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SUBJECT

Barotseland, Rhodesia.
April 16th/29

PAST FUTURES: NEW HISTORIES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS WORKSHOP

PROGRAMME

SOUTHERN SUN RIDGEWAY HOTEL, LUSAKA

3-5 JULY 2024



WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

19:00 Dinner at Southern Sun Ridgeway Hotel

THURSDAY 4 JULY

07:00 – 08:45 Breakfast

08:45 – 10:30 Panel A: Leadership

Emma Orchardson

‘I did my best quietly’: Malawi on the margins of Zimbabwe’s independence

Sebastian Moronell

Imagining Kenneth Kaunda

Jonathan Jackson

Their Majesties and the Metropole: King Lewanika of Barotseland in Britain and the Coronation of King Edward VII, 1902

Chair: David Anderson

10:30 – 11:15 Refreshments

11:15 – 13:00 Panel B: Liberation

Kletus Likuwa

Militarised Future: SADF’s Counter-Insurgency Efforts and Their Impacts on Civilians Along the Kavango, Namibia, 1967–76

Boga Manatsha

Public History and Memory: Samora Machel
Memorial Museum in Lobatse, Botswana

Clarence Chongo

A “Hub of Decolonisation”: Lusaka, Liberation
Movements, and the Struggle for Black Majority Rule
in Southern African, c. 1960s–1980

Chair: Ndapewa Fenny Nakanyete

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:15 **Panel C: Regulation**

Ptwo Molosiwa

“Shake yourself; get those flies off you....!”: Dirt,
Ethnic Pathology and Biomedical Racism in Late
Colonial Botswana, 1944–56

Bennett Kangumu

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Romie Nghitevelekwa & Saima Ashipala

Socialism and Land: Revisiting the 1970s land reform
agenda for an independent Namibia

Chair: Jonathan Jackson

16:15 – 17:00 Refreshments

18:30 Dinner at Southern Sun Ridgeway Hotel

FRIDAY 5 JULY

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

08:30 – 10:15 Panel D: Commerce

Mbozi Santebe

Zambezi River Transport Services: The Development of River-Road Transport between Livingstone and Mongu Districts of Northern Rhodesia, 1944–64

Bongani G. Gumbo

Incubating a tourism industry in Botswana: A History of the Chobe Safari Lodge, Kasane

Kenneth Luhila

The Zambesi Saw Mills: Forest Exploitation and Involvement of Africans in Teak Production in Barotseland, Northern Rhodesia, 1910–68

Chair: Luregn Lenggenhager

10:15 – 10:45 Refreshments

10:45 – 12:30 Panel E: Identity

David Anderson & Luregn Lenggenhager

Constructing empires and defending identities in the
Kavango-Zambezi floodplains, 1885–1929

Ndapewa Fenny Nakanyete

The transformations of socio-economic relationships
between the San and Ovawambo people since the
mid-1950s

Maitseo Bolaane

Interconnectedness of Ethnic Minority groups and
Biodiversity within the Okavango, Botswana

Chair: Emma Orchardson

12:30 – 13:00 Closing remarks

13:00 Lunch

The workshop will formally conclude with lunch, but the afternoon and evening are both free to continue discussions, or for any other individual or collective activities.

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Presenter Biographies

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Dr Saima Nakuti Ashipala is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the International Studies Group at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa and affiliated to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Namibia. She teaches history modules on the German and South African colonial periods and the process of decolonisation in Namibia and her research interests include diplomatic, mining and labour histories in southern Africa as well as solidarity with the liberation struggles in southern Africa.

Prof Maitseo M.M. Bolaane is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Humanities (History) at the University of Botswana. She obtained her doctorate from the University of Oxford. She has been involved with the University of Botswana – University of Tromsø Collaborative Programme for San Research and Capacity Building for some time. She is now Director of the San Research Centre at the University of Botswana. Among her key publications is a book examining the impact of wildlife conservation policy on San communities: *Chiefs, Hunters and San in the creation of the Moremi Game Reserve, Okavango Delta: Multiracial interactions and Initiatives, 1956-1979*.

Dr Clarence Chongo is a Lecturer at the Department of History, University of Zambia. His research interests include transnational histories of southern African liberation movements.

Dr Bongani Glorious Gumbo is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Botswana. His research interests include economic histories, including the livelihoods of riparian communities in Botswana, tourism development, wildlife conservation, and Southern African liberation histories. He has published widely in both local and international (peer-reviewed) journals, book chapters and conference proceedings. Gumbo has also been engaged as External Examiner for Honours, MA and PhD theses for various southern African universities.

Dr Jonathan (Jono) Jackson is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Cologne. He is a social and political historian and holds degrees from SOAS, the University of Oxford, and the University of Cologne. His most recent article 'Maono ya Bonde la Kilombero: Historia za Maendeleo Yake' on development histories in

Tanzania was published in Swahili in *UTAFITI: Journal of African Perspectives*. His monograph – *Visions for an African Valley: Histories of Development in Tanzania since 1879* – is in press with James Currey.

Dr Bennett Kangumu is Campus Director of the Katima Mulilo Campus of the University of Namibia. He obtained his PhD from the University of Cape Town and has published widely on 20th century Namibian history, most notably his monograph, *Contesting Caprivi. A History of Colonial Isolation and Regional Nationalism in Namibia*.

Dr Luregn Lenggenhager is a historian and geographer with a focus on Namibian and Southern African environmental history. He has published on the history of nature conservation and its links to militarization and violence, land issues, and multi-species histories in Southern Africa. He is currently a MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow at the Global South Studies Centre of the University of Cologne leading his research project: “Past Natures for Future Conservation (PANATURE): Current Narratives and Historical Human-Wildlife-Land Relations in Southern Africa and the European Alps”.

Dr Kletus Likuwa is the Senior Director Multidisciplinary Research Centre (MRC) at the University of Namibia in Windhoek. He obtained his PhD from the University of the Western Cape. His research interests include forced removals, Homeland policies, agrarian land reforms, contract labour, and oral histories.

Kenneth Luhila is a Lecturer at the University of Zambia in the Department of Historical and Archaeological Studies where he teaches Archaeology and History. He is currently studying for a doctorate in Archaeology at the University of Oslo, Norway with a research focus on pre-industrial metal production, pottery, African cultural heritage, and the history of development in Western Province, Zambia.

Dr Boga Thura Manatsha is a Senior Lecturer and the Acting Head of Department of History at the University of Botswana. Manatsha holds an MA and PhD from Hiroshima University, Japan. He mainly teaches courses on/related to Asian history, society, and politics; whereas his research focuses on land issues in Botswana, Botswanan diplomatic history, and its relations with East Asia.

Phuthego Phuthego Molosiwa holds a PhD in African History from University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. In 2024/25 he held a visiting position in African history at Carleton College in Northfield, MN, USA. Molosiwa has recently accepted a faculty position in African history at Claremont McKenna College, CA, USA. Molosiwa is a scholar of Botswana’s history and of modern southern Africa with research interests standing at the interface of environmental history, medical history, gender, ethnicity and national identity. Through documentary analysis and oral interviews, his creative

work explores the history of Botswana and southern Africa as public spaces and creates narratives in which power, past and present overlap and intersections.

Sebastian Moronell is a lecturer, researcher, and writer based in Lusaka, Zambia. He lectures Visual Communication at the Open Window University for the Creative Arts, alongside lecturing in the Intangible Cultural Heritage programme based at the Department of Historical and Archaeological Studies at the University of Zambia. His research focuses on the visual culture of Zambia and the topographical history of Zambia.

Dr Romie Nghitevelekwa is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Namibia, specializing in the sociology and anthropology of the environment. She attained her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Freiburg in Germany. Her research interests and include land reform, tenure security, gender and natural resources management, climate change, cross-border drought management and community conservation.

Dr Ndapewa Fenny Nakanyete is a human geography lecturer and recently completed her PhD at the University of Cologne and the University of Namibia on “Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Livelihoods: Evaluating Non-Timber Forest Product Value Chains for San Communities in Northern Namibia”. Her current main research interests are sustainable livelihoods, indigenous peoples, decolonising indigenous/traditional knowledge, global and regional value chains, as well as rural development.

Emma Orchardson is a third-year PhD candidate in History at the University of Warwick, UK. Funded by the Wolfson Foundation, her research explores Malawi’s experience of and engagement with the global Cold War during the Hastings Kamuzu Banda regime. In 2023-2024, Emma is a fellow of the Cold War Archives Research (CWAR) Institute.

Dr Mbozi Santebe is a Lecturer in the Department of Historical and Archaeological Studies at the University of Zambia where he teaches African History. Mbozi holds a PhD in History from the University of the Free State in South Africa. He researches mainly on the development of official statistical systems in Central Africa from the colonial period to the present, with a particular focus on Zambia. His PhD Thesis analyses the historical development of the Zambian statistical system from 1939 up to 2018. He also researches on the impact of global economic crises on the national economy and, more recently, his research interests have extended to transport history, particularly road and river transport and safety.