

Call for Papers: Beyond the Recalibration of African Languages through Education

Stellenbosch University x Recalibrating
Afrikanistik Seasonal School

2 - 5 APRIL 2024

The United Nations General Assembly (UNESCO) proclaimed the period between 2022 and 2032 as the **International Decade of Indigenous Languages**, to draw global attention to the critical situation of many indigenous languages and to mobilize stakeholders and resources for their preservation, revitalization and promotion. In 1952, UNESCO echoed the sentiments that knowledge is transferred best when it is done in the first language of the children. These sentiments are further endorsed by the **Recalibrating Afrikanistik project (RecAf)**, that in a globalized village, language regiments the flow of knowledge.

The conference intends to actively engage African languages through the context of African language teaching and classroom practices. Furthermore, it aims to engage with the communities speaking about, making literature, researching and teaching in African languages in a mutual dialogue. It will thus bring together different stakeholders who wish to develop the potential of studying, researching and creating in these languages in academic contexts (school and university) and in the wider community, effectively adding to the agenda of recalibrating and repurposing African languages as a means of accessing epistemology.

Therefore, the aim of the autumn school in **Stellenbosch University** as a partner of RecAf is to invite MA students, PhD candidates, and postdoc researchers to engage with the theme, through the theme or sub-themes as exhibited below.

- Coloniality and the African orthographies in times of decolonisation
- Traditional and contemporary literature
- African languages in education



DATES

- **Abstracts due:** 31 October 2023
- **Notification of acceptance:** 30 November 2023
- **Seasonal school:** 2-5 April 2024

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Deadline: 31 October 2023

Please use the submission form at the QR code above or **follow this link** to submit your abstract of 250-400 words.