



**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**  
IYUNIVESITHI YASEKAPA - UNIVERSITEIT VAN KAAPSTAD

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

*will host the*

**ALASA19**  
**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*

**9th – 11th July 2018**

*at*

**The River Club, Mowbray, Cape Town**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Final date for submission of abstracts (350-500 words)  
Notification of acceptance of abstracts:

JAN 31<sup>ST</sup> 2018  
FEB 15<sup>TH</sup> 2018

Proposals for paper presentations, interactive sessions, posters/exhibitions are invited to the ALASA19 - 19th ALASA Interim Conference and Sintu7 - 7th International Conference on Bantu language which will be hosted at University of Cape Town from 9-11 July 2019.

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

Participants are invited to submit papers on research related to Literature, Language and Linguistics on and in African languages. In submitting your abstract for ALASA19, 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

## 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.

**Abstracts are invited for conference presentations addressing any aspect of the analysis, description or comparison of Bantu languages.**

### Call for abstracts for ALASA19 and Sintu7:

#### Guidelines and instructions:

Abstracts of 350-500 words in length should be submitted via <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/alasa19sintu7>  
All abstracts will be adjudicated.

#### The due dates for submission of abstracts and for notifications are as follows:

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| • <b>Submission of abstracts (350-500 words)</b>  | <b>JAN 31ST 2018</b> |
| • <b>Notification of acceptance of abstracts:</b> | <b>FEB 15TH 2018</b> |

#### Paper presentation and programme guidelines:

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.

#### Day 1: 9 July 2018

Registration:

Conference programme: Presentations of papers, workshops

Evening: Reception

**Day 2: 10 July 2018**

Conference programme: Presentations of papers, workshops  
Evening: GALA dinner

**Day 3: 11 July 2018**

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

**Conference Plenary Speakers:**

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:**

Early-bird registrations: R2800.00 (for ALASA members R2500 + R300 membership fee)  
Late registration: R3000.00 (for ALASA members R2700+R300 membership fee)  
Early-bird registrations for students: R800.00 (Proof of student registration required)  
Late registration for students: R1000.00 (Proof of student registration required)

Due date for early-bird registration: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2018

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

If ALASA membership for 2018/2019 has already been paid please send proof of payment or letter or receipts.

**ENQUIRIES:****General and Registration:****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 as well as your registration form to [alasa19sintu7@gmail.com](mailto:alasa19sintu7@gmail.com)

***Banking details: TBA***

**DISCLAIMER:**

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

ACCOMMODATION: TBA

**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. ALASA19 & Sintu7 & 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.**