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EARLY CAREER WRITING WORKSHOP
PROGRAMME

29 & 30 June and 1 July 2021

Online via Zoom

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29 June 2021
Public Lectures: Session 1

Register here for Public Lectures Session 1:

https://unibas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9-kOdBhSjCfLM-uM0yB9A

Chair: Napandulwe Shiweda (University of Namibia)

10:00 Welcome

10.10 The JSAS/UNAM/ZASB Early Career Writing Workshop and the Pandemic
Marion Wallace (*Journal of Southern African Studies*)

WORKSHOP TASTER: PAPER PRESENTATIONS – Part 1

In addition to the public lectures, the Early Career Writing Workshop has provided mentoring for a small group of applicants whose papers were accepted through an open application process. In this session, participants in the workshop will briefly discuss their research.

10.20 The Effects of the Integration of North-central Namibia into the Colonial Economy through Transport Infrastructure, 1915–1954

Lovisa Nampala

10.30 Cinema Desegregation and the Fall of a Drive-in 'Berlin Wall'

Fernanda Pinto de Almeida (University of the Western Cape)

10.40 Q&A

THE PUBLISHERS' VIEW – Part 1

10.50 Advice from Taylor and Francis

Madeleine Heming Markey (Routledge, Taylor and Francis)

Taylor & Francis are the publishers of the *Journal of Southern African Studies*. This talk will explain how to write effective abstracts and titles. Madeleine will also touch briefly on what you need to know about copyright, maximising the reach of your research, what is happening with Open Access, and how to identify legitimate venues for publishing your research.

11.20 Break

11.30 Advice from UNAM Press

Jill Kinahan and Annapaula Vakamuena (UNAM Press)

The University of Namibia Press publishes scholarly books of international standard on topics of relevance to Namibia and the Southern African region. UNAM Press encourages Namibian writers and academics to submit their work to build up a body of local Namibian research and literature. This talk presents tips gained from working with a large number of manuscripts from inexperienced Namibian writers and developing these to publication standard.

12.00 Publishers' Panel Q&A

A chance to put questions to both publishers

12.30 Chair's thanks and summing up

12.35 Close

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30 June 2021

Public Lectures: Session 2

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Chair: Veit Arlt (Centre of African Studies, University of Basel)

14.00 Welcome

14.10 THE EXPERIENCE OF PUBLISHING IN THE *JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN STUDIES*

Sishuwa Sishuwa (University of Zambia and University of Cape Town)

The speaker was a participant in the *JSAS*/University of Malawi Early Career Writing Workshop in 2018.

14:30 Q&A

THE PUBLISHERS' VIEW – Part 2

14.40 'Advice from the *Journal of Southern African Studies*'

Dennis Walder (*Journal of Southern African Studies*)

This session will explain how the peer review process works, and what *JSAS* is looking for in an article. The speaker is a *JSAS* Editor.

15:00 Q&A

15:15 Break

15:30 SOURCING AND HANDLING INFORMATION (1)

Werner Hillebrecht (National Archives of Namibia)

This talk will cover libraries, archives and digital sources of information in Namibia and elsewhere, as well as archival referencing.

15:50 SOURCING AND HANDLING INFORMATION (2)

Marja Hinfelaar (Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR))

This talk will look at various aspects of information-handling, including data collection; relationships with supervisors and co-investigators/co-authors; plagiarism; and bibliographic referencing.

16:10 Sourcing and Handling Information Q&A

A chance to put questions to both speakers.

16:40 Chair's summing up

16.45 Close

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30 June 2021
Keynote Lecture:
Approaching Land Reform in South Africa

18:00-19:30

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Register here for the keynote:

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Chair: Professor Martin Hipondoka (Department of Geography, History and Environmental Studies, University of Namibia)

Speaker: Professor William Beinart (St Antony's College, University of Oxford)

Discussant: Phanuel Kapaama (Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Namibia)

How should land reform be handled in the post-apartheid era? Professor Beinart will discuss what is happening on the ground in South Africa, and suggest how this research should inform policy. He will also reference the history of land reform in Zimbabwe. Phanuel Kapaama will draw out comparisons with the Namibian situation.

This talk offers a pragmatic approach to land reform that prioritises production and rural livelihoods, as well as facilitating deracialisation with gradual redistribution. The speaker will analyse recent changes both in large-scale commercial agriculture and smallholder production in South Africa, in order to argue that a fast track approach focused on smallholders would likely have a significant impact on reducing production and broader economic growth. There are pockets of smallholder dynamism and the state should work more effectively with these.

Evidence also points to successful partnerships between commodity groups, commercial farmers, state and smallholders. These are a particularly promising route, with the emphasis on projects rather than percentages of land transferred. Agricultural production, as well as the employment and income that is promised from land reform, requires investment, knowledge transfers and intensification. Property rights and certainty are also significant, and expropriation without compensation would be likely to militate against satisfactory outcomes. There is already a good deal of land available in South Africa, land acquisition budgets have not always been fully spent, small additional budgetary allocations could provide significant new areas, and land itself is not the major cost of land reform.

Some comparisons will be made with Zimbabwe, where a technocratic land reform up to 1997, transferring nearly 30 per cent of commercial farms, was relatively successful. Subsequent fast track has had major costs, even though the production of maize (in the best years) and tobacco has now returned to levels in the 1990s.

A central element of this approach is also that provision of secure land and housing in urban and peri-urban areas is a priority in land reform. Rural and urban contexts should be considered within the same field of analysis. The major movement of people is still to towns and cities and the major demand for land is there. Progress on all of these fronts will help to leverage private sector finance, knowledge and support, but will also require increased expenditure, organisation and capacity on the part of the state.

1 July 2021

Public Lectures: Session 3

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Chair: Martha Akawa (University of Namibia)

10:00 Welcome

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10:10 'A Country Can Only Have a Foreign Policy it Can Afford': South Africa's Economic Reaction to Zimbabwe's Independence, 1980–82

Lotti Nkomo (University of the Free State)

10:20 Land as Material and Metaphor for Climate Change in Contemporary South African Art

Sindi-Leigh McBride (University of Basel)

10:30 Q&A

10:40 LITERATURE AND STRUCTURE

Sara Rich Dorman (*Journal of Southern African Studies*)

How to handle your literature review and conceptual framework, and how to write a convincing introduction and conclusion. The speaker is Senior Editor for *JSAS*.

11:00 Q&A

11:10 Break

WORKSHOP TASTER: PAPER PRESENTATIONS – Part 3

Another instalment of discussion of the Early Career Writing Workshop participants' research.

11:20 Rehobothers: Searching for Political Autonomy and Cultural Identity in Post-independence Namibia

Christian Harris (University of Namibia)

11:30 'Armed with Faith': Pentecostal Power, Migrants' Belonging and Entrepreneurship in Harare, Zimbabwe

Rufaro Mushonga

11:40 Q&A

11:50 WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS

Helena Perez-Nino (University of Cambridge)

Translating research interests into compelling applications requires learning to convey your ideas in ways that appeal to research councils and funding bodies. We

will discuss the logic behind transforming research ideas into robust proposals and touch on some key issues, such as operationalization, impact, and yes... budget lines!

12:10 Q&A

12:20 Workshop close and summing up on behalf of the partners

Sara Rich Dorman (Senior Editor, *Journal of Southern African Studies*)

Dag Henrichsen (Basler Afrika Bibliographien and University of Basel)

Ellen Namhila (Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Namibia)

12:35 Final remarks from the Chair and Workshop Organisers

12:45 Workshop close

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