

SOCIETY OF AFRICANIST ARCHAEOLOGISTS

25th BIENNIAL MEETING: AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY — A 20:20 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Second Circular: Symposium Submission Procedures

Call for symposia

The SAfA 2020 Organizing Committee welcomes proposals for symposium topics. We should like the conference to reflect the interests and priorities of the entire SAfA membership, ranging from the earliest hominins to the archaeology of contemporary Africa. Symposia may wish to consider some of the key challenges confronting Africa's inhabitants and their heritage, focus on advances in a specific methodological or theoretical field, discuss results from several scholars working on one or more tightly related field projects, present new knowledge of a particular region/time period, or explore larger debates in African archaeology. The Organizing Committee especially encourages proposals for symposia that stimulate comparison across multiple regions, examining diverse pathways of social and economic change on different parts of the African continent.

Symposium preparation timetable

Early designation of symposium topics is key to getting individual papers strategically placed into topically themed symposia. We hope to see a robust array of symposium topics proposed by 15 November 2019. After preliminary vetting (and checking to prevent duplicate topics), the Organizing Committee will publicize symposium titles/abstracts and symposium organizer contact information in mid-November on the conference website and in the Third Circular.

How to submit your symposium

Please use the form accompanying this email, which is also available on the web at www.safa2020conference.org

The deadline for the submission of symposium proposals is **15 November 2019**.

Page 1 of the symposium proposal form is the most essential. Please be sure to indicate your preference for podium OR poster format. Please also indicate whether you wish your symposium title/abstract (and your email address) to be listed publicly on the conference website or kept private. If you make your information public, SAfA members will contact you directly to ask to join your symposium. If you choose not to have your symposium and contact information listed, recruiting contributors is solely your responsibility.

Page 2 of the symposium proposal form requests a current status report on your contributors as of 15 November. Please list any contributors that are committed (C) vs. those that are possible (P). We anticipate that more participants will join each symposium between 15 November and the completion of abstract submission on 31 December.

What comes next?

Around 1 December, the conference website and the Third Circular will publicize information on symposium titles/abstracts and email addresses for symposium organizers. Hopefully each SAfA member will be able to find a symposium that relates well to his/her current work, contact the symposium organizer before 31 December to express interest, and create a relevant abstract.

Presentation abstracts will be due by **31 December 2019**. They should be submitted via email to both the symposium organizer and to the Organizing Committee. The symposium organizer retains the right to either include a presentation, or (if the session is full or if the proposed paper is not a good fit) advise the Organizing Committee that this paper should be considered for placement in a General Session.

By no later than **31 January 2020** each symposium organizer should send the Organizing Committee a final list of included papers, ranging from six (minimum) to 24 (maximum). Any remaining unassigned abstracts will be vetted by the Organizing Committee and grouped into General Sessions.

If you are in the field...

...or for some reason find it impossible to submit your symposium proposal before 15 November, please contact the SAfA 2020 Organizing Committee via email at safa2020@arch.ox.ac.uk If possible state your symposium's proposed title and abstract, and we will work with you on the rest.

We look forward to seeing your symposium ideas!

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