

Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference
MUTUALITY AND ITS LIMITS
Hosted by the Wits Anthropology Department
6-8 September 2013
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Call for papers and panels

How do people take others into account? What do we find interesting in other lives, and how do they become valuable, trivial, threatening, obscure or puzzling to us? How do our capacities for recognizing other lives depend on the work of particular kinds of social forms, relations, mediations and representations? A renewed interest in these elementary questions about mutuality has produced a wealth of new thinking in the humanities and human sciences in recent years. Questions about the conditions and the limits of mutuality are also of major importance for our understanding of pressing issues to do with inequality, solidarity, hospitality and violence.

For this year's ASnA Conference, to be hosted by Wits Anthropology on 6-8 September 2013 in Johannesburg, we invite proposals for papers and panels broadly addressing the theme of 'mutuality and its limits'. Within this rubric, we especially encourage participants to consider the ways in which new work in African/Africanist anthropology is reorienting and revitalizing the discipline.

Please send proposals for papers or for panels to the organizers by **15 June 2013**. The organisers are particularly interested in receiving panel proposals. Proposals should include abstracts of no more than 250 words. For panel proposals, please include a list of prospective participants and their institutional affiliations if these have already been identified.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Wits University in and around the Anthropology Department on the Ground Floor of Central Block, East Campus. Lunches and teas will be provided as part of the conference fee, but there are also the following coffee and food venues on campus for break-away meetings: *Cafe Fino* at the Origins Centre, *Theo's* in Senate House and the Wits Theatre foyer, the cafe at the Wits Art Museum, and *Olive and Plates* at the Wits Club. The conference fee will also include a dinner and jazz band on the evening of Saturday 7 September at *Niki's Oasis Restaurant* in Newtown.

Accommodation

Special conference rates have been organised for ASnA conference attendants at the **EasyStay hotel** in Braamfontein. The Braamfontein accommodation listed below is within 5 blocks of the University and can be easily walked, although we'd recommend walking in groups, especially in the evenings. Please note that Braamfontein has recently undergone something of a revival, and there are now many restaurants, coffee shops and galleries in the area between the hotels and Wits campus. Melville is a neighbourhood situated approximately 10 minutes' drive from the university and has a range of restaurants, shops, bars and coffee places on its busy 7th Street.

Braamfontein

1. EasyStay Hotel

5 Rooms at R290

5 Rooms at R390

20 Rooms at R540

30 Rooms at R640

The above rates are per room, per night, inclusive of 14% VAT. Each room has a double bed with an open-plan bathroom, so is suited for a single resident or a couple. Breakfast can be arranged with the hotel's restaurant at a rate of R 50 for hot breakfast or R100 for a Full English breakfast. Please be sure to alert the hotel reservation staff that you are booking for the ASnA conference to ensure these rates.

Tel: +27 (0) 11 242 8600, <http://www.easystayhotel.com/hotels/johannesburg.html>

2. The Bannister

En-Suite Rooms at R485

The newly renovated En-Suite rooms in this hotel are good value for money. Please note that we do not recommend the unrenovated rooms, or the rooms with shared bathrooms.

<http://www.bannisterhotel.co.za/index.html>

Melville

1. Melville International Backpackers

Dorm bed at R150 per night

For students on low budgets, there are self-catering facilities, and a minibus taxi directly to Wits can be caught less than a block from the backpackers.

<http://www.melvillebackpackers.co.za/>

2. Wedgwood B&B

R700 single occupancy (including breakfast)

R450 per person sharing (including breakfast)

A charming B&B next to the vibrant Melville 7th Street, a 10-minute private taxi-ride from the University

<http://www.thewedgwood.com/>

Student home-sharing

For students on a very low budget, the Wits Post-Graduate students can make available their couches and floors to host you.

Conference Fees

The conference fees are calculated at cost and include a sliding scale for students and ASnA members. The fees include conference organisation, nametags, programmes, lunches and teas over the three days of the conference, as well as dinner, entertainment and transport for the Saturday evening event. In the interests of inclusivity and in developing the community of African/Africanist anthropologists, we will accept all papers for presentation at the conference unless the paper is way outside of the ambit of the discipline or the theme. Thus we ask that the conference fees be paid in full by July 15, even before the conference programme has been finalised.

Transport

To get to a Braamfontein hotel we recommend that you take the Gautrain from the airport to Park Station, changing at Sandton. The Braamfontein hotels are within walking distance from the Gautrain Park Station, but there is also the option of private taxis and tuk-tuks to take you the 7 blocks from the station to your hotel. The cost of a one-way transfer on the Gautrain is currently R125. A metered taxi from the airport will cost approximately R500 and a shuttle approximately R350. <http://join.gautrain.co.za/map.aspx#>. The Braamfontein hotels are within walking distance of the university. To get to the university from Melville you will need to take a minibus taxi (R8 from specific roads in Melville), or to call a metered taxi (approximately R60) or a tuk-tuk (approximately R40). Transport to and from the Saturday night event will be provided.

If you have any other queries about the conference, please contact us at asnaconference2013@gmail.com.