars: ZAR2400.00

Registered Postgraduate Students: ZAR1900.00

One day attendance: ZAR1500.00

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

Complete the delegate registration form and forward it to Petra Lawson. An official invoice will subsequently be e-mailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

Please fax/e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer, to Ms Petra Lawson at:

Fax no.: +27 (0)86 541 1173

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ENQUIRIES

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ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Please Take Note:

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. HASA is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

Accommodation is available at the venue: Riverside Sun Hotel, on the banks of the Vaal River Barrage, Corner Wenning & Emfuleni Drive, Vanderbijlpark.

Tel: 016 682 7322

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Special accommodation fees:

R1300.00 per single person (B&B)

R1450.00 2 people sharing (B&B) [Need to book and pay at the same time]

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

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