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The [Department of South African Sign Language and Deaf Studies](#) at the University of the Free State (RSA), in partnership with the [Joint IGU/ICA Commission on Toponymy](#), is pleased to announce the next biennial international symposium on place names, in conjunction with a related virtual workshop.

Urban place names, i.e., the names of streets, squares and other intra-urban structures, contain cultural and symbolic value and reflect political power. They can be descriptive such as when they indicate direction, a landmark or the function of a structure; they can be commemorative, reminding of persons, institutions or events; or neutral when numbered or bearing the names of flowers, birds, or planets. They serve as markers of the spatial relationship between humans, groups of humans, and all that encompasses the urban landscape. From the 19<sup>th</sup> century onward, commemorative naming has been especially affected by political changes that had caused waves of renamings and had a significant impact on the urban linguistic landscape. With the theme for this symposium we wish to explore issues around formal as well as informal urban naming. We need to consider what it means to name shared spaces, what roles these names play in social dynamics, and how these names can be managed. Papers with a focus on minority and indigenous names, including sign languages, are encouraged in particular.

### Potential subtopics

Only a limited number of papers can be accommodated, as all sessions will be plenary. Abstracts (250 words) can be submitted by **30 May 2023** to Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za) in the following (but not limited to) categories of research:

- The occurrence of minority and indigenous urban names, whether or not officially recognised (including signed names).
- The significance of these languages in urban landscapes.
- Processes of urban naming, especially those that include marginalised languages.
- The rate of change of urban names, and the implications thereof (whether official or on grassroots level).
- National, municipal, and other regulations regarding urban naming.
- Best practices in urban naming.



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- Other dimensions of urban place names: administrative, commercial and/or economic, cultural and historical/commemorative, physical, political, and linguistic.

### Keynote speakers

- Prof Myriam Vermeerbergen (KU Leuven, Belgium)
- Prof Thapelo J Otlogetswe (University of Botswana, Botswana)

### About the venue

The symposium will be held face-to-face on the [Bloemfontein campus](#) of the University of the Free State (RSA). The workshop will be hosted virtually.

### Organising Committee

- **Host:** Prof Annalene van Staden (University of the Free State, RSA)
- **Coordinator:** Dr Chrismi Loth (University of the Free State, RSA)
- **Resident members:**
  - Prof Theodorus du Plessis (University of the Free State, RSA)
  - Dr Lucie A Möller (University of the Free State, RSA)
- **Joint IGU/ICA Commission on Toponymy:**
  - **IGU Chair:** Prof Cosimo Palagiano (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)
  - **ICA Chair:** Dr Matjaž Geršič (Anton Melik Geographical Institute, Slovenia)
  - **ICA Past Chair:** Prof Peter Jordan (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria / University of the Free State, RSA)
  - **Common Vice-Chair:** Prof Paulo Márcio Leal de Menezes (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
  - **Member of the Steering Board:** Prof Peter E Raper (University of the Free State, RSA)

### Scientific Panel

- Prof Theodorus du Plessis (University of the Free State, RSA)
- Prof Peter Jordan (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria / University of the Free State, RSA)
- Prof 'Maboleba Kolobe (National University of Lesotho, Lesotho)
- Prof Paulo Márcio Leal de Menezes (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Prof Cosimo Palagiano (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)
- Dr Matjaž Geršič (Anton Melik Geographical Institute, Slovenia)
- Dr Petrus Angula Mbenzi (University of Namibia, Namibia)
- Dr Boga Manatsha (University of Botswana, Botswana)
- Dr Sambulo Ndlovu (Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe)



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## Important dates

- Abstract submissions open 27 February 2023
- Abstracts deadline 30 May 2023
- Feedback from Scientific Panel 21 June 2023
- Registrations open 30 May 2023
- Registrations close 20 August 2023
- Proof of payment deadline 20 August 2023

## Registration fees

To be announced. Includes meals (as indicated in the draft programme), the conference dinner and access to the virtual ISPN workshop. Does not include the conference excursion or virtual Afrilex workshop.

## Language of the symposium and workshop

English, with professional South African Sign Language interpreting available. Please indicate requirement for SASL interpreting with registration.

## Publication

Depending on the number and quality of papers an accredited publication in our regular conference proceedings series will be considered.

**This is a face-to-face event, and only in-person presentations will be accepted. Only papers presented at the symposium may be submitted for the proceedings.**

**Queries** can be directed to Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za).

*ISPN 2023 is hosted concurrently (but separately) with [Afrilex 2023](#). For more information on the latter, please contact Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za).*

*The Society of South African Geographers' Annual Conference will be hosted 2-4 October 2023 on the QwaQwa campus of the University of the Free State: <https://ssaq2023.org.za/>.*

FORMAT: Afrilex/ISPN conference ( <i>face-to-face event</i> )			
TUESDAY, 26 September	WEDNESDAY, 27 September	THURSDAY, 28 September	FRIDAY, 28 September
13:00-15:30 [to be confirmed] <b>Afrilex workshop</b> ( <i>virtual</i> )	Keynote 1	Keynote 2	Excursion
16:00-18:00 <b>ISPN workshop</b> ( <i>virtual</i> )	Concurrent, separate sessions	Concurrent, separate sessions	
Opening	Conference dinner	Special sessions AGMs	



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### *Guidelines for abstracts*

Word limit: 250

### ***Introduction***

- Problem statement and/or research questions
- Show necessity of your study

### ***Theoretical framework***

- Theoretical perspective
- Convincing line of argument
- Show clear connection between theory and/or literature and the problem statement/research questions

### ***Methodology***

- Describe research strategies
- Justify methods

### ***(Preliminary) Findings***

- Claim(s) as to what you've found



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## ISPN Workshop

### Topic

Geographical names data processing and management:

*Data processing, database management and production of geographical names information and gazetteers.*

**Date** Tuesday, 26 September 2023

**Platform** Microsoft Teams

(ISPN and Afrilex delegates who wish to do so, can attend the virtual event at the conference venue)

**Presenter** Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu,

Convenor of the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management of UNGEGN

**Fee** R500 (*included in registration fee for ISPN 2023 delegates*)

**Deadline** Register, pay and provide proof of payment by **20 August**

**Queries** can be directed to Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za)

### Content

- Building a database for GN management
- Disseminating GN for different purposes (using free and open-source software)
- GN: a "fundamental data theme" as referenced by UN-GGIM and standardized by UNGEGN
- Additional sub-topic: Linked Open Data considerations for GN management

After the name information has been gathered in the field, this information has to be stored and prepared for dissemination. Several methods exist for storing the data, from the paper cards being an old-fashioned but proved media, to the advanced digital techniques using databases. For storage of names information in a digital format, one has several options. Databases have the advantage that data can be connected with other information in other databases and that it can be processed in many ways.

When creating a database, one has to consider very carefully the layout and the structure of the database tables. Usually, the core table will hold one row for each geographical name. The definition of columns (fields) may vary considerably from country to country, but there are general rules that apply to most databases of geographical names. Typical fields associated with a geographical name are feature type, coordinates, variant names, textual description, source of the name information and status of the name. Several database software solutions can be used to create a database. The presentation will demonstrate how the database table structure can be defined and the data from the field collection can be integrated. It can be



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explained how to import the database content into other systems, like geographic information systems (GIS). It can be demonstrated how to display names from the database in a GIS or by using Google Maps/Earth or other applications.

In a nutshell, the participants will learn on the layout, structure and characteristics of a names database, insert the data from the field collection into a database, print a gazetteer from the database and, if applicable, create a gazetteer and a map with the geographical names in a Geographical Information System (GIS).

In both communities, the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), geospatial information, as an underpinning enabling infrastructure, is used in general or with a distinct relation to geographical names. Geographical names are used throughout the world as a geographic identification system and thus have potential to inter-relate and cross-reference disparate data sources, both geospatial and non-geospatial. Standardised geographical names are essential for effective communication between citizens, governments of all levels, decision-makers, and policymakers. Furthermore, geographical names are often used for geocoding and mapping. They are considered to be a "fundamental data theme" as referenced by UN-GGIM. These relations between UNGEGN and UN-GGIM can be explained.

Some future trends as volunteered geographic information and crowd sourcing can be mentioned as well. Amongst others, that crowd-sourced content will decrease cost, improve accuracy, and increase availability of rich geospatial information. It is envisaged that progress will be made in future on bridging the gap between authoritative data and crowd-sourced data, moving towards true collaboration.



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## Afrilex Workshop

### Topic

Creating a bilingual Sign Language/English video glossary:  
*The process at the National Institute for the Deaf (South Africa)*

**Presenter** Dirkie Ebersohn,

Content Development Manager at the National Institute for the Deaf Sign Language Centre

**Date** Tuesday, 26 September 2023

**Time** 13:00-15:30 (GMT+2) **[to be confirmed]**

**Platform** Microsoft Teams

(ISPN and Afrilex delegates who wish to do so, can attend the virtual event at the conference venue)

**Language** South African Sign Language, with interpretation to English

**Fee** R500 (*included in registration fee for Afrilex 2023 delegates*)

**Deadline** Register, pay and provide proof of payment by **20 August**

**Queries** can be directed to Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za)

### Content

Working with a sign language is very different to working with spoken languages, more so than just the medium. This workshop will go into detail on the process followed by the National Institute for the Deaf to create a bilingual South African Sign Language-English video glossary.

- Vocabulary
  - How to select appropriate elicitation materials?
- Data Collection and Participants
  - How to elicit signs without influencing the participant?
  - What should you look for in your participants?
- Data Analysis
  - How to analyse signs in a sign language?
  - What to do if there's no established list of phonemes?



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- Studio Recordings
  - How to position the model to get the best clarity.
- Practical experience
  - How to prepare participants.
  - Studio set-up to accurately reproduce signs.



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## Excursion

**Date** Friday, 29 September 2023

**Time** 08:00-16:00

**Service Provider** Bush Junkies Adventure Safaris (<http://www.bushjunkies.co.za>)

**Format** Full day Bloemfontein city tour

**Price** R 820 per person, **subject to a minimum of 20 people**

**Deadline** Register, pay and provide proof of payment by 20 August, with conference registration fee

**Queries** Dr Chrismi Loth at [kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za](mailto:kongresETFB@ufs.ac.za)

## Itinerary

*Subject to change depending on the availability of venues*

The tour will start at 08:00 so it can be offered at a relaxed and informative pace. It will conclude around 16:00.

- 1) Collect group and drive to [Naval Hill](#).  
Brief talk on the historical, geographical facts at the viewing platform at the Nelson Mandela statue. Take a drive around the Franklin game reserve to view the animals.
- 2) Head to Batho where we will see Thomas Maphikela House and Dirigateng (the place of curtains).
- 3) Visit the Woman's War Memorial and Boer War Museum.
- 4) Drive down historical St Georges and President Brand streets.
- 5) Lunch at restaurant (still to be determined).
- 6) Quick walk around the Free State Botanical gardens.
- 7) Visit the Oliewenhuis Art Gallery.



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## Travel and Accommodation

### COVID REGULATIONS

Link for newest updates: <https://www.gov.za/covid-19/individuals-and-households/travel-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### **SUMMARY**

Please note that these are the current requirements for entry into South Africa. It is advisable to check with your own travel advisors before you travel.

(3) All international travellers arriving at South African Ports of Entry must:

(a) be vaccinated against COVID-19 and produce a valid vaccination certificate; or

(b) produce a valid certificate of a negative PCR COVID-19 test, recognised by the World Health Organization, which was obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of departure; or

(c) produce a valid certificate of a negative antigen COVID-19 test performed by a medical practitioner, registered public health authority or accredited/approved laboratory which was obtained not more than 48 hours before the date of departure; or

(d) produce a valid certificate of a positive PCR COVID-19 test, recognised by the World Health Organization, for a test date less than 90 days prior to the date of arrival and more than 10 days prior to the date of arrival, together with a signed letter from a health care provider, registered in the country of origin, stating that the person has fully recovered from COVID-19, is not experiencing any new symptoms and is fit to travel.

(4) If an international traveller does not comply with subregulation (3):

(a) the traveller must undergo antigen testing for COVID-19 at the Port of Entry; and

(b) if the traveller tests positive for COVID-19 in the antigen test, the traveller will still be admitted into the Republic but, if the traveller is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, the traveller must self-isolate for ten days after admission into the Republic.

(5). Subregulations (3) and (4) do not apply to:

(a) travellers who are under 12 years old; and

(b) daily commuters from neighbouring countries.



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## UFS CAMPUS ACCESS

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You will be able to access the campus for the duration of the conference.

## TRAVEL

### INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Please note that South Africa implemented quite strict visa requirements and delegates should apply for these well ahead of time.  
For more information about visa requirements, exchange rates, maps, and so forth, visit: <https://www.sa-venues.com/touristinfo.php>

### AIR TRAVEL

Most of the world's airlines fly to South Africa, mostly directly to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. From there you can either fly to Bloemfontein or make use of the alternatives listed below. From the airport you can either hire a vehicle or make use of a taxi to travel to your place of accommodation.

The following airlines fly to the airport in Bloemfontein, Bram Fischer International Airport:

CemAir: <https://www.flycemair.co.za/>

Airlink: <https://www.flyairlink.com/>

FlySafair: <https://www.flysafair.co.za/>

### DRIVING YOURSELF

Alternatively you could rent a car and drive yourself. You can find road maps here: <https://www.sa-venues.com/maps/default.htm>

There are a number of car rental services with offices in Bloemfontein airport as well as in Johannesburg at OR Tambo. Some of them include:

Hertz: <https://www.hertz.co.za/>

Avis: <https://www.avis.co.za/>

Tempest: <http://www.tempestcarhire.co.za/>

Budget: <https://www.budget.co.za/>

Europcar: <https://www.europcar.co.za/>

First Car Rental: <https://www.firstcarrental.co.za/>

### SHUTTLE SERVICES

A number of shuttle services travel between towns as well as within Bloemfontein:

Citybug Shuttle: <https://citybug.co.za/>

EZ Shuttle: <https://www.ezshuttle.co.za/>



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## BUS TRAVEL

The following bus lines have routes to Bloemfontein:

Greyhound: <https://greyhound.co.za/>

Intercap: <https://www.intercape.co.za/>

Translux: <https://res.prasa.com/translux/Booking>

Interstate: <https://www.interstate.co.za/>

**TRAINS - it is *NOT* recommended to travel by train**

## TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, AND WITHIN BLOEMFONTEIN

Executive Shuttle: [cschieke@lantic.net](mailto:cschieke@lantic.net)

Phalima Shuttle Service: <https://phalimashuttle.co.za/>

Winona Shuttle Services: <https://www.winonashuttleservices.co.za/>

Bloem Taxi's: <https://bloemtaxi.co.za/>

Rooikat Taxi's: <https://www.rooikattaxi.com/>

GG Taxis: <https://www.ggtaxis.co.za/>

## ACCOMMODATION

Please note that delegates are responsible for making their own bookings.

Kovsie Inn is situated on campus. Bookings can be made at +27(0)51 401 7775 or [reservations@ufs.ac.za](mailto:reservations@ufs.ac.za) (<https://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsie-inn>).

The list below contains details about accommodation in the vicinity of the UFS.

Establishment	Type	Address	Telephone	E-mail	Website	Current rates (room only)	Rates including breakfast	Rates including dinner	Distance from UFS +-
Andelante Lodge	Lodge	4 Wannenburg St. Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 6400	<a href="mailto:info@adelante.co.za">info@adelante.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.adelante.co.za">www.adelante.co.za</a>	R830	R950	R1 200	1.2 KM
Anta Boga	Boutique Hotel	8 Stapelberg St. Brandwag	(+27)51 444 4647 (+27) 51 444 4643	<a href="mailto:conference@antaboga.co.za">conference@antaboga.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.antaboga.co.za/">http://www.antaboga.co.za/</a>	R1 240	R1 340	R1 592	950 M



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Palm Lodge	B&B	10 Stapelberg St. Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 4647 (+27) 82 266 1502	<a href="mailto:bookings@palmodge.co.za">bookings@palmodge.co.za</a>	<a href="https://www.palmodge.co.za/">https://www.palmodge.co.za/</a>	R830	R950	R1 200	950 M
La Vie & Rose	Lodge	14 Stapelberg St. Brandwag	(+27) 51 447 1098	<a href="mailto:info@lavie-rose.co.za">info@lavie-rose.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.lavie-rose.co.za">www.lavie-rose.co.za</a>	R590	No breakfast	No dinner	1.0 KM
College Lodge	B&B	10-20 Stapelberg St. Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 3837 (+27) 82 7881 597	<a href="mailto:info@collegelodge.co.za">info@collegelodge.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.collegelodge.co.za/">http://www.collegelodge.co.za/</a>	R830	Adds R125	Offers Dinner voucher on request	1.1 KM
Protea Hotel Bloemfontein	Hotel	202 Nelson Mandela Dr. Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 4321	<a href="mailto:reservations@phbloemfontein.co.za">reservations@phbloemfontein.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-bloemfontein">http://www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-bloemfontein</a>	R1 380	R1 650	R1 885	800 M
City Living Boutique Hotel	Hotel	Cnr James Scott Street & General Dan Pienaar Drive, Westdene	(+27) 51 444 6688	<a href="mailto:info@city-living.co.za">info@city-living.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.city-living.co.za/">http://www.city-living.co.za/</a>	R980/R1 150 includes breakfast		Adds R305 extra	2.3 KM
Villa Bali	Guest House	3 Generaal Dan Pienaar St. Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 6606	<a href="mailto:info@villabali.co.za">info@villabali.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.villabali.co.za/">http://www.villabali.co.za/</a>	R950/R1190	R1430/R1 110	No dinner	1.8 KM
Villa Bane Guest House	Guest House	226 President Paul Kruger Avenue, Universitas	(+27) 51 522 4017	<a href="mailto:villabane@iclix.co.za">villabane@iclix.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.villabaneguesthouse.co.za/">http://www.villabaneguesthouse.co.za/</a>	R550	No breakfast	No dinner	2.6 KM
Country Inn	Guest House	234 President Paul Kruger Avenue, Universitas	(+27) 51 522 4016	<a href="mailto:countryinn@iclix.co.za">countryinn@iclix.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.countryinn-guesthouse.co.za/">http://www.countryinn-guesthouse.co.za/</a>	R500	No breakfast	No dinner	2.0 KM
Guest Rest	Guest House	46 De Bruyn St, Universitas	(+27) 51 522 9608	<a href="mailto:nipho.nhlapho@gmail.com">nipho.nhlapho@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.guestrest.co.za">www.guestrest.co.za</a>	R450/R550/ R1 200	No breakfast	No dinner	3.9KM
Resting place	Guest House	50 Scholtz St. Universitas	(+27) 51 522 5008	<a href="mailto:bookings@rusplek.co.za">bookings@rusplek.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.rusplek.co.za/">http://www.rusplek.co.za/</a>	R650	Adds R95	Adds R155	3.6 KM



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Hide Place Lodge abd Spa	B&B	15 Dan Pienaar Dr, Westdene	(+27) 51 444 5608	<a href="mailto:alta@hideplace.co.za">alta@hideplace.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.afristay.com">http://www.afristay.com</a>	R720 includes breakfast		Adds R180/R200	1.9KM
Hydro Guest House	Guest House	115 Kellner St. Westdene	(+27) 51 448 0523	<a href="mailto:info@hydroguesthouse.co.za">info@hydroguesthouse.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.hydroguesthouse.co.za/">http://www.hydroguesthouse.co.za/</a>	R590	R670	Offers Dinner voucher on request	2.0 KM
Southern Sun Hotel	Hotel	Corner of Nelson Mandela and Melville Drive, Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 1253	<a href="mailto:ssbloemfontein.reservations@southernsun.com">ssbloemfontein.reservations@southernsun.com</a>	<a href="http://www.southernsun.com/">http://www.southernsun.com/</a>	R1310 includes breakfast		R1 530	1.4 KM
City Lodge	Hotel	Cnr Nelson Mandela Drive & Parfitt Avenue	(+27) 51 444 2974	<a href="mailto:clbloem.resv@clhg.com">clbloem.resv@clhg.com</a>	<a href="http://www.citylodge.co.za/">http://www.citylodge.co.za/</a>	R1 450	R1 640	Adds R200/R300	1.7 Km
Sun1 Hotel	Hotel	204 Cnr. Kringe and Nelson Mandela Drive, Brandwag	(+27) 51 444 3523	<a href="mailto:SUN1.Bloemfontein@southernsun.com">SUN1.Bloemfontein@southernsun.com</a>	<a href="http://www.southernsun.com/">http://www.southernsun.com/</a>	R665,59	No breakfast	No dinner	900 M
Rosedene Guesthouse	Guest House	131 President Reitz Ave, Westdene	(+27) 76 658 8009	<a href="mailto:stay@rosedenebf.co.za">stay@rosedenebf.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.rosedene.co.za">www.rosedene.co.za</a>	R675	No breakfast	No dinner	2.3 KM