



Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference 2024

Call for Contributions

The council of Anthropology Southern Africa invites you to submit panels, papers, round tables, films, workshops, art installations and other contributions for the annual conference being hosted by the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, from 6 - 8 November 2024.



Please note that the annual conference is followed by the inaugural World Anthropological Union Congress again hosted by the University of Johannesburg, from 11 - 15 November 2024. The WAU Congress is both in person and online. Look for the call for panels at www.waucongress.org and on social media. Discounts are available if you attend both the ASnA Conference and the WAU Congress.

Repair, Restoration and Reparation

In a widely circulated talk, Nobel Laureate, Toni Morrison is asked by an audience member: “how [do you] survive whole in a world where [we] are all victims of something?” Morrison responds, “sometimes you don’t survive whole, you survive in part”. Morrison reminds us of the tough work of repair after events or incidents that threaten to splinter our minds, bodies and souls. In this call for a variety of contributions for the 2024 Anthropology Southern Africa conference we invite anthropological explorations and considerations of *repair*.

Wars, conflict and the climate crisis among others continue to litter contemporary worlds with many forms of trauma at every level of social, cultural and interpersonal life. In his recent book, “The Work of Repair: Capacity after Colonialism in the Timber Plantations of South Africa”, Thomas Cousins explores repair in the timber plantations of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa. Drawing on Kader Attia’s notion of repair, Cousins explores the efforts of interlocutors in the study to enhance their lives and capacities despite the injuries of the past and contemporary South African life. Similarly, Naadira Patel in “The work of making things work: A review of *Practices of Repair*”, asks: “What does a practice of repair look like in a system that privileges waste and discard as regular practice?”

For the 2024 conference, we invite anthropological and ethnographically grounded explorations of repair, restoration and reparation. We invite contributions that explore, but are not limited to, considerations of:

- The *work* of repair, restoration and/or reparation
- Survival and flourishing in a “post”-catastrophic world
- Repairing capitalism
- The political economy of repair
- Beauty and creativity in challenging contexts
- Repairing that which one can’t quite see, hear, touch, feel, smell
- Possibility in the midst of never ending challenge(s)
- Repairing anthropology
- Repairing bodies, cities and environments
- Restoring dignity from the damages of racial, gender and sexual oppression

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The Scientific Committee will evaluate the relevance and quality of the proposals received. There are two calls for contributions. The first round is to assist those seeking funding by providing early acceptance documentation required by many funders. This first round will be followed by a second round. Please note that with the immense administration required of the ASnA conference and the WAU Congress, late contributions will not be accepted under any conditions.

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Timelines:

Description	Dates
First call for panels, papers, films, workshops, art installations etc	1 Dec 2023 - 1 March 2024
Acceptance of first round of submissions (to assist with funding applications)	25 March 2024
Second call for panels, papers, films, workshops, art installations etc	15 March - 15 June 2024
Acceptance of second round of submissions	29 June 2024
Registration for ASnA Conference (and WAU Congress)	1 July - 1 October 2024

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