



Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference 2024

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 held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 6 - 8 November 2024.



WAU CONGRESS
2024

Please note that the annual conference is followed by the inaugural World Anthropological Union Congress, from 11 - 15 November 2024 in Johannesburg. The WAU Congress is both in person and online. Look for the call for panels at www.waucongress.org and on social media. There is a 15% discount on WAU Congress fees if you attend both.

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

[Click here to submit your contribution](#)

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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
Call for panels, papers, films, workshops, art installations etc	present - 15 June 2024
Notification Outcome	29 June 2024
Registration for ASnA Conference (and WAU Congress)	1 July - 1 October 2024

Contact details: asnaconference2024@gmail.com. We are on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).