



**SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY  
FOR HISTORY TEACHING  
(SASHT)**

**The INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HISTORY DIDACTICS (ISHD)**

in conjunction with the host, the

**SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY for HISTORY TEACHING (SASHT)**

invite you to the first

**ISHD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**13 -15 September 2017**

at the

**Venue: Riverside Sun Hotel, Cnr Wenning & Emfuleni Drive, Vanderbijlpark SOUTH AFRICA**

### **CONFERENCE THEME**

**HISTORY FROM THE CORE TO ZERO GRAVITY**

#### **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

From 13 to 15 September 2017, the International Society for History Didactics (ISHD) hosts its conference on History from the core to zero gravity in Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng Province, South Africa. As it is the first time that the ISHD will host a conference in southern Africa, the wish of the ISHD and SASHT for this conference is to focus on a wide variety of themes that all come together in the pursuit of efficiency in the education of History as discipline and subject on all levels of education. So the core for a relationship with History starts with research in a wide variety of history curricula themes world-wide. At the same time teaching and learning History is to be considered in research and in training best practices which should express features of zero gravity, such as dynamic weightlessness with regard to the wide spread of ideas in the teaching and learning of historical knowledge. Zero gravity goes hand in hand with features such as open-mindedness, the absence of ideological restrictions, the promotion of creative thinking and teaching, and a vibrant efficiency in the 21<sup>st</sup> millennium classroom or lecture hall.

Variables that regularly influence the research, training and teaching of History are the ever changing mode and style of historiographical and philosophical thought, of information dissemination through improved technology and of additional ways of communication dissemination. For this conference the ISHD, in conjunction with the SASHT, calls for papers. For more information on the central points of the conference's discussions, please see below a broad guideline of sub-themes. Proposals for papers are to be submitted in English, through the application form as indicated in the last section of the brochure. The deadline for last abstract applications is **5 May 2017**.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE**

The purpose of the conference is to attract scholars and researchers from a variety of professions in History to bring together a cohort of established and emerging educators of History in one assembly to deliberate on History Teaching related to the conference theme and sub-themes.

## SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

### Baseline considerations in teaching History – critical reflections

- Historical consciousness of learners/students
- The history curriculum
- Research on a theme(s) utilised in a history curriculum
- Textbooks
- Utilising sources
- Educators as anchors

### Research on a theme(s), utilised in a history curriculum

- Debating a theme or phenomenon and its international connectedness (for example post-colonialism, cross-border studies, migration, health, violence, health, phobia)
- Dealing with a milestone topic making a national history
- Comparative trends in international historiography, and its impact on history teaching

### Ideas for innovative 21st century technology and learning

- Using tablets, iPads and/or mobiles
- History software as teaching tools
- Online opportunities

### Exploring some teaching and learning methodologies in History

- Blended learning
- Problem-based learning
- Inquiry learning
- The flipped classroom
- Multidisciplinary learning
- Multicultural learning
- Embracing diverse perspectives in learning
- Comparative learning
- Emotive and controversially perceived learning

### Teaching History from a local heritage richness

- Investigating the individual/group meaning of homeliness in local or/and broader regions
- The place of nostalgia in teaching (for example museums, tourism, material culture, identity)
- Collective understandings of heritage in teaching History
- Exploring the value of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in history learning

### Assessment of, and in, History

- Assessing basic and higher education history curriculum and programs
- Improving assessment practices in the history classroom
- Mobile learning and e-assessment in History
- The use of Apps in the assessment of history content
- Assessment and distance history learning

### \*Any other theme, preferably related to the main conference focus

The draft and final program for the conference will be made available by 31 May on Conference alerts as well as [www.sashtw.org.za](http://www.sashtw.org.za)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Registration opens:	20 March 2017
Closing date for registration:	1 September 2017
Closing date for payment (submit proof of payment)	8 September 2017

## CONFERENCE FEES

**Registration fee:** The registration fee includes the conference materials, morning and afternoon teas, lunches and the Gala dinner on Thursday, 14 September 2017:

Early Bird Special: (Payment received by 7 July 2017):	ZAR 2 150.00
Registration Fee: (Payment received after 7 July 2017):	ZAR 2 500.00
Early Bird for SASHT Members: (Until 31 May): ( <b>Proof of SASHT membership required</b> )	ZAR 2 000.00
One day Attendance:	ZAR 850.00

An official invoice will subsequently be e-mailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

The SASHT has limited access to funds that will be utilized to financially support educators of History to attend the conference (Registration Fee only). To be considered, please apply (with motivation) before/by 12 May 2017. Applications to be sent to Prof Elize van Eeden at: Email: [Elize.VanEeden@nwu.ac.za](mailto:Elize.VanEeden@nwu.ac.za)

Please e-mail a copy of the deposit slip, or proof of electronic transfer, to Ms Ronéle van Staden and Prof Elize van Eeden at: Email: [conferenceishd@gmail.com](mailto:conferenceishd@gmail.com)

## ENQUIRIES

### General and Registration:

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### SASHT Secretary:

Dr Susan Bester

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## POST CONFERENCE EXCURSION

A post conference excursion will be organised for the afternoon of 15 September 2017. All who wish to attend the excursion will be transported to Vredefort Dome for a tour accompanied by an official tour guide.

**(Excursion costs are not included in the registration fees).**

## POST CONFERENCE TOURS

Option 1: 4-Day [Victoria Falls](#)

Option 2: 4-Day [Cape Town](#)

Option 3: 4-Day [Pilanesberg National Park & Sun City](#)

Option 4: 4-Day [Kruger National Park](#)

Option 5: 4-Day [Garden Route](#)

**(The costs for conference tour packages are not included in registration fees).**

More information about the post conference tours is set out in the Registration form available at the URL as set out under Registration. To book please contact Lizelle Trauernicht at: Email: [product@highline.co.za](mailto:product@highline.co.za)

Mention to her the ISHD-SASHT conference and ES van Eeden who has corresponded with Highline.

## ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

**Accommodation** can be booked at the [Riverside Sun Hotel, Vanderbijlpark](#) which is also the venue where the conference will take place. The Riverside Sun Hotel is a non-self-catering facility and consists of 169 rooms; function facilities; fully licenced restaurant and bar.

Special Accommodation fees (*Block Code/Reference number: 545202*):

- Single (ZAR 1 430.00 /pp / night) (B&B)** (*Excludes hotel levies*)
- Sharing (ZAR 1 430.00 / night / room) (B&B)** (*Excludes hotel levies*) – *Please indicate with whom to be shared.*

[Attendees need to book and pay at the same time]

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### ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

*(Click on the link to be redirected to the website)*

[Little Eden Guest Lodge](#)

[Beethoven's Lodge](#)

[Stonehaven on Vaal](#)

[Quest Conference Estate](#)

**Please note:** All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. ISHD, SASHT or the NWU is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

### TRANSPORT ATION INFORMATION:

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## INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTES



**Prof Dr Falk Pingel** of Germany is currently the Deputy Director emeritus, Associated Research Fellow at the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research in Braunschweig/Germany. He is also Consultant to academic institutions and to international organisations such as UNESCO; OSCE; Council of Europe. In his professional capacity he was a Research fellow from 1973 to 1993, at Bielefeld University and the George Eckert Institute. From 1997 to 2000 he also acted as guest lecturer on contemporary history as well as on theory and didactics of History at Bielefeld University, standing in for the chair held by Prof Dr Jörn Rüsen. Thereafter several guest lecturers have been presented at the East China Normal University. Between 2003 and 2004 Prof Pingel has also been director of the Education Department at OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajewo. From 2005 he served as Acting (thereafter Deputy) Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research. Though having retired in 2009 Prof Pingel is still a very acting academic.



**Mr Michael Harcourt** is a prolific and active researcher in History education. He is currently a Doctoral candidate, Victoria University of Wellington, Faculty of Education. Mr Harcourt has extensive experience as a teacher in GET and HET phases. From 2004 to 2011 he was and educator at high schools, thereafter became the Assistant Head of Faculty Social Sciences, classroom teacher, Wellington High School. In 2015, as Fulbright Scholar he did research at City University of New York. He also served as a member of several leadership teams at the Wellington High School. His prolificness also features in several books he edited, and have contributed to and the peer reviewed articles published.

## NATIONAL KEYNOTE



**Prof Peter Kallaway** is situated at the University of Cape Town. He is a renowned Teacher Educator, Historian, Comparative Educationalist and a Policy Analyst. For years he had been involved at the University of Basle, the University of South Carolina and the University of Ohio and the Yale University. He also served as advisor to the MEC for Education, Western Cape. In 2016 he received the Oppenheimer Award at Oxford for excellence in academic research and communication. Prof Kallaway is the author of five published books on History education, and his recent publication reflects Colonial education in Africa, particularly in South Africa.

## Concept Programme

The concept programme is available for your viewing at [Concept Programme](#)

## HOW TO REGISTER

**Registration** for the conference will open on 20 March 2017. Please register for the ISHD / SASHT History Conference at the following URL link: [ISHD/SASHT History Conference Registration Form](#)

**Cancellation:** Unfortunately no refunding is possible, but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost. Please inform the conference administrator of the change in name.

## BANKING DETAILS

For the **International Delegates:**

### ISHD-SASHT JOINT CONFERENCE, ACCOUNT DETAILS



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Conference, 13-15 September, Vanderbijlpark, RSA

Account holder: North-West University, Absa Potchefstroom

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For the **National Delegates and SASHT Members:**

### ISHD-SASHT JOINT CONFERENCE, ACCOUNT DETAILS



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