



The Southern African History Book Prize

The SAHS and HASA are inaugurating a book prize for the best scholarly history publication in book form. The book should be published by a southern African-based press and should be of scholarly and academic merit, as recognised by peers.

The book should offer original research with fresh insights and interpretations. An excellent book is one that is notable for its cogency of writing, breadth of historical sources consulted, and the novelty of insights into the topic, as well as its contribution to southern African historiography.

HASA and SAHS have therefore joined forces to propose the establishment of a Southern African History Book Prize. The criteria and process for awarding the prize are laid out below.

The first prize will be awarded at the 29th Biennial SAHS conference at the University of Johannesburg in June 2024 and will consider books published with an ISBN publication date of 2021 or 2022.

Eligible candidates will be:

- A southern African citizen or non-citizen who has been resident in southern Africa for at least three consecutive years.
- A member of SAHS and/or HASA at the time of nomination.

The eligible book will be:

- Published/co-published by a southern African press.
- Peer Reviewed
- A monograph based on original research and making a novel contribution to the field.
- Published in English
- Published within two years preceding the award.



