

ISG NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

For the first time since covid swept across the world three years ago, the ISG is now able to operate fully as before. The Stanley Trapido seminar series began running again in the last two months of last year, and a full programme is scheduled for 2023 (for details, see the appendix to this newsletter). The off-campus Ramblers seminar series, previously hosted on Zoom platforms, will also reconvene physically this year, to be organised by Hyden and Innocent. Very many thanks to Geraldine and Jennifer for so ably arranging the series in 2022.

While most people use the Christmas and New Year break to catch up and read books, some of you have been busy writing them and securing contracts. Congratulations to Karen and to Ruhan for signing respectively with Jonathan Ball Publishers, and with Routledge, in the latter instance as part of their *Fascism and the Far-Right* series. Really well done, both of you. The cover for Sibanengi's forthcoming book to be published by the African Humanities Programme, a success previously announced, can be accessed here:
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=e07c8b9bca&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1752742075156564769&th=1852fda184968b21&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_lbwarqlz0

Sibanengi once more, Hlengiwe, Miyanda, and Kundai have all published articles in the last few months: Sibanengi in the *International Journal of the Legal Profession* ('On the touchline: "vendor lawyering and "mushikashika" legal practices in Zimbabwe, c.2000-2021'); Hlengiwe in *Africa Development* ('Towards understanding the Cameroon-Nigeria and the Eswatini-South Africa border dispute through the prism of the principle of Uti Possidetis Juris Customary International Law'); Miyanda in *Historia* ('Creation and Preservation of Business History: the Selection Trust and Anglo-American Corporation Archives in Zambia's Copperbelt'); and Kundai in the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History* ('Making and Unmaking Bonds: Humanitarianism, Local politics and Peacebuilding in South-eastern Zimbabwe, 1988 to 1992'). And still

on the subject of publications, Geraldine and Alessandro are the guest editors of a forthcoming special issue of the *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*, the issue arising from presentations at their workshop last September, 'Money and Monetary Institutions in Africa'. The wide range of intellectual and research interests represented above is hugely impressive.

Two significant tokens of external academic esteem: four ISG members have secured partially externally-funded places at a University of Bologna workshop on 'Democracy in Africa', to be held in March. Congratulations to Una, Joseph, Keaobaka, and Hyden. The last mentioned has also been invited to externally review an article submission to *Antipode, a radical journal of geography and beyond*. These are all important achievements and should find prominent expression in your cvs.

A reminder: on 13-14th February, the ISG hosts a British Academy-funded workshop, 'Social History from the Global South: New Voices from Southern Africa', an intensive programme devoted to supporting and developing the scholarship of early career academics located in the region. It can be accessed here: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/projects/social-history-global-south-new-voices-southern-africa/>

I trust that those of you actually in Bloemfontein will take advantage of this important opportunity. The workshop will be opened by Professor Chitja Twala, Deputy Dean in the Humanities Faculty

This month and early February sees the arrival of four PhD students; welcome to Belinda, Keaobaka, Nicola, and Nyasha. Welcome as well to Max from the University of Basel, who will be a Visiting PhD student for the next 12 months or so.

Ian Phimister,

30th January 2023

Appendix: ST seminars 2023

Monday, 27 February 2023 (Chair - Lazlo Passemiers)

Title: 'The Red Peril, the Dutch Reformed Church, and the Mainstreaming of Right-Wing politics in Twentieth Century South Africa'
Speaker: Ruhan Fourie (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 27 March 2023 (Chair – Alessandro de Cola)

Title: 'The Rise and Fall of the Zimbabwe Dollar: Currency Engineering, Commodification of Money and Regime Survival'
Speaker: Geraldine Sibanda (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 24 April 2023 (Chair – Joseph Jakarasi)

Title: 'That other me, down and dreaming": An historical animal-perspective critique of decoloniality theory and intellectual decolonisation'
Speaker: Michael Glover (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 29 May 2023 (Chair – Una Sechele)

Title: 'Addressing the Nutrition Ignorance: The Fallacy of Kamuzu Bandas Food and Nutrition Intervention, 1964-1994'
Speaker: Bryson Nkhoma (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 26 June 2023 (Chair: Geraldine Sibanda)

Title: '*Emergism* as Ideology: Zimbabwe's Ill-fated Policies for Upper Middle-Income 'Emerging' Economy by 2030'
Speaker: Tinashe Nyamunda (University of Pretoria)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 28 August 2023 (Chair - Hyden Munene)

Title: 'The Edgar Tekere Shooting Incident: The Practice of Politics and the Meanings of Independence in Zimbabwe in the early 1980s'
Speaker: Lotti Nkomo (University of the Free State)

Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Tuesday, 26 September 2023 (Chair – George Bishi)

Title: 'Who designed colonial money? A study on Eritrea'
Speaker: Alessandro de Cola (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 30 October 2023 (Chair – Rebecca Swartz)

Speaker: 'To Privatize or Nationalize the Mines?: The consequences of mining developments on environmental regulation in Zambia (2011 to 2022)'
Speaker: Jennifer Chansa (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00

Monday, 27 November 2023 (Chair: Bryson Nkhoma)

Title: 'Maize Production and Consumption in Colonial Zambia, 1890-1964'
Speaker: Chama Kaluba (University of the Free State)
Venue: Room 213, Benito Khotseng Building
Time: 16:00