

## ISG NEWSLETTER

### November/ December 2023

The last two weeks of November were busy in terms of seminar presentations. We had the Stanley Trapido meeting presented by Dr Kaluba Chama and the Ramblers seminar presented by Ms. Siobhan Amelia Smith, a visiting PhD candidate at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Chaired by Dr Alessandro de Cola and Dr Geraldine Sibanda, the seminars covered very different topics: the former examined cassava production and consumption in post-1999 Zambia, while the latter put under scrutiny United Nations sanctions on the Rhodesian government during the 1960s and 1970s.

The achievements listed below encompass publications (published and forthcoming), conference attendance, and a teaching award.

Congratulations to Prof Ian Phimister on his “Lendy, Lobengula, and London: the 1893 Anglo-Ndebele War Revisited’, published by Global Nineteenth-Century Studies” in *Global Nineteenth-Century Studies* (<https://doi.org/10.3828/gncs.2023.8>); Dr Tawanda Chambwe for his article “In Native Areas, Stores Have a Big Influence on the People’: Trading Sites and the Reorganization of African Agriculture, Colonial Zimbabwe, 1945–1955” in *African Economic Histor* (<https://doi.org/10.3368/ae.51.2.1>) and Drs Sibanengi Ncube and Honest Koke for their article “The Political Economy of Postwar Southern Rhodesia: The 1949 Tobacco Tax Crisis” in *African Economic History* (<https://doi.org/10.3368/ae.51.2.79>).

Congratulations to Drs Chris Fevre and Matt Graham, whose article was accepted for publication by the Journal of Southern African Studies. The article stemmed from their research on the British Anti-Apartheid Movement under the British Academy Grant.

For 2024, we expect at least two books to be published. These are Prof Ian Phimister’s book *Bulls, Bears, Boers, and Brits: Finance and the Coming of War in Southern Africa, 1894-1899*, to be published by Brill Press, and Drs Michael Glover and Les Mitchell’s edited volume titled *Animals as Experiencing Entities: Theories and Historical Narratives*, which is scheduled for print publication with Palgrave Macmillan in February 2024.

Congratulations to Dr Jennifer Chansa, who virtually participated in the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) hybrid conference from November 15 to 18. She contributed to the “Mining Continents: Connections and Comparisons between Africa and Latin America” roundtable discussion. The discussion focussed on trans-continental connections and comparisons between Latin America and Africa, identifying common histories and trajectories in dispossession, migration, labour, corporate structures, environmental impact, and the role of foreign capital. Dr Chansa’s abstract to the 4th World Congress of Environmental History was accepted. The conference will take place in Oulu, Finland, in August 2024.

Regarding teaching, congratulations to Dr Unaludo Sechele, who was awarded the newcomer of the year in English Academic Literacy for Humanities by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

Lastly, the exciting line-up of the Stanley Trapido seminar presentations for the first half of 2024 is below.

**Monday, 26 February 2024**

Title: "The Political Economy of Farmland Taxation in colonial and Post-Colonial Zimbabwe, 1914-1932 and 1980-c.2018".  
Speaker: Dr Sibanengi Ncube (University of the Free State)

**Monday, 25 March 2024**

Title: "Politics of rational disputation': The political life of Douglas Mwonzora in Zimbabwe's democratisation struggle, c. 1988 to the present".  
Speaker: Dr Victor Gwande (University of the Free State)

**Monday, 29 April 2024**

Title: "Diamonds and the end of Empire: the case of the Seitz Diamonds".  
Speaker: Dr Saima Ashipala (University of the Free State)

**Monday, 27 May 2024**

Title: "A United or Broken Family?: Effects of Labour Migration on the Family Unit in Post-colonial Botswana".  
Speaker: Dr Unaludo Sechele (University of the Free State)

Happy Holidays!

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