



The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)

2010 AFSAAP Postgraduate Prize Guidelines

The prize

Monash University has generously agreed to sponsor this year's AFSAAP Postgraduate essay prize.

The prize will be awarded for the best postgraduate paper presented at the conference. It consists of:

- A return airfare from Australia to Johannesburg
- Assistance in publishing the conference paper in AFSAAP's peer-reviewed journal, the *Australasian Review of African Studies*
- A certificate
- Up to 2 weeks accommodation at Monash's South African campus. The campus web site is located at <http://www.monash.ac.za/>

Selection criteria

Papers will be judged by a panel selected by the Executive Committee, to include, at least, two senior academic members of the Association. This will take place at the conclusion of the conference. The decision of the panel is final, and if in their opinion, no entry is regarded as of high enough standard, they may decide not to award a prize.

Papers will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- a) definition and justification of the topic and/or problem within the broader context;
- b) understanding of the topic - including use of appropriate references;
- c) analysis of key issues - including presentation of argument, discussion and conclusion;
- d) level of scholarship - including originality and/or contribution to knowledge;
- e) clarity of writing and structure; and
- f) accuracy - including completeness and consistency in presentation and referencing.

All entrants will be advised of the successful postgraduate, and a notice will be placed in the *Australasian Review of African Studies* publication subsequent to a decision having been made by the judges. The winner of the award will be given assistance to publish their essay in the *Australasian Review of African Studies* (in the first instance), a fully refereed journal.

Submission guidelines

Written papers are to be submitted as hard copy (in Word format) to the conference convenors during the course of the conference. The paper submission must be an essay in its complete form.

An electronic copy of your submission must also be forwarded to the AFSAAP Secretary secretary@afsaap.org.au at the time of the conference.

The written paper should not exceed 3000-4000 words and should be written in a style acceptable for publication in an academic journal.

Papers should be submitted on A4 paper with double or one- and-half point line spacing and a 12 point Arial font typeface.

Standard conventions for academic publishing should be followed. All papers should be accompanied by a declaration that the paper is the student's own work.

Revision of work taking account of a lecturer's marking is valid, but papers should NOT have been submitted to formal review by or for an editor of a book, journal or working paper series.

Please note:

The winner of the prize must agree to present their paper at Monash South Africa. Final details are to be arranged between the prize winner, AFSAAP, and Monash University.

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Gael Andrews at info@afsaap.org.au