



ZIMBABWE HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION (ZHA)



Promoting Historical Research and Critical Scholarship Within and Outside Zimbabwe

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ZIMBABWE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

2019

Dates: 31 July – 2 August, 2019

Venue: Midlands State University, Zvishavane Campus

THEME

TRIUMPHS, TRAGEDIES, AND NEW TRAJECTORIES: RETHINKING ZIMBABWEAN HISTORY(IES)

Call for abstracts

The Zimbabwe Historical Association (ZHA) Fifth Annual Conference comes at a time when Zimbabwe has experienced a lot of social, economic and political turns, especially in urban spaces. Undeniably, urban life since colonial times has been characterised by a series of tragedies and triumphs. But, what new trajectories and narratives have emerged over time? Politicians, clergymen, news reporters, blog writers, musicians have all expressed their view in various ways, capturing what has happened in urban Zimbabwe for decades. The non-urban spaces, too, have also been sites of shifts and turns on various frontiers including the political and economic. Most of these have escaped the scrutiny of mainstream media and even scholarship. ZHA's next conference seeks to provide a platform on which academics can explore the dynamics of Zimbabwe's complex histories. Questions arise regarding the extent to which historical events and processes have led to new trajectories, (im)possibilities and prospects. It is around this very broad framing that the Fifth Annual Conference of the Zimbabwe Historical Association seeks to, once again, bring together stakeholders in historical studies to deliberate on various issues that feed into the conference's broad theme.

Proposed Themes

New histories? On research methods and theories in Zimbabwean histories.

Governance and service delivery (education, health, transport etc).

Poverty and inequality in cities.

Climate change and environmental history.

Music, cinema and urban life.

Social media and the (un)making of history.

Military transitions, and democracy in Zimbabwe.

Race, Ethnicity and politics in Zimbabwe.

Gender in Zimbabwean history: challenges, and new (im)possibilities.

Liberation war histories, 'urban' and 'rural' problems, and futures.

Urbanscapes, and the politics of space (re)production.

Belonging, identity and everyday life .

Waiting, protests and futures.

Violence, Inquires and Reconciliation(s).

Student activism, and the University(ies).

Rethinking the University: What needs to be done? (Structures, Teaching and Approaches).

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts, of not more than 250 words, and short bio (less than 100 words) should be sent to the Conference Planning Committee to the emails below:

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Please remember to include contact information. Papers will be delivered in English. It is envisaged that good papers will be published as part of a peer reviewed book project.

Submission deadline: **01 April 2019.**

Conference Registration fees: \$40 members, \$60 non-members, \$15 undergraduate students.

N/B Members are reminded to pay their annual subscriptions of USD\$15/\$Z45 for senior members, and USD7/Z\$20 for students. The conference registration fees will only cover teas and lunch.

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