

8th Annual Amazwi



Literature Heritage Ecology Conference

25 and 26 March 2026 | Makhanda

'People and Other Animals'

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual Amazwi Literature, Heritage and Ecology Conference is an interdisciplinary conference that welcomes participants from across the humanities and the sciences, and that fosters cooperation and interaction between them with the aim of helping to resolve the social-ecological crises we face today.

Conference theme

The conference theme 'People and Other Animals' invokes ecocritical approaches to animal studies. The ways in which animals are represented in literature, and indeed across the arts and sciences, shape and are shaped by human understanding of the natural world and our place in it. The ecocritical approach to the understanding of animals turns a critical gaze on anthropocentric perspectives on non-human animals and explores the complex interactions between 'us' and 'them'. In doing so it questions the boundaries we have created between ourselves and other animals and ponders how these boundaries may be disrupted and reimaged for the mutual benefit of all the living things concerned. Presentations are invited that explore the theme of 'People and Other Animals' and all related matters.

NB Presentations should be grounded in at least two of the conference's three entangled areas of interest:

LITERATURE | Encompasses both oral and written traditions and storytelling of all kinds.

HERITAGE | To remember the past is vital for the creation of a better future. Heritage includes history, culture, the arts and indigenous knowledge, and encompasses both cultural and natural heritage.

ECOLOGY | Humanity is embedded in the Earth's natural systems together with all other living things, towards which we have a profound responsibility of care.

Conference rates

Amazwi is constantly exploring ways to make the museum's events both sustainable and accessible. The 2026 Literature Heritage Ecology Conference rates are:

Early-bird

Up to 1 December 2025
Full conference | R1500
Single day | R750

Standard

After 1 December 2025
Full conference | R2000
Single day | R1000

Concession

Students and retirees
Full conference | R1000
Single day | R500

Deadline for submission of abstracts | 1 February 2026

⇒ Click to submit your abstract online

Deadline for registration | 10 March 2026

⇒ Click to register for the conference online

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