



The Southern African History Book Prize

The Southern African Historical Society (SAHS) and the Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) are pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the ‘Southern African History Book Prize,’ awarded annually for the best scholarly history publication in book form. The book should be published by a southern African-based press and should be of significant academic merit, as recognised by peers.

The book should offer original research with fresh insights and interpretations. An excellent book is one that is notable for its cogency of writing, breadth of historical sources consulted, and the novelty of perspectives into the topic, as well as its contribution to southern African historiography.

The prize will be awarded at the biennial conference of the Southern African Historical Society at the University of Zimbabwe, Harare, in June 2026 and will consider books published with an ISBN publication date of 2023 or 2024.

Eligible candidates will be:

- A southern African citizen or non-citizen who has been resident in southern Africa for at least three consecutive years.
- A member of the SAHS and/or HASA at the time of nomination.

The eligible book will be:

- Published/co-published by a southern African press.
- Peer-reviewed.
- A monograph based on original research and making a novel contribution to the field.
- Published in English.
- ISBN publication date of 2023 or 2024.



