

ENGLISH ACADEMY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Africa Hurrah’: Into Africa, Out of Africa, English in the World Interrogated”

Durban. KwaZulu-Natal

Dates: 15 – 19 September 2020

The English Academy of Southern Africa was founded in 1961 and for over fifty years has dedicated itself to stimulating interest in the English language and its literatures as well as promoting the effective use of English as a national resource in Southern Africa. The English Academy is interested in English in education, promotes research and debate, organises lectures, conferences and seasonal schools, makes representations about language matters, rewards excellence and fosters the creative, critical and scholarly talents of users (and would-be users) of English in Southern Africa.

Call for papers

The conference invites established and emerging researchers, teachers, librarians, archivists, publishers and policy makers to engage in deliberations on the following themes and issues:

- Recent Trends in Southern African Literature
- African Diasporic Literatures
- Englishes Across Continents
- Indian Ocean Cross Currents
- Indian Diasporic Writing
- Trends and Traditions in African Literature
- Literature and Movements for Social Change
- Women’s Writing and Writing about Women
- World Literature
- The City in African Literature
- Return to the Archive
- Libraries languishing in Neglect
- Bibliodiversity
- Language Pedagogy

- Sociolinguistics
- Strategic Transformations in the Language of the Stage
- Emerging Perspectives in African Drama and Performance Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Literature and Ecology
- Olive Schreiner Centenary Panel
- Tributes to Peter Abrahams
- Tributes to Charles Mungoshi
- Tributes to Prof. Dr Geoffrey Davis

Several prominent speakers of international stature, including Prof. Albert Weideman, Emeritus Professor, University of the Free State; Dr Edem Adubra, Chief of the Section for Teacher Development & Head of the Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers, Division for Support and Coordination of Education, UNESCO; Prof. Samantha Naidu, Rhodes University; Prof. Langa Khumalo, UKZN and Prof. Mbongeni Z. Malaba, EASA President, and UKZN; will deliver keynote addresses at the conference. The programme will consist of presentations, parallel sessions and workshops on the Archival Research, the Roles of Libraries and an Academic Publishers Roundtable. Scholarly and personal tributes will be paid to the leading Southern African writers who passed away in the last couple of years, Peter Abrahams and Charles Mungoshi, as well as the distinguished literary critic who specialised in Southern African literature (notably South African and Zimbabwean), as well as Commonwealth literature and a long standing Editor of Rodopi Publications and *Matatu*, Prof. Dr Geoffrey Davis, who passed away in 2019. The academic programme will be complemented by social activities including a welcome reception at the renowned Killie Campbell Africana Museum and Library and reading by writers and a gala dinner.

Timeline

1st announcement and call for papers: 1 July 2019

2nd announcement and further call for papers: 27 September 2019

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 November 2019

Submission of abstracts must be done electronically (by email) in MS Word format and emailed to englishacademy@societies.wits.ac.za. All abstracts will be peer reviewed. The successful applicants will be notified in October and subsequent months. Please bear in mind that final examinations are written in late October and November at UKZN.

Website: www.englishacademy.co.za

Conference fees: R 5000

Early bird: R 4500

Postgraduates: R 2000

EASA retirees: R 500

Foreign: US\$ 350

Early bird: US\$ 300

Venue: Tsogo Sun Garden Court Hotel, Durban, South Africa.

Accommodation can be booked at the Hotel, at discounted rates, in advance. Please bear in mind that September is the peak period, so book early. Email: gcsouthbeach.reservations@tsogosun.com.