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Ancestor Day celebrations 8 May 2025 Ancestors, Memory and Democracy

ABSTRACT
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Free State calls for conference papers in celebration of the annual Ancestor Day (8 May 2025) and the 2025 theme is Ancestor, Memory and Democracy.

In celebrating our Ancestor Day, we look back to the heroic/heroine contributions of our ancestors and elders. As Africa strives to carve out its own identity vis-a-vis western cultural imperialism, their contributions and memory are a fountain from which we draw lessons regarding Afro-leadership style, governance, African spirituality, African family/cultural values, and African healthcare practices.

This year's theme comes timely given the urgent need to redefine our own values and democratic systems. Hence, the questions -who are we and what kind of public institutions do we inspire -these questions cannot be fully answered without drawing and drinking from our own wells or oasis.

CONFERENCE THEMES:

- *Imperialism and cultural hegemony*
- *Imperialism and economic hegemony*
- *Chieftaincy and afro-leadership style*
- *Land, governance and livelihood*
- *African spirituality*
- *Infrastructure and public institution*

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