

ISG Newsletter July 2023

This newsletter is being written against the background noise of a petrol generator as the latest rolling blackout [‘load-shedding’] leaves us all freezing in what has turned out to be a very cold Free State winter. But as always, I am cheered by your continuing achievements. These have been quite remarkable.

In the June newsletter, mention was made of the lectureships secured by Lotti and Geraldine; this month brings two more singular achievements: Ruhan has won a named postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Stellenbosch; while Tinashe, a former ISG PhD student and postdoc, and who recently presented a well-received Stanley Trapido seminar here, has been offered a position at the University of Glasgow. The fact that past and present ISG members can compete successfully at the highest levels nationally and internationally is hugely gratifying.

Congratulations to Una on the publication of her article, ‘Botswana and the Bully: Apartheid South Africa and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, 1978-1986’, in the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*. It can be accessed here:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=e07c8b9bca&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1770467586333416245&th=1891f6e3b1bf1b35&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=1891f6c55a99e059d471>

Congratulations as well to Sibanengi who had two book reviews published; one in *African Affairs*, and the other also in the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*. They can be accessed below at:

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=e07c8b9bca&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1770413218709675890&th=1891c5713ed89f72&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_ljn0bfc60

and: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=e07c8b9bca&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1770413218709675890&th=1891c5713ed89f72&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_ljn0btct1

And finally, very well done to Nyasha and to Nicola, both PhD students, on securing fully-funded invitations respectively to an African Peacebuilding Network workshop in Botswana; and a Swedish International Development Association study programme concerning Swedish Public Employment Service.

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