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Zambian Historical Conference

Dates: 27-29 June 2022

Towards a Comprehensive history: Documenting Zambian history of Heritage for the Present and the Future

Virtual: Zoom address to be confirmed upon registration

Call for papers

The country called Zambia existed as major states before the 1890s: such as, Undi's Chewa kingdom, the Ngoni of Mpezeni, the Nsenga, the Tonga, the Lunda Kingdom of Mwata Kazembe or in Mwinilunga, the Bemba kingdom and the Lozi kingdom. The Nsenga and the Tonga are examples of acephalous states or societies which colonial rule and the policy of Indirect Rule transformed into communities with chiefs and hierarchical centralisation. The Ngoni and Lozi are examples of structured societies that are among the experiences that influenced the adoption of the policy of indirect rule in 1929 in colonial Zambia and colonial Malawi. Between 1890 and 1898, the British South Africa Company (BSAC), a chartered company under John Cecil Rhodes, colonised what became Northern Rhodesia. Between 1890 and 1923, the country was run by the Company as a labour reservoir for the mines in Zimbabwe and South Africa and incipient settler-based capitalist farmers in Chipata, Mbala and along the line of rail from Livingstone and the Copperbelt. On 1st April 1924, it became a British protectorate. On 24th October 1964, the country became the independent nation of Zambia. Since then, Zambia has undergone three radical changes of political systems, namely, Liberal democracy, 1964-1972, One Party democracy, 1973-1991 and liberal democracy again since December 1991. These epochs have had many painful, provocative and instructive occurrences which are the essence of Zambian history.

In this call for papers, we are looking for original research and historical commentary which critically examines a personality, time, place or event with a view of enriching what we know about, and how we have understood Zambian history. We also welcome papers which analyse

the way history is recorded and/or transmitted through generations. This conference is interdisciplinary and intends to make a unique contribution to the history of Zambia. We intend to publish a special-issue debut journal from this conference.

The objectives of the conference include:

1. Promoting debates among historians on historical developments in Zambia and on the country's external relations.
2. Locate national consciousness and identity in research and historiography.
3. Facilitate research and publication of multidisciplinary studies.
4. Contribute to recognition and use of historical knowledge economy in the making and implementing development policies.

The key themes of this conference will include (but are not limited to):

1. **Plenary:** Remembering Prince Nsingo of the Ngoni people
2. Indigenous knowledge in colonial and pre-colonial Zambia
3. Food and nutrition in pre-colonial and colonial Zambia
4. Museums
5. Road, street/avenue and bridge names
6. Political transitions between 1924 and 2021
7. Chilangamulilo and its varieties
8. Proverbs, praises and songs
9. Migrations, Language and name changes
10. Historical consciousness and collective memory
11. Gender and heritage in history
12. Remembering key African historical figures
13. Decolonising African history
14. Writing sensitive and emotive history
15. Youth as engines of change in Zambia
16. Teaching history to the younger generation
17. Praise names, proverbs and songs.

We therefore invite abstracts in MS Word format of not more than 300 words to be submitted by 30 March 2022 using the following email addresses: mazimbakaunda@yahoo.com and ackson.kanduza@zaou.ac.zm. The abstracts should clearly list the name of the author(s) and their institutional affiliation or contact details. After the selection of abstracts by 15 April, authors will be requested to submit full papers by 30 May 2022. Please, use MS-Word, Times New Roman 12pt font and 1.5 spacing. Have five to seven key words. Final paper should be between 8,000 and 10,000 words.

Organising Team

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Registration Fees

The following fees apply:

- Zambian and International Academicians ZMK 570 or USD 25
- Teachers ZMK 250 or USD 11
- Postgraduate Students ZMK 150 or USD 7
- All other Attendees: ZMK 100 or 4.5 USD

These fees will cover internet connectivity and other logistics.

Note: Only fully registered delegates will be included in the final programme.

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