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OTSSA/ SASNES/LXXSA Annual Conference 2022

The Importance of Context

Hosted by the Department of Old and New Testament,
Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University

5-9 SEPTEMBER 2022



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We probably all agree that when it comes to the study of the Old Testament, Ancient Near Eastern texts and cultures and the LXX, that context is important. We drill into students a sense of the significance of historical context(s), literary context(s), the context(s) of the reader, both ancient and contemporary. In our research we explore the relevance of various aspects of these contexts in terms of the texts and artifacts with which we engage.

With regard to all of these levels, we say that context is complex, multifaceted, and informs what and how we interpret. But we also see how context may become weaponized when battlelines are drawn around which context matters more, which context is the probable setting for a particular text, and just who determines what exactly context means.

For this year's Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies, the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa, and the Old Testament Society of Southern Africa's annual meetings, we invite papers that explore Contextual interpretation in its various forms

and applications, allowing us to question/clarify/redefine what we mean when we say that context matters, maybe even asking about the context of our discourses on context(s).

Format of proposals:

1. Name, Surname and Institution
2. Title of Proposed Paper
3. Abstract (no longer than 250 words)
4. Whether you would like to present in person or online

SASNES proposals must go to Kevin Chau (kevindchau@gmail.com)

LXXSA proposals must go to Peter Nagel (peternagel@sun.ac.za)

OTSSA proposals must be sent to Juliana Claassens (jclaassens@sun.ac.za).

Abstracts should reach us by **June 1, 2022**. No late submissions will be considered.

You can register for the conference on OTSSA's <https://www.otwsa-otssa.org.za/conferences/stellenbosch-2022/>

You will have the option to register for

Register for	SASNES (5-6 Sept)	R200
	LXXSA (7 Sept)	R100
	OTSSA (8-9 Sept)	R200

Optional

Chocolate/Wine Tasting (6 Sept)	R125
Conference Dinner (8 Sept)	R400

If you prefer to attend the conference online, an online registration fee of R250 will be charged in order to assist with technical support required.

Online only Option	R250
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For inquiries regarding the conference and to register online or in person please email Mrs Marita Snyman [maritasnyman@sun.ac.za]