



**The University of KwaZulu-Natal's
School of Religion, Philosophy & Classics**
invites you to the annual conferences of
**the Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies (SASNES),
the Old Testament Society of Southern Africa (OTSSA), and
the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa (LXXSA)**

at

the New Arts Building, Golf Road Campus, UKZN, Pietermaritzburg.

CONFERENCE DATES



Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies (SASNES)

Date: 16-19 September 2019

Theme: "Sacred Texts Translated/Interpreted for New Contexts"



Old Testament Society of Southern Africa (OTSSA)

Date: 17-20 September 2019

Theme: "Sacred texts in contemporary contexts"



Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa (LXXSA)

Date: 16-19 September 2019

Theme: Open

CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers is open. The deadline for the submission of titles and abstracts is **1 June 2019**. The respective societies will notify prospective speakers whether their proposals have been accepted within **two weeks** of their submission of titles and abstracts. Please note that failure by speakers to register and pay their registration fees by the deadline (see below) will result in their names being dropped from the programme of the conference.

Abstracts of **150-200 words** (in English) should be submitted via this online abstract submission form: <https://forms.gle/H4nEJL4istrm6cq6A>.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens **15 June 2019** and closes **1 September 2019**. Further registration information and fees will be made available soon. You will be required to fill out an online registration form and will then receive an invoice. Proof of payment for this must be sent by 1 September 2019. We will not be able to confirm your registration before proof of payment is received.

LOCATION, ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The conference will take place in the New Arts Building, Golf Road Campus, UKZN, Pietermaritzburg. A map is available at this address:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/new+arts+building+golf+road+campus+ukzn+pietermaritzburg/@-29.6411472,30.3828137,14z/data=!3m1!4b1>

Each conference attendee and participant is responsible for arranging their own accommodation and transportation. We include helpful information below.

1. Getting to Pietermaritzburg

If you want to fly to the conference, you have two options; flying to Durban (King Shaka International Airport) or flying to Pietermaritzburg (Oribi Airport).

1.1 Flights to Durban

Most South African airlines have numerous daily flights into Durban, from all major cities in South Africa. Flights can be booked directly with the airline of your choosing, or via your university travel provider. King Shaka International Airport is approximately a one (1) hour drive from Pietermaritzburg. You can book a rental car and collect it from King Shaka Airport, most car rental agencies have a branch at the airport

1.2 Flights to Pietermaritzburg

You can also choose to fly to Pietermaritzburg directly. Although Oribi Airport Pietermaritzburg is a small airport, direct flights are available from both Johannesburg (5 daily flights) and Cape Town (1 daily flight). All flights into Pietermaritzburg are operated by SA Airlink, tickets can be booked on their website: <https://www.flyairlink.com/>. When you arrive at Oribi airport, the conference venue is a short taxi ride away, taxis are available at the airport. Alternatively you can hire a vehicle and drive to the university yourself.

Most of the big car hire companies have a branch at Oribi (Pietermaritzburg) airport, but we would recommend that you book in advance to ensure that a vehicle is available when you arrive.

1.3 Buses

- Intercap - 021 380 4400
- Greyhound - 011 611 8000 / 087 352 0352
- Eldos Coaches - 086 113 5367
- Intercity Xpress - 033 345 2250

Popular routes: Pietermaritzburg to Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg to Pretoria, Pietermaritzburg to Midrand, Pietermaritzburg to Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg to East London, Pietermaritzburg to Port Elizabeth, Pietermaritzburg to Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg to Umtata, Pietermaritzburg to King William's Town.

2. Accommodation in Pietermaritzburg

There are a number of different options available for accommodation for your stay in Pietermaritzburg, and we have included information about a selection of these below. Conference rates are unfortunately not available, but we have included in the list accommodation options in different price ranges.

2.1 Luxury Accommodation (1 000 ZAR + per night)

- Protea Hotel by Marriot Hilton: 1 Hilton Ave, Hilton, Pietermaritzburg, 3245. Tel: 033 343 3311. Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pzbhi-protea-hotel-hilton>. NB! This hotel is 20 km from the conference venue.
- Aha Imperial Hotel Pietermaritzburg: 224 Jabu Ndlovu St, Pietermaritzburg, 3200. Tel: 033 342 6551. Website: <http://imperialhotel.co.za>. 3 km from conference venue.
- Southern Sun Pietermaritzburg, Golden Horse Casino: 45 New England Rd, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3209. Tel: 033 395 8500. Website: <https://www.tsogosun.com/southern-sun-pietermaritzburg>. 1.6 km from conference venue.
- 79 on Ridge Road B&B: 79 Ridge Rd, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3200. Tel: 033 346 2130. Website: <https://www.79onridge.co.za>. 600m from conference venue.

2.2 Comfortable Accommodation (600 – 1 000 ZAR per night)

- Thorntree Lodge: 9 Adams Rd, Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 396 3211. Website: <http://thorn-tree-lodge.business.site>. 3km from the conference venue.
- Road Lodge Pietermaritzburg: Hesketh Dr & New England Rd, Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 031 065 0999. Website: <https://clhg.com/hotels/356/Road-Lodge-Pietermaritzburg>. 2.3km from the conference venue.
- Yes Please B&B: 8 Alan Paton Ave, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3209. Tel: 033 386 0166. Website: <http://yesplease.co.za>. 1 km from conference venue.
- Ascott Inn: 210 Woodhouse Rd, Willowton, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 386 2226. Website: <http://ascott-inn.co.za>. 4 km from conference venue.
- Regal Inn Xpress: 7 Alan Paton Ave, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 345 0488. Website: <http://regalinn.co.za>. 2 km from conference venue.

2.3 Affordable Accommodation (150 – 600 ZAR per night)

- PMB Backpackers Lodge: 8 Leinster Rd, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 342 1758. Website: <http://pmbbackpackers.co.za>. 1 km from conference venue.

- Logos Lodge: 17 Blaydon Cres, Westgate, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 386 5318. Website: <http://www.logoslodge.co.za>. 4 km from conference venue.

3. Getting around Pietermaritzburg

If you do not have access to a vehicle and you need to move about town, we recommend using the following taxi services:

- Metro Taxis Pietermaritzburg, Tel: 033 397 1910
- Wilken's Taxi, Tel: 033 397 1700

4. Things to do in Pietermaritzburg

Pietermaritzburg is nicknamed the 'City of Choice' for a reason, and there a number of fun and engaging things to keep you busy when you are not in conference. Whether you want to visit museums, go for a walk in the botanical gardens, go shopping or watch live sports! The following websites are a good place to find a Pietermaritzburg adventure suitable for you:

- [PMB Tourism](#)
- [Things to do in Pietermaritzburg, TripAdvisor](#)

5. Eating in Pietermaritzburg

While most of the accommodation options listed above serve breakfast, you might nevertheless need to find places to eat lunch and dinner. You might also want to explore what the city has to offer by way of dining. Listed below are a few places where you will find a selection of places to eat, but please also feel free to ask the conference organisers and local students for their personal recommendations!

- Scottsville Mall: 50/60 Alan Paton Drive, Scottville, Pietermaritzburg, 3200, 1.2 km from conference venue. The mall is within walking distance of the conference venue, and many of the accommodation options listed above. At the mall you will find grocery stores like Checkers and Woolworths as well as a range of different fast food franchises.
- Golden Horse Casino: 45 New England Rd, Scottville, Pietermaritzburg, 3209, 1.6 km from conference venue. There are a number of different restaurants at the Golden Horse Casino, such as Vigour and Verve, John Dory and Rockafellas.
- Invesco Centre: 8 Chatterton Road, Pietermaritzburg, 3200, 6 km from conference venue. There are a number of different restaurants at the Invesco Centre, such as Bangkok Wok, LaVitae, Jayz Grill, Cubana and Swaadisht Food.

6. Medical services and hospitals

- Scottsville Pharmacy - AlphaPharm: 4 Alan Paton Ave, Midlands, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 386 1029. Opening Hours: 08.30 – 09.30. Daily 1.3 km from conference venue.
- Mediclinic Pietermaritzburg: 90 Payne St, Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Tel: 033 845 3700. Mediclinic is open 24 hours.

7. Churches and services

- Priory Dominican Community: 3 Leinster Road, Scottville, Pietermaritzburg. Tel: 033 3452241. Sunday Services.
- Scottsville Baptist Church: 34 Jesmond Road Scottville, Pietermaritzburg. Sunday Services, mornings: 9:00am / evenings: 6:00pm. <http://scottbc.co.za/>

- His People Christian Church: Ridge Jnr. Primary School Hall, Ridge Road, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg. Sunday Services: 9:00am. <http://hppmb.blogspot.com>
 - Scottsville Presbyterian Church, 85 Ridge Rd, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, Sunday Services: 9:00am.
 - Grace Generation Church: Scottsville Primary School, 14 Milner Road, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg. Sunday Services: 9.00am. <http://gracegeneration.co.za>
 - Lutheran Church: 3 Bester Road, Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg. Sunday Service: 9:00am. <http://churchofthecrosspmb.wordpress.com/>
 - Wesley Methodist Church: 69 Cleland Road, Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg. Church Service, mornings: 9:30am / evenings: 6:00pm. <http://www.wesleychurch.co.za/>
 - St Matthew Anglican Church, 115 Hesketh Drive Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg. Sunday Services: 08:15am. <http://stmatthewshayfields.weebly.com/>
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