



CALL FOR PAPERS SASNES/CASA 2027

Joint Conference of the Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies (SASNES) and the Classical Association of South Africa (CASA)



Transformative Readings of Antiquity: Reimagining the Ancient Past

Dates: 6-9 July 2027

University of Pretoria, Hatfield Campus, Pretoria, South Africa

In order to stimulate and promote cross-cultural and transdisciplinary research into the ancient Mediterranean and Western Asia, the annual SASNES conference and the 36th Biennial CASA Conference will be held jointly and hosted by the University of Pretoria's Department of Ancient and Modern Languages and Cultures in 2027.

We invite papers on the topic of 'Transformative Readings of Antiquity: Reimagining the Ancient Past'. We welcome contributions that engage with this theme in its broadest possible sense, including, but by no means limited to, interpretation, reception, and related approaches within the contexts of the ancient Mediterranean and Western Asia.

However, papers on any topic relevant to the research areas of either or both societies are welcome. Postgraduate students are also encouraged to submit proposals.

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Geoffrey Dunn (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
 - Craig Williams (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
 - Mai Musie (National Centre for Academic and Cultural Exchange, UK)
- The Van Selms Memorial Lecture speaker for SASNES will be announced in due course.

Submission guidelines for abstract:

1. Name, Surname, and Institution
2. Title of Proposed Paper
3. Abstract (250-300 words)

Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present their paper, followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Abstracts should please be submitted to conference@casa-kvsa.org.za no later than **31 March 2027**. No late submissions can be considered.

Potential presenters are encouraged to join one or both societies, depending on your interests.

Queries can be directed to the conference organisers, namely Dr Jo-Mari Schäder (jo-mari.schader@up.ac.za) for SASNES and Dr Susan Haskins (susan.haskins@up.ac.za) for CASA.