

## ISG NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

Much of this first newsletter of the new year turns on the promotions, awards, and achievements of past and present members of our Group. It is an astonishing record of international excellence.

Congratulations to **Dr Clement Masakure** on his promotion to Associate Professor; to **Dr Lazlo Passemiers** and **Dr Victor Gwande** on their Visiting Fellowships respectively at the University of Michigan and the University of Glasgow (where the former is currently enduring freezing weather and the latter a Scottish winter!); to **Dr Innocent Dande** braving the cold at the University of Munich where he holds a Fellowship in the Rachel Carson Centre for Environment and Society's Landhaus Programme ([https://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/staff\\_fellows/rcc\\_fellows/innocent-dande/index.html](https://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/staff_fellows/rcc_fellows/innocent-dande/index.html)); and to **Dr Mathew Ruguwa** on his success in winning a Fellowship in the Study of African Critical Minerals with the Canadian African Extractivism and the Green Transition Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Project. I cannot emphasise strongly enough how competitive these awards are, and for so many of you to leave such a global footprint is testimony to your scholarly prowess.

Your other achievements have been no less remarkable. As you will all know, key indicators of academic recognition are invitations to join editorial boards and to contribute to intellectual debates – tokens of esteem secured by **Dr Bryson Nkhoma** whose outstanding feat has been to join the advisory board of the prestigious *Journal of African History*; by **Dr Geraldine Sibanda** asked by the University of Marburg to write a rejoinder article for a Special Issue 'Arenas in Global History-The (Post-) colonial Firm' in the *Journal of Global History*, and approached by the University of Bologna to contribute an article to a Special Issue of a leading journal to be edited by Corrado Tornimbeni and Maria Stella Rognoni, provisionally entitled *Frameworks of South-South politics and Northern connections: the historical roots of the XXI century new global south*; by **Dr Peter Uledi** who acted as a discussant for Makerere University's Department of History, Archaeology and Heritage Studies seminar series on 'Uganda's National Wetland Conservation Policy: A history of Environment, Knowledge and Power', and who will co-organise a University of Rome Tre workshop on 'Europe as a Global Actor? A Historical Perspective'; by **Dr Saima Ashipala** invited to serve as a Peer Reviewer on the Editorial Board of the Basel Namibia Studies Series (BNSS) of the Basler Afrika Bibliographien, University of Basel; and by **Dr Sibanengi Ncube** who has joined the editorial board of *African Economic History*.

Your publications, some previously announced as forthcoming but now confirmed, and others freshly minted, continue to appear with leading publishers and in accredited journals. They include **Dr Admire Mseba's** *Society, Power, and Land in North-Eastern Zimbabwe, ca. 1560-1960*, published by Ohio University Press; **Dr Michael Glover's** *Cattle's Experiences of Colonialism: an Animal History of Southern Africa*, published by Brill; **Dr Saima Ashipala's** *Defending the Investment: Rossing Uranium and the Business of Decolonization in Namibia*, published by Basler Afrika Bibliographien (<https://www.baslerafrika.ch/defending-the-investment-rossing-uranium-and-the-business-of-decolonisation-in-namibia/>); **Dr Jennifer Chansa** and **Dr Duncan Money's** *South African Historical Journal* essay review on Zambia's struggle against colonialism 60 years after independence (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02582473.2024.2441739>); **Dr Sibanda's** '"Chakachenjedza Ndochakatanga (Once Beaten Twice Shy)!": Zimbabwe and the Economics of Mistrust', in the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*; **Dr Anusa Daimon's** 'The Politics of the Migrant Labor Remittance System in British Central Africa, 1930s–1960s', in *African Economic History* (<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/942017>); **Dr Alessandro De Cola's**

'African Agencies in the Making of Colonial Currencies: The Case of Ḥasan Mūsā al-ʿAqqād in the Italian Colony of Eritrea (1885–1890)', in *Afriche e Orienti*; and **Dr Ncube's** chapter, 'Imperial Markets: The Anglo-Rhodesian Tobacco Trade in the Aftermath of World War II', in Alexander van Wickeren, Jean Stubbs, and William Gervase Clarence-Smith (eds), *Tobacco in Global Perspective, 1780–1960. Trade, Knowledge, and Labour* (Cambridge 2024).

As part of his African Peacebuilding Network (APN) and Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Program award, **Nyasha Bushu** is presently attending a workshop held in collaboration with the Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Blantyre; while **Belinda Makare** has received an invitation to the Annual Economic History Network Conference to be held at the National University of Lesotho later in the year, as have **Dr Priscillah Machinga** and **Dr Uledi** to the British Zimbabwe Society and *Journal of Southern African Studies* Workshop, 'History, Histories and Historians: Reflecting on Legacies and New Directions in Zimbabwe's Historiography', scheduled for Oxford in June.

Many universities now also give weight to public engagement, and it was gratifying to have **Shalot Nhete's** research on drug use suitably acknowledged. At the end of January, she featured on a Zimpapers Television Network ZTN Prime show, 'Drug Haven'.

And finally, slightly belated congratulations to **Dr Sarah Frank** and to **Dr Gwande** on their NRF ratings – very well done indeed!

Prof Ian Phimister  
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