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*in collaboration with*  
*The School of Languages and Literatures and*  
*The Centre for African Language Diversity (CALDi)*

*will host the*

**19<sup>TH</sup> INTERIM CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUAGES  
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**  
Conference Theme: “#African Languages and Protest”

**and**

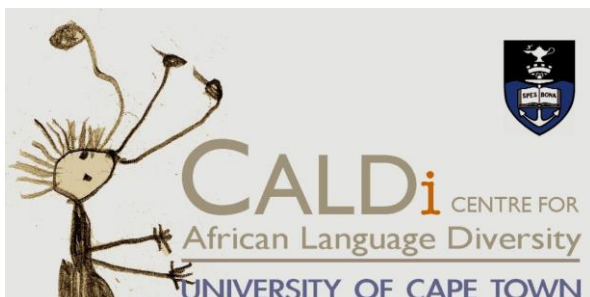
**Sintu7**  
**7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BANTU LANGUAGES**

*On*

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

*At*

**The River Club, Mowbary Cape Town**



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Submission of workshop proposals (500-800 words): Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- 2018**  
**Final date for submission of abstracts: JAN 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops, interactive sessions, posters/exhibitions are invited to the 2018 19<sup>th</sup> ALASA Interim Conference and Sintu7 at University of Cape Town. The joint conference will offer a platform for discussing critically important topics in the various fields of linguistics, translation and literature.

### **19<sup>TH</sup> INTERIM CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA "#African Languages in Protest"**

The theme for the ALASA 19th Interim is "#African Languages and Protest" which addresses the question of the role and status of African languages in South Africa and beyond. While the constitution of South Africa has to be saluted and deserves all the support for recognizing African languages as a national asset and for its brave commitment to empower "all languages" spoken in the nation, the challenges in the implementation of language policies need to be addressed. Despite the official status of 9 African languages in South Africa, even these African languages remain marginalized.

African languages have contributed and impacted on linguistic theories and literature. In the current debates on the transformation of education, also in tertiary institutions in South Africa, African languages have once more taken a center-stage in claims on the decolonization of South Africa's educational system. Indeed the role that language played and continues to play in South Africa bears testimony that languages continue to protest any kind of discrimination and relegation.

#### **Sintu7**

### **7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BANTU LANGUAGES**

With some 500 languages spoken across East, Central and Southern Africa, the Bantu language family is one of the world's largest language families in terms of number of languages, and also in terms of geographic and demographic spread. The family includes major national and international languages, but also many languages which remain not well described, documented and resourced, and a number of languages which are endangered. In terms of structure, many Bantu languages share grammatical features such as morphologically complex verbs and nouns, noun classes, an extensive system of agreement and pragmatically-motivated word order. However, there is also a high degree of micro-

variation between and within different languages. The international conference on Bantu languages brings together scholars interested in any aspect of the description, analysis and comparison of Bantu languages. The first conference of this series on the African continent will offer an opportunity for scholars speaking and studying African languages to exchange ideas and findings.

Contributions are invited to submit papers on research related to Literature, Language and Linguistics on and in African languages. In submitting your abstract, please choose your area of interest among the following broad themes:

### **African linguistics**

- Historical/Comparative Linguistics
- Phonetics, Prosody, Phonology
- Morphology, Syntax
- Semantics, Discourse Analysis, Pragmatics
- Language Acquisition
- Psycholinguistics

### **Language planning and policy in Africa**

- Language in Law
- Language and Education
- Language and Business and Economics
- Language and Human Resources

### **Language in society**

- • Language and Ideologies
- • Language and Gender
- • Language and Media
- • Language and Health
- • Multilingualism, Multiculturalism and Globalisation

### **Computational linguistics**

- • Human language technology (HLT)

### **Lexicography and terminography**

- • Translation Studies

### **Literature**

- • History of Literature/ Comparative Literature
- • African Literature and Intellectual Property Rights
- • Prose, Drama, Theatre, Poetry, Oral Art
- • Literary Theories

### **ABSTRACTS:**

### **Guidelines and instructions:**

Abstracts of 350-500 words in length should be submitted by e-mail as an Ms Word file or online, accompanied by the following information:

Title, full names and surname:

Institutional affiliation:

Country:  
E-mail address:  
Telephone (cell/mobile or office):  
Fax Number:  
Postal address and postal/zip code:  
Full title of the paper:

**Submission of abstracts:**

Submission of workshop proposals and abstracts should be made by e-mail or online to [mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com](mailto:mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com) (ALASA19) or [matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za](mailto:matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za) (SINTU 7)

All abstracts will be adjudicated.

**Paper presentation and programme guidelines:**

**Day 1:**

Registration:  
Conference programme: Presentations of papers  
Evening: Reception

**Day 2:**

Conference programme: Presentations of papers, workshops  
GALA dinner

**Day 3:**

Conference programme: Presentations of papers, workshops (AM)  
Site-seeing in the afternoon

A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.  
Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Notification of acceptance of workshop proposals:</b>	<b>Feb 15<sup>TH</sup> 2018</b>
<b>Final date for submission of abstracts:</b>	<b>JAN 31<sup>st</sup> 2018</b>
<b>Notification of acceptance of abstracts:</b>	<b>Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2018</b>

**Conference Plenary Speakers Announced:**

The conference will feature plenary sessions by some of the world's leading thinkers and innovators in the fields of language, linguistics and literatures. The 2018 plenary speakers will be announced once confirmed.

**REGISTRATION WITH AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP**

Early-bird registrations R2800.00 (R2500 + R300 membership fee)\*  
Late registration R3000.00 (R2700+R300 membership fee)

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.  
If membership for 2018/2019 has already been paid please send proof of payment or letter or receipts from the Organisations.

**ENQUIRIES:**

**General and Registration:** [mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com](mailto:mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com) (ALASA) or [matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za](mailto:matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za) (SINTU 7) and [Rethabile.possa@uct.ac.za](mailto:Rethabile.possa@uct.ac.za)

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

### **Pay directly into the bank account (electronic payment):**

Deposit the appropriate fee into the bank account and email/fax a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer and your registration form to :  
[mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com](mailto:mantoa.motinyanemasoko@gmail.com) (ALASA) or [matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za](mailto:matthias.brenzinger@uct.ac.za) (SINTU 7) and [Rethabile.possa@uct.ac.za](mailto:Rethabile.possa@uct.ac.za)

**Banking details: TBA**

## **CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

**Two conference workshops** will be organised during the afternoon (14:00 – 17:00) of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Proposals for workshops (500-800 words) should include:**

1. The title of the workshop
2. A brief description of the specific issues that the workshop will address
3. The reasons why the workshop is of interest to conference delegates
4. The names and affiliations, postal addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the organising committee of the specific workshop which should consist of at least two academics knowledgeable in the field, coming from different institutions
5. The name and the e-mail address of the member of the workshop organising committee designated as the contact person
6. A summary of the intended call for participation in the specific workshop
7. An estimate of the approximate audience size
8. A list of audio-visual or technical requirements and any special room requirements

The workshop proposers will be responsible for the organisational aspects (e.g. preparation of workshop call, distribution of call (via the ALASA & SINTU 7 Organising Committee), review of abstracts, notification of acceptance, submitting accepted abstracts to main conference organising committee).

The workshop coordinators will be responsible for the review of abstracts submitted for their particular workshop.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel the published venue, programme, dates and/or fee due to unforeseen circumstances.

ACCOMMODATION: Please see separate document

### **TRANSPORT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. ALASA & SINTU 7 & are not liable and hold no responsibility for any of these costs.

**CONFERENCE CO-ORDINATORS**

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**Registration procedures will follow shortly on our website.**