



Southern African Historical Society

The Southern African History Book Prize

The Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) and the Southern African Historical Society (SAHS) are pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 'Southern African History Book Prize,' awarded 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.

The prize will be awarded at the biennial conference of the Historical Association of South Africa at Sol Plaatje University in June 2025 and will consider books published with an ISBN publication date of 2022 or 2023.

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 HASA and/or the SAHS 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
- ISBN publication date of 2022 or 2023.

The nomination process:

- Publishers or fellow academics can nominate a book by submitting a letter of motivation.
- Nomination requires the author's consent.
- The publisher must make both hard copies and digital copies (PDF) of the book available to the HASA/SAHS joint committee and the full adjudication committee.
- Nominations need to be submitted by 31 January 2025.
- Nominations must be submitted to: <u>southernafricanhistbookprize@gmail.com</u>

The prize:

- The prize will be awarded every year, alternating between the biennial conferences of the respective awarding societies.
- The award is worth R20 000 (HASA will contribute R10 000 and SAHS will contribute R10 000)

The selection process:

- A joint SAHS/HASA committee of six members will create a shortlist of four books.
- Thereafter, an adjudicating panel of three judges will make their selection from the shortlist.
- The committee reserves the right not to award a book prize for any given year.

