



# PROGRAM

4th CONFERENCE

REGIONAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (RHSSA)

26-27 November 2025

## *Independence and post-colonialism in Southern Africa*

**Venue:** Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Eduardo Mondlane University

**Address:** Eduardo Mondlane University, Main Campus, Av. Julius Nyerere No. 3453, Maputo, Mozambique

The year 2025 marks the jubilee of the independences of Angola and Mozambique. The independence of these Portuguese-speaking countries, contributed significantly to end colonialism and apartheid in Southern Africa. It marked a moment of euphoria and hope in regional history. With independence of Angola and Mozambique, freedom fighters in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, gained a strategic support they needed to advance their struggle for freedom. As result of combined efforts, Zimbabwe became independent in 1980; Namibia in 1990 and South Africa held its first multiracial democratic election in 1994. These long years of struggle for the liberation of southern African countries forged a sense of a common destiny and brotherhood among freedom fighters. This spirit of unity led to the creation of SADC as a stepping-stone towards regional integration aiming at contributing for the wellbeing and human dignity of regional people. However, soon, people became disillusioned with the post-independence period. The earned emancipation has largely remained flag independence because 'development' has not been achieved in most of the countries in Southern Africa and the reason is not far to seek. Coloniality (present day colonialism) is to blame for the apparent poverty and underdevelopment in the region. Reacting to this debilitating phenomenon state actors have resorted to various forms of resistance (decoloniality) to it (coloniality) but with limited success. Because coloniality is sustained by Western modernity, an integral part of the indefatigable worldwide capitalist system can only be managed but not eliminated. As all southern African countries celebrate the jubilee of independence of Mozambique and Angola, it is timely to rigorously debate on strategic interventions against coloniality in Southern Africa. Thus, the Regional History Society of Southern African (RHSSA) is hosting a conference on the theme Independences and post-colonialism in Southern Africa. We cordially invite you to consider joining us for this debate.

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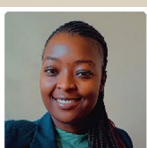
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	<b>Master of Ceremonies:</b> Mr. Aderito Machava				
<b>SAST, UCT+2</b>	<b>Wednesday, 26 November 2025</b>				
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>				
<b>9:00-10:10</b>	<b>Session I: PLENARY (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Mr Aderito Machava</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>9:00-9:10</b>	Opening Address, RHSSA Steering Committee Member	<b>Prof Marlino Mubai</b>	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	
<b>9:10 - 9:25</b>	Welcome Address	<b>Prof. Samuel Quive, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</b>	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	
<b>9:25 - 10:10</b>	Keynote Address I	<b>Prof Arlindo Chilundo</b> 	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	<i>Mozambique and Angola: From political independence to unattained economic freedom - the metamorphosis of failed dreams</i>
<b>10:10 - 10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>				





<b>10:30-12:35</b>	<b>Session I: PARALLEL (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Dr Paulo Lopes Samboco</b>			
<b>10:30 - 10:55</b>	Presentation 1	<b>Prof Thula Simpson</b> 	<i>University of Pretoria</i>	South Africa	<i>Anti-Apartheid Networks and the ANC's Revolutionary Underground</i>
<b>10:55 - 11:20</b>	Presentation 2	<b>Mr Arnaldo Pinto Teixeira Caliche</b> 	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	<i>The Lusaka Accords and Winner's Democracy: FRELIMO and the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), 1974–1976</i>
<b>11:20 - 11:45</b>	Presentation 3	<b>Mr Mogammad Irshaad Suliman</b> 	<i>Stellenbosch University</i>	South Africa	<i>Behind the Frontlines: Cape Muslim Anti-Apartheid Resistance to Everyday Struggles (1950–1996)</i>
<b>11:45-12:10</b>	Presentation 4	<b>Mr Robert B Uys</b> 	<i>North-West University</i>	South Africa	<i>Interpreting Dingane's Kraal? Interrogating uMgungundlovu's Multimedia Centre and Post-Apartheid Heritage</i>
<b>12:10-12:35</b>	Presentation 5	<b>Mr Gift Masengwe &amp; Prof Paul H Gundani</b>  	<i>Zimbabwe Open University</i>	Zimbabwe	<i>Reassessing the Historiography of the Liberation Struggle in Zimbabwe, 1980-2025</i>
<b>12:35-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				

10:30-12:35	Session II: PARALLEL (Venue: Sala Magna)	Session Chair: Prof David Bogopa			
10:30 - 10:55	Presentation 6	<b>Dr Richard Levi Raber</b> 	University of Exeter	United Kingdom	<i>'I grew in the army': The Militarization of San Youth along the Angolan-Namibian Border, 1967-1990</i>
10:55 - 11:20	Presentation 7	<b>Ms Dakaalo Carol Makhado</b> 	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	<i>Friendships and Frictions, 1880–1940: Zanzibari Identities and Encounters in Durban and the Indian Ocean World</i>
11:20 - 11:45	Presentation 8	<b>Ms Tebatso Poee</b> 	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	<i>Migrating Men: Consumption, Alcohol and the Marketing of Food and Drink in Southern and East Africa, 1900s to 1980s</i>
11:45-12:10	Presentation 9	<b>Dr Shokahle Dlamini &amp; Dr Lindokuhle N Dlamini</b> 	University of Eswatini	Eswatini	<i>The Failure of Tuberculosis (TB) Control Measures to Effectively Eradicate TB in Swaziland, 2015-2024</i>
12:10-12:35	Presentation 10	<b>Mr Emile Coetzee</b> 	North-West University	South Africa	<i>A history of the establishment of the Republic of South Africa through the participation of C.R. Swart during his inauguration as State President, 31 May 1961</i>
12:35-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>				



<b>10:30-13:00</b>	<b>Session III: PARALLEL (Venue: Room 319)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Prof Bernard Mbenga</b>			
<b>10:30 - 10:55</b>	Presentation 11	<b>Mr Clinton Chiruta</b> 	<i>University of Eswatini</i>	Eswatini	<i>From Reluctance to Vigilance: The Colonial Government's Evolving Role in TB Control in Swaziland</i>
<b>10:55 - 11:20</b>	Presentation 12	<b>Mr Kongko L Makau &amp; Col. Ditebogo P Nare</b> 	<i>Stellenbosch University</i>	South Africa	<i>Oh, It Can Be Done! Frelimo Women Combatants, The Inspiration That Fueled the South African Women's 1976 Generation To Combat</i>
<b>11:20 - 11:45</b>	Presentation 13	<b>Prof Inês Raimundo</b> 	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	<i>Mukherista Women and their Role in Regional Integration: Facts That 'History' Insists on Denying</i>
<b>11:45-12:10</b>	Presentation 14	<b>Dr James Hlongwana</b> 	<i>Great Zimbabwe University</i>	Zimbabwe	<i>A Pipe Dream. The Case of the 'Regional Integration genda' in Southern Africa</i>
<b>12:10-12:35</b>	Presentation 15	<b>Ms Denice M Banda</b> 	<i>University of the Free State</i>	South Africa	<i>Chinese Mining Companies and Small-Scale Chromite Mining Practices in Mhondoro-Ngezi, Zimbabwe, 2000-2021</i>
<b>12:35-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				

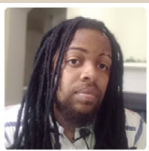



<b>13:30-16:00</b>	<b>Session IV: PARALLEL (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Mr Emile Coetzee</b>			
<b>13:30-13:55</b>	Presentation 16	<b>Mr Nyasha Samuel Chikowero</b> 	<i>University of the Free State</i>	South Africa	<i>Chavaroyi: The Environmental and Socio-Political Ecologies of African Restorative Justice and Healing in Zimbabwe</i>
<b>13:55-14:20</b>	Presentation 17	<b>Prof Ndivhoniswani Aaron Tshidzumba</b> 	<i>University of South Africa</i>	South Africa	<i>Evolution in Biofuels and Bioenergy to Ensure Global Sustainability: A Pathway to South African Digital Communication Transformation</i>
<b>14:20-14:45</b>					
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>				
<b>13:30-16:00</b>	<b>Session V: PARALLEL (Venue: Sala Magna)</b>	<b>Session chair: Dr Shokahle Dlamini</b>			
<b>13:30-13:55</b>	Presentation 18	<b>Dr Charmaine T Modisane</b> 	<i>North-West University</i>	South Africa	<i>Debating Youthful Criminality in the Witwatersrand in the 1920s and 1930s: Liberals, Missionaries, and the Press</i>
<b>13:55-14:20</b>	Presentation 19	<b>Dr Peter Uledi</b> 	<i>University of the Free State</i>	South Africa	<i>"To the People ... Independence Means That They can Plough Everywhere." Environmental Policy, Land Redistribution and State-Peasant Relations in Zimbabwe, c.1980 to 1992</i>
<b>14:20-14:45</b>					
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>				


<b>13:30-16:00</b>	<b>Session VI: PARALLEL (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Mr Revolution Dube</b>			
<b>13:30-13:55</b>	Presentation 20	<b>Mr Titus Rukudzo Chideme</b> 	University of the Free State	South Africa	<i>Livelihoods and Food Security in a Mining Setting: The Case of Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe, Zimbabwe, 1980-2020</i>
<b>13:55-14:20</b>	Presentation 21	<b>Prof Bernard K Mbenga</b> 	North-West University	South Africa	<i>The Impact of Mineral Wealth Upon the Bakgatla ba Kgafela of Rustenburg District, South Africa: Socio-Economic Progress and Conflict, 1990-2013</i>
<b>14:20-14:45</b>	Presentation 22	<b>Mr Francisco Alberto Freitas Mendes</b> 	Eduardo Mondlane University	Mozambique	<i>From Colonialism to Coloniality: 'Heretical' Voices of the Catholic Clergy Challenging Power in Mozambique (1940s-2020s)</i>
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>				
<b>15:15-17:30</b>	<b>Session II: PLENARY (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Mr Aderito Machava</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>15:15-16:00</b>	Keynote Speaker II <b>(Online Presentation)</b> Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94003537609?pwd=5skpyeHwHLlwzxfA4BVaR7jaNV3c1b.1">https://zoom.us/j/94003537609?pwd=5skpyeHwHLlwzxfA4BVaR7jaNV3c1b.1</a> Meeting ID: 940 0353 7609   Passcode: 224466	<b>Prof Toyin Falola</b> 	University of Texas	United States of America	<i>The Shadow State in Southern Africa: Democracy, Legitimacy, and the Crisis of Accountability</i>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>RHSSA Steering Committee Meeting</b>				
<b>17:00-20:00</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b>				

## Thursday, 27 November 2025

9:00-10:15	Session VII: PARALLEL (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)	Session Chair: Prof Eleusio Filipe			
9:00-9:25	Presentation 23	Mr Keaobaka Tsholo 	University of the Free State	South Africa	Does the Transition of Liberation Movements into Political Parties Guarantee Good Governance? The Cases of ZANU-PF and the ANC
9:25-9:50	Presentation 24	Prof David Bogopa 	Nelson Mandela University	South Africa	Decolonization of the Social Sciences Modules: Themes and Perspectives
9:50-10:15	Presentation 25	Ms Mbali Layca Ncube 	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	Soundwaves of Resistance: Radio Freedom, COSAS, and Underground Media (1982–1985)
10:15-10:45					
9:00-10:15	Session VIII: PARALLEL (Venue: Sala Magna)	Session Chair: Prof Thula Simpson			
9:00-9:25	Presentation 26	Dr Hanky Sereo 	University of Eswatini	Eswatini	State Repression and the Fight for Democracy in Swaziland: The PUDEMO Experience, 1983-2013
9:25-9:50	Presentation 27	Ms Ncebakazi Makwetu 	University of Fort Hare	South Africa	Vuyisile Mini: Dockworker, Umkhonto we Sizwe Commander, Freedom Song Writer – the Making of an Anti-Apartheid Martyr



9:50-10:15	Presentation 28	<b>Mr Leroy Maisari</b> 	Univerisy of Fort Hare	South Africa	<i>Beyond a Patriotic History: Recovering the Independent Left and the People's Power Movement in 1980s South Africa</i>
10:15-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>				
9:00-10:15	<b>Session IX: PARALLEL (Venue: Room 319)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Dr James Hlongwana</b>			
9:00-9:25	Presentation 29	<b>Dr Domonique-Marie Verkerk</b> 	Sol Plaatje University	South Africa	<i>Challenging the Volksmoeder: Decolonial Feminism and the Representation of Black Women in Post-1994 Afrikaans Film</i>
9:25-9:50	Presentation 30	<b>Mr Revolution Dube</b> 	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	<i>The contemporary pressing issue of Zimbabwean migrants in the hospitality sector in South Africa. A historical narrative of how they emerged to occupy and subsequently dominate South Africa's hospitality industry.</i>
9:50-10:15	Presentation 31	<b>Prof Marlino Mubai</b> 	Eduardo Mondlane University	Mozambique	<i>The 'Blessers' of Electoral Processes: A Critical Analysis of Post-Electoral Conflicts in Africa, 1990-2024</i>
10:15-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>				
10:45-12:25	<b>Session III: PLENARY (Venue: Anfiteatro 1502)</b>	<b>Session Chair: Mr Aderito Machava</b>			
10:45-11:30	Round Table Discussion	<b>Prof Marlino Mubai</b>	<i>Mozambique National Archives, and The Institute for the Research of the History of Liberation Struggle</i>	Mozambique	<i>The challenges and opportunities of historical research in Mozambique</i>

11:30-11:50	Report on Conference	<b>Prof Marlino Mubai</b>	<i>Eduardo Mondlane University</i>	Mozambique	
11:50-12:10	Valedictory words	<b>Prof Elize S Van Eeden</b> 	<i>North-West University (Chairperson, RHSSA)</i>	South Africa	
12:25	Announcement of 2026 Conference	<b>Prof Elize S Van Eeden</b>			
12:25-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>				
13:30	<b>Maputo City Tour</b>				

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