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Conference Programme

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Tuesday 27 June

DAY 1 | Morning programme

Time	Eden Red	Eden Blue	Seminar 1
08:30	Apartheid Studies: Wasserman, J. “Kragspel / Powerplay” and the Coert Steynberg sculpture commissioned by Eskom. *Chair: Paterson, C*	Films: Binedell, J - The Umgeni River: More Than Water *Chair: Mbinda, Z*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Soldaat, M. THE LANGUAGE BELONGS IN THE BARRACKS, A FIERCE RESPONSE BY WHITE AFRIKANERS TOWARDS THE MILITARY JARGON USED IN THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS. *Chair: Zacharellis, E*
09:00	Apartheid Studies: Clarke, B. Against a Common Enemy: Perceived Deviance and the Alliance between Religion, Race, and Science in Apartheid South Africa *Chair: Paterson, C*	Films: Binedell, J - The Umgeni River: More Than Water *Chair: Mbinda, Z*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Gaseitsiwe, I. Towards an Africological Historiography of Batswana Indigenous health practitioners in South Africa. *Chair: Zacharellis, E*
09:30	Apartheid Studies: Dlanga, T. South Africa’s post-apartheid liberation historiography and history: The precarious tumble from Public history to Patriotic history. *Chair: Paterson, C*	Films: Mogoboya, M - Portraits of Perseverance. *Chair: Mbinda, Z*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Kirkaldy, A. Something New, Something Old: Accounts of Vhuloi, U Via Vhatu and Witch-Hunting in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Vendaland. *Chair: Zacharellis, E*
10:00	Apartheid Studies: Michel, E. "“Since we can’t now bet on a winner, we should be hedging our bets and buying time.” President John F. Kennedy, domestic racial equality and apartheid South Africa in the early 1960s" *Chair: Paterson, C*	Films: Mogoboya, M - Portraits of Perseverance. *Chair: Mbinda, Z*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Letutla, P. Media representations of mental health challenges related to African men in post-apartheid South Africa. *Chair: Zacharellis, E*
10:30	Apartheid Studies: Naicker, V. The Necropolitical Violence of the Township: Interrogating Racialised Trauma in Colonial and Apartheid South Africa *Chair: Paterson, C*	Wash, Q - Dissecting Dishonored: The Historical World of Videogames *Chair: Mbinda, Z*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: McDermid, L. THE SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM: NATIONALIST IDEOLOGIES & POST-APARTHEID CURRICULA REFORMS, 1998-2007. *Chair: Zacharellis, E*
11:00	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea

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11:45	Keynote Address - Nasson,B and de Jager, M. The Art of History. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*		
12:45	Presidential Address - Harris, K. Pushing the Envelope Down turns, Wrong directions and Additional avenues *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*		
13:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:30	Apartheid Studies: Ngidi, M. “Mob” resistance to apartheid regime: oral and newspaper perspectives on police killings in Cato Manor, Durban, 1960. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Hallowes-Welman, L. Sanitation Syndrome and Cemeteries: The Old Criminal and Pauper’s Cemetery in Colonial Gqeberha. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Mkhomi, S. Cadre deployment: Unfair labour trajectory in public schools. *Chair: Madimu, T.*
15:00	Apartheid Studies: McGregor-Langley, R. The Absence of News in the News: The African Mirror Newsreel and information dissemination, 1969 -1977. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Hufschmidt, M. Decolonizing a Mission Hospital. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Mukonde, K, T. Censorship of African Theatre in the Age of Apartheid, 1980–1990. *Chair: Madimu, T.*
15:30	Apartheid Studies: Schnell, R. The person behind the person: uncovering Mendel Levin *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Masakure, C. ‘The Silicosis set-up? The Politics of Silicosis in Southern Rhodesia’. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Letsoho, N, C. Gentrification and displacements from the 1980s until the present: A study of inner-city Johannesburg. *Chair: Madimu, T.*
16:00	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea

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16:30	Apartheid Studies: Soldaat, M, Twala, C. The liberation struggle and the role of children against apartheid: The case of a Masupatsela of Walter Sisulu *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Mbinda, Z. Umsebenzi Wabafazi (The work of women): A critical history of African women nurses' reproductive lives, their sexuality, fertility experiences and knowledge, 1960 to 2010. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Sibawu, N, Ramaite, K. Undocumented Migrants in South Africa: Does it Matter? *Chair: Madimu, T.*
17:00	Apartheid Studies: Waggie, A. "Come Home Baby", African American artists touring South Africa in the midst of the Soweto Uprising, 1976-1977." *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Mlombo, A, Nyamunda, T. Covid-19 Regulations and Zimbabwean Cross Border Movements: Transnationality at Pretoria Central Station and the Beitridge Border. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: Conradie, S. More than money: the Chinese Lesotho community (1966 - 2022). *Chair: Madimu, T.*
17:30	Apartheid Studies: Daries, A,S. Volkekunde, Vestiges and Dissident Pasts: The Rise and Shredding of Volkekunde at the University of the Western Cape, 1970-1989. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A*	Medical: Mpondi, D. Migration and the transnational effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in Southern Africa: Reflections on Zimbabwe and South Africa. *Chair: Harris, K*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: van der Walt, J. Negotiations of Whiteness: All Lives Matter and the The Spectre of Racialism in Nonracial Discourse in post-Apartheid South Africa. *Chair: Madimu, T.*
18:00	Exhibition (Cory Library): de Jager, M. History (TBC): Refocusing the South African War.		

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Time	Eden Red	Eden Blue	Seminar 1
08:30	Tourism: Bester, D, E. On Track: The history of railway tourism in South(ern) Africa. *Chair: Kirkaldy,A*	Zimbabwean Studies: Bold, C. The Significance of Cecil John Rhodes' Grave in the Matopo Hills in Zimbabwe. *Chair: Madimu, T.*	Contemporary Southern African Studies: van Soelen, K, Whelan, D. Making Dialogues and New Connections: Connecting Historical and Contemporary Public Space in Langa, Cape Town. *Chair: Mbinda, Z.*
09:00	Tourism: Osunde, U, O. A HISTORY OF THE NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL TOURISM GOVERNANCE SYSTEM 1962 – 2006 *Chair: Kirkaldy,A*	Zimbabwean Studies: Berry, B. STAMPING THE COLONIAL STAMP: A HISTORY OF RHODESIAN IDENTITY AS VIEWED THROUGH PHILATELY *Chair: Madimu, T.*	Environmental: Madi, T. 'A history of Urban Tree Planting in Johannesburg during the 20th Century.' *Chair: Mbinda, Z.*
09:30	Sport: Catsam, D, C. "Wrestling With Apartheid: Sport, Coca-Cola, and the Anti-Apartheid Movement at Oregon State University". *Chair: Kirkaldy,A*	Zimbabwean Studies: Dande, I. Stray dogs and the more-than-human Zimbabwean past. *Chair: Madimu, T.*	Environmental: Uys, M. Private trading and animal profit: A history of Alwin Haagner's directorship and departure from South Africa's National Zoological Garden, c.1916-1926. *Chair: Mbinda, Z.*
10:00	Sport: Lotter, D. Uppercut or undercut? Sports media, boxing and masculine identity in South Africa during the 1950s. *Chair: Kirkaldy,A*	Zimbabwean Studies: Shaba, J. Marginality in the margins: Women, Labor and the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining economy in Mazowe, Zimbabwe, c. 1990 to 2021. *Chair: Madimu, T.*	Panel Discussion: Henkes, B, Koorts, L. On the implicatedness of historical subjects & historians themselves in the history of repressive regimes. *Chair: Mbinda, Z.*
10:30	Sport: Zacharellis, E, R. Blood, Sweat and Sand: Competitive fighting in Ancient Greece. *Chair: Kirkaldy,A*	Zimbabwean Studies: Mashingauta, A. "Maize rations alone are not sustainable": The State, Private Millers and Grain Marketing in Zimbabwe 1980-2017. *Chair: Madimu, T.*	Panel Discussion: Henkes, B, Koorts, L. On the implicatedness of historical subjects & historians themselves in the history of repressive regimes. *Chair: Mbinda, Z.*
11:00	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea - HASA Executive Meeting

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11:45	Archives: Cox, W. Pioneering archivists: women in twentieth century South Africa: MK Jeffreys and JH Davies *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Zimbabwean Studies: Mlombo, A. The Cost of Union: Smuts and the Price for the Rhodesian 'Province'. *Chair: Paterson, C.*	
12:15	Archives: Harris, K, L. Teaching History using Alternate Archive Avenues. *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Zimbabwean Studies: Muguti, T. "The Natural Thing?" A History of Zimbabwe's Trade Relations with Zambia, c. 1980 – 1991. *Chair: Paterson, C.*	
12:45	Archives: Henkes, B , van der Westhuizen, C. Absent Presences in the Zuid-Afrikahuis, Amsterdam. *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Zimbabwean Studies: Nkomo, L. The Edgar Tekere Shooting Incident: The Practice of Politics and the Meanings of Independence in Zimbabwe, 1980-1982. *Chair: Paterson, C.*	
13:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:30	Archives: James, S. The Archiving and Remaking of Memory Project. *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Zimbabwean Studies: Madimu, T. Access" to money in a de facto multi-currency system, Zimbabwe, 2006 to 2009. *Chair: Paterson, C.*	
15:00	Archives: Msweli, Q, Gumede, S. Decolonizing Museums: Addressing the Historical Erasure of marginalised communities in displays. *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Historia Journal Presentation	
15:30	Archives: Smith, E, T. The ANC liberation movement archive: Accident of history or prescient achievement? *Chair: Maylam, P.*	Historia Journal Presentation	
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DAY 3 | Morning programme

Time	Eden Red	Eden Blue	Seminar 1
08:30	Colonial Studies: Crous, B. "Entirely free and at liberty to engage their services as they may think fit?"-The end of apprenticeships and Liberated African mobility in the Cape colony c. 1822-1834. *Chair: Strydom, B.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Bester, D, E. Barriers to (be) longing: Reflecting on the author's identity as a 'Coloured' woman *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Botes, J, Chernis, L, Devenish, A, Sonjani, B. Wearing Pride: Queer Activist T-shirts from the 1980s to present. *Chair: Mahlo, M.*
09:00	Colonial Studies: Whelan, D. Negotiating positions: the succession battles of Lugagu kaMatomela in 19th century Natal. *Chair: Strydom, B.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Funde, U. 'Manning' the braai: Tracing the gendering of the braai in public discourse. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	Sport: de Wet, W. The Long and Winding Road: South Africa's Journey to Full Status on the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), 1906-1958. *Chair: Mahlo, M.*
09:30	Colonial Studies: Mouton, D, J. Tommy Atkins' 'forgotten war': neglected sources and the little-explored experiences of the British soldier during the South African War (1899–1902). *Chair: Strydom, B.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Gadama, R, G. Gender inequality in institution of higher Education in Malawi Persists. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	
10:00	Colonial Studies: Jere, Q. Mfecane 200 and the development and governance of Mombela Kingdom. *Chair: Strydom, B.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Vuma, K, O. 'Affirming Gender: The Historical Development of Gender Dysphoria in South Africa. (1994-2013)'. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	
10:30	Colonial Studies: Paterson, C. A Very Distant Enemy: The Case of John Bedrick's 'Surrender' in South Africa, 1914-1919. *Chair: Strydom, B.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Kotze, E, Smit, L. "Bearded men singing psalms": The role and work of three DRC Chaplains in the South African War (1899-1902). *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	
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11:45	Colonial Studies: Steyn, L. A Goan in Simon's Town: Joseph Francis Mirando and the Royal Navy. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Mahlo, M. The Berlin Mission Society and Ethnicity, 1845 -1930. *Chair: Mbinda, M*	
12:15	Colonial Studies: Strydom, B. Too republican and too liberal: Edgar Brookes and the University of Pretoria (1923-1933). *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	Identity and Queer Studies: van der Westhuizen, C. Lesbian Dis/Appearances: Epistemic Violence against Internal Dissidents in the Formation of Afrikaner Identity. *Chair: Mbinda, M*	
12:45	Colonial Studies: Tembo, A. Trends in European Immigration in Colonial Zambia, 1890-1953. *Chair: Kirkaldy, A.*	Identity and Queer Studies: Verkerk, D. Changing representations of the volksmoeder trope circa 1930s - 2000s in selected films on the South African War. *Chair: Mbinda, M*	
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