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CALL FOR PAPERS

Zimbabwe Psychological Association Conference 2024

“Decolonising Psychology: Reclaiming the African Psychology of Well-being”

Date: 14 to 15 November, 2024

Venue: Cresta Sprayview, Victoria Falls

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for presentation at the 2024 ZPA Conference. The theme for the conference is **“Decolonising Psychology: Reclaiming the African Psychology of Well-being”**.

There has been a call from various scholars of the need for African people to tell their own stories and not solely rely on imported theories to understand local realities. Psychology in Africa, like other knowledge forms, is often treated as though its origins are distinctly Western.

According to Mignolo (2011), African Psychology is interested in engaging in field studies with the potential to generate relevant data for addressing the psychosocial needs and problems of the people of Africa, particularly those intended to help to bring to the fore the African indigenous knowledges deemed vital for attending to the peculiar challenges of living in the contemporary African world. There is need for African psychologists to engage in the exercise of restudying some of the themes and problems earlier studied but wrongly understood and coded or conceptualized by foreign researchers, due to lack of expertise in the language of the people they studied.

When it comes to wellness it is not a one size fits all. Mendez (2021) highlights that the pursuit of wellness can include exploring ways to divest from colonial, capitalistic, and Eurocentric means and ideals of healing. Our pre-colonial ancestry can hold wisdom for our healing in the present.

The conference seeks to encourage African psychologists to take up the challenge and put forward psychological theories, research and analyses more congruent, useful, and relevant to our context as Africans. Thus, the quest for a psychology that is reflective of and accessible to all humanity should be a truly worthy endeavor that will strengthen the science and its numerous applications. nationally, regionally and globally

Sub-themes

The conference sub-themes include but not limited to,

- Decolonizing Teaching of psychology
- Decolonizing Psychological Research
- Decolonizing Psychological Assessment
- Decolonizing Treatment

- Decolonizing Ethical practice
- Decolonizing Psychotherapy
- Decolonizing correctional Programmes
- Decolonizing Regulation of Psychology Practice

The conference is expected to bring together clinicians, career researchers, policy makers, practitioners, and clients, consumers of psychological interventions, and technologies. This platform will therefore be meant to create a unique environment for learning and collaboration that we hope will position Zimbabwean Psychology and strengthen its contribution to national development and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

The ZPA Annual Conference provides an outstanding educational programme which includes continuing professional development (CPD) points and general professional development opportunities for attendees. Keynote speakers, guest panellists and general sessions will cover a diverse array of topics related to the practice, research and professional training related to the total wellbeing of our world community.

Top Reasons for Attending ZPA's Conference

- Dynamic platform for networking, learning, and staying ahead in your industry.
- Gaining valuable insights from industry experts to forging meaningful connections with like-minded professionals.
- Engaging with individuals from different walks of life fosters inclusivity and broadens your horizons.
- Attending sessions and participating in discussions can improve your public speaking and presentation skills, gain confidence in expressing your ideas, and enhance your ability to communicate effectively
- ZPA conferences attract recruiters and employers, allowing you to explore job openings, make connections, and showcase your expertise.
- CPD points available for Health Professionals

Guidelines for Presenters

- PowerPoint presentations should have a maximum of 20 slides
- If you are using visuals to support your presentation, please prepare a PowerPoint presentation (.ppt)
- Your .ppt file should be set to 16:9
- The time allocated for each session should accommodate both presentation and Q & A session
- Presenters are allowed to be involved in a maximum of two paper proposals

- The abstracts may come from any discipline and may be theoretical, applied, or policy-based. Every paper must engage with, apply, extend, criticise, or offer insights specifically relevant to the human development paradigm.
- Each abstract will be peer reviewed by panels appointed by the Conference committee.
- The main criteria for evaluating the various kinds of submissions will be; novelty/originality; clarity and structure; significance/impact/relevance to/engagement with the capability approach and/or human development; methodology and methods; fit with the conference theme

ZPA Journal

We encourage papers presented at the conference to be submitted for publication in the ZPA Journal. This is a peer reviewed journal.

Conference Fees

The conference fees cover tea and lunches as well as conference stationery and the Dinner gala. Separate arrangements need to be made for accommodation. Accommodation details will be shared in due course.

	Early Bird Special Till 30 August	Registration Till 11 October	Late Registration After 11 October
ZPA Full Members	USD90.00	USD100.00	USD110.00
ZPA Student Members	USD50.00	USD60.00	USD70.00
Non ZPA Members	USD110.00	USD120.00	USD130.00
Virtual Registration	USD30.00	USD30.00	USD30.00

Separate arrangements need to be made for accommodation. Accommodation can be arranged at the following places;

Important deadlines

1. **03 June, 2024** – Abstract submissions opened.
2. **30 August, 2024** – Registration opens
3. **13 September, 2024**– Submission abstracts closes. After this date, you will no longer be able to submit an abstract. Abstracts which have already been submitted will become temporarily unavailable to authors while they are reviewed.
4. **28 October, 2024** - Authors will be notified if their abstract has been accepted or declined
5. **8 November, 2024** – All authors must be registered for the Conference by this date. Authors are also encouraged to share final draft of their papers with organisers by this date.
6. **11 November, 2024** – Publication of the preliminary programme

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

All abstracts must be emailed to **info@zpazim.org**

Author Information

- **FIRST NAME:** Enter the first initial only of presenting author.
- **LAST NAME:** Enter the full last name of the presenting author.
- **EMAIL:** Enter the email address of the presenting author.
- **AFFILIATION:** Enter the institution and address of presenting author (see sample abstract in Abstract Submission Guidelines document).
- **COUNTRY:** Enter the country of residence of the presenting author.
- **OTHER AUTHORS:** Enter the first initial and last name of all other authors as you would like them to appear in the abstract book (see sample abstract).
- **TITLE AND ABSTRACT**
- Enter the title and the abstract. Abstracts must be no more than 250 words, and must include the following headings, each separated with a colon:
1. Aims: 2. Method: 3. Results: 4. Conclusion

Formats

1. **Papers** (15 minutes). This is a talk presentation style. Paper presentations will be grouped by the conference organizers into topically related sessions.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Abstracts are to be emailed to info@zpazim.org. Please follow the instructions for the type of format that is relevant to your submission. Only abstracts submitted online will be considered.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Conference.

REVIEW CRITERIA

All abstracts will be reviewed on the basis of relevance to the overall conference theme and subthemes. Abstracts for empirically-based presentations must include the specific goals of the study, the research questions, methodology, a summary of the results if analyses have already been completed, and a conclusion. While it is not necessary for analyses to be completed prior to abstract submission, data collection must be **completed**. Abstracts for theoretical, educator, or practitioner-based presentations must clearly describe the issue, project, intervention, or educational experience, that is, at a reasonably complete stage.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

Decision notification of abstracts submitted by the early submission deadline 13 September, 2024 will be provided via email on 27 September, 2024.