

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Hebrew and the Department of Old and New Testament Studies  
at the University of the Free State  
invites you to the annual meetings for  
**THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR NEAR EASTERN STUDIES (SASNES)**  
AND  
**THE OLD TESTAMENT SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (OTSSA)**



**8 - 12 September 2025**

**at the**

**Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State**  
**(The meetings will be hybrid)**

The organisations SASNES (Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies), and OTSSA (The Old Testament Society of South Africa) invite submissions for the 2025 annual meetings.

We invite submissions on issues related to “Unity and Diversity in Ancient Texts (and Old Testament Studies): Exploring Diverse Approaches and Trends in the Unity and Formation of Texts, Books or Larger Units of Texts.” However, submissions need not be limited to these topics. We encourage submissions that explore these topics from a wide range of perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches. As already noted, we will also accommodate abstracts, even if they do not necessarily relate to the highlighted topics.

You have the option to submit an abstract for the **face-to-face (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2025)** or **online sessions (the online session for SASNES is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept and for OTSSA on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2025).**

Please submit your 250-word abstract by the **10th of June 2025 deadline**. We look forward to receiving your submissions and engaging in fruitful discussions at the 2025 annual meetings.

Format of proposals:

1. Name, Surname, and Institution
2. Title of Proposed Paper
3. Abstract (no longer than 250 words)

SASNES proposals must go to Dr Kevin Chau ([kevindchau@gmail.com](mailto:kevindchau@gmail.com))

OTSSA proposals must go to Prof. Lodewyk Sutton ([SuttonL@ufs.ac.za](mailto:SuttonL@ufs.ac.za))

**Abstracts should reach us by the 10th of June 2025. No late submissions will be considered.**

