

FOURTH SOUTH AFRICA-JAPAN UNIVERSITY (SAJU) FORUM



CIRCULAR ONE | Call for Abstracts

23-24 MAY 2019 | FUTURE AFRICA CAMPUS | UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA |
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Important Dates:	
1. Abstract submission	31 January 2019
2. Notification of abstract acceptance	22 February 2019
3. Registration	28 February – 31 March 2019
4. Academic Study Tour	21 & 22 May 2019
5. Heritage Study Tour	25 & 26 May 2019

You are invited to submit papers for the Fourth South Africa-Japan Universities Forum Conference. The Conference will be presented at the University of Pretoria from 23-24 May 2019. The abstract submission date is **31 January 2019**.

The theme for the 2019 conference is “*The human being in the 21st Century in the context of global changes*”. What it means to be human in this day and age is contingent on finding meaningful solutions to the grand societal challenges of our time.

The Fourth SAJU Forum Conference is an academic, abstract-driven event that will offer researchers of both South Africa and Japan an opportunity to share existing research collaboration, research interests, achievements and perspectives, and opportunity to discuss possibilities for future collaboration. It is also an important engagement for dialogue between the universities and other stakeholders from the two countries.

The conference organisers are: Universities South Africa (USAf), the Centre for Japanese Studies (CJS) at the University of Pretoria, the National Research Foundation (NRF), the Japanese Embassy and the African Studies Centre (ASC) at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS). As well, the Japan-Africa Academic Network (JAAN) is involved as cooperator.

SUB-THEMATIC AREAS

In the 21st Century, humanity and the human-earth nexus face unprecedented changes and challenges that are both multidimensional, and often simultaneously local and global.

The following sub-thematic areas of the conference frame these challenges. The intention of the Fourth SAJU Forum is to deliberate on collaborations between researchers and students in the two countries with the intention to positively influence these challenges.

The four sub-thematic areas are:

1. **Health and wellness:** medical science, public health, sports, arts, culture, education, transportation, city planning, and areas studies.
2. **Security and social justice:** food security, water security, agriculture, environment, clean energy, ecology, citizenship, resource management, poverty reduction, area studies, and politics.
3. **Growth, exploration and conservation:** economics, business science, natural sciences, development, heritage, area studies; and politics.
4. **A technical session** on modalities of research support for collaboration, student and staff mobility, and postgraduate education. Participants in this session are expected to share information/university information that is current or planned:
 - a. Study exchange programmes: undergraduate, masters or PhD
 - b. Agreements on joint supervision
 - c. Cultural exchanges (short campus visits/tours)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The promotion of South Africa-Japan bilateral collaboration, undergraduate and postgraduate student mobility and academic exchange initiatives, faculty collaboration, co-supervised programmes for postgraduate students, and joint research partnerships.

FORMAT

The conference format is a combination of abstract-driven, academic discussions with oral presentations, panels, interactive networking sessions, and high-level engagements.

ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS

- Researchers and academics from universities, research institutions and science councils;
- Researchers and academics from existing South Africa-Japan partnerships or collaborative projects;
- South African and Japanese academics wishing to collaborate;
- University Presidents and Vice-Chancellors or their representatives;



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- Representatives from government agencies and the private sector interested in engaging in relevant research initiatives;
- Representatives from the research offices and international offices of universities.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

To facilitate the submission process and subsequent follow-up process, please consider the following guidelines, information and deadlines:

Guideline structure

- i. The abstract should be 200-300 words. Abstracts that do not meet this word limit will be returned for revisions.
- ii. Please use the abstract template on pages 4-5 below and follow the format carefully.
- iii. Your submission should be submitted in English.
- iv. Your abstract should be concise and informative.
- v. Please submit a brief biography together with the abstract as per the guideline below.

Steps to follow for your abstract submission

Once you have prepared the abstract according to the above guidelines,

- i. Submit it to saju2019@usaf.ac.za
- ii. Receipt of the abstract will be acknowledged within 3 working days.

Deadline for the abstract submission

Please submit your abstract by **31 January 2019**.

About the review process

Your abstract will be blind reviewed by the Conference Academic Committee. Results of the abstract review will be sent to the author by **22 February 2019**.

BIOGRAPHY

Please send your biography together with the abstract using the following format:

Follow this Example Biography:

Dr Paul Jonathan
Dean, Faculty of Marketing Management,
University of Hatfield
South Africa
Biography: (Only 50 words)

Colour photograph
with a minimum size
of 3.5cm x 2.5 cm



Since joining the University of Hatfield, Jonathan has been involved with studies related to tourism related challenges and strategies in small Islands. Before joining University, Johnathan worked at a Research company as a senior researcher. Since 2011 Jonathan worked as a dean of Faculty of Marketing Management.

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