

CALL FOR PAPERS & CONFERENCE THEME

The conference theme will be:

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED HISTORIOGRAPHY: ORAL AND WRITTEN

The conference theme wants to stimulate reflection on:

- Old Testament / Hebrew Bible historiography amidst Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean historiographical traditions;
- The nature of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible historiography (including reflection on the impact of scholarship into oral/written traditions on our understanding of OT/HB historiography, the relationship to identity formation, etc.);
- The different historiographical traditions in the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible (e.g. Pentateuchal traditions, so-called Deuteronomistic History, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles, etc.);
- Old Testament / Hebrew Bible historiography amidst contemporary (African) historiographical traditions.

Papers which will explore any of the above-mentioned aspects are invited.

As usual, papers will be presented in plenary (60 min) and parallel (30 min) sessions. The Conference Secretary in consultation with the OTSSA Executive will invite speakers for the plenary sessions. However, the organizers may also – on account of the submitted abstracts – extend invitations for plenary sessions to other participants. Speakers at plenary sessions will be informed well in advance that they will have more time at their disposal for their presentations.

Paper proposals should be submitted on the attached form (Appendix A). The title should be short and clear, and the abstract should be 100-300 words. Submissions can be done in two ways:

- Complete and save Appendix A in a Word-file with the following naming convention: OTSSA08 Paper *your initials and surname*.doc (e.g. "OTSSA08 Paper LC Jonker.doc"). Then send the Word-file as attachment to an e-mail to: LCJ@SUN.AC.ZA
- Make a print-out of Appendix A, complete it and fax it to: 021-8083251 (for SA submissions) / +27-21-8083251 (for foreign submissions) – PLEASE MARK THE FAX COVER SHEET "FOR ATTENTION: LOUIS JONKER"

Closing date for submission of paper proposals: 31 May 2008

IMPORTANT NOTE ON AV EQUIPMENT: A data projector (beamer) will be available in all lecture rooms. However, you should bring your own laptop computer should you want to make use of this facility. Should you need an overhead projector or slide projector, you should indicate so in the proposal submission form (Appendix A).