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**CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS**  
**FIFTH ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE**  
**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS/ABSTRACTS: 17 MAY 2018**

**FEEDBACK ON ABSTRACTS:** 14 JUNE 2018  
**CONFERENCE DATE:** 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2018  
**VENUE:** MALALANE (TBC)

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**THEME: MEMORIES, ORALITY AND LEADERSHIP: BEYOND THE RAINBOW NATION**

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Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu left an indelible mark in the lives and memories of South Africans. Their commitment and contribution to a better life for all can be summarized in the words of Mother Theresa when she said "Do things for people, not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are". Mandela became the first black president in the democratic South Africa. During his presidency, South Africa came to be identified as the rainbow nation where our country was nicknamed a rainbow nation. South Africans from different racial groups celebrated many victories and accomplishments together, especially sporting events and the adoption of the new constitution, as a unified nation. Is South Africa still a rainbow nation?

**Sub-themes:**

Women leadership in the liberation struggle  
The role of oral history in shaping the leadership of the country  
Albertina Sisulu and the restoration of the dignity  
The Order of OR Tambo and its significance  
Leadership and morality  
Memory as a weapon  
Oral history in the classroom  
The impact of substance abuse in society  
Art for freedom  
Corruption of religion  
Sports and healthy lifestyle

Abstract are invited for contribution to the 5th Mpumalanga Oral History Conference. Although the conference is primarily academic, case study reports and other contributions are welcome. The contributions must be based on original work and have a clear focus on oral history. The envisaged end-product of the conference will be a compilation of the proceedings. Interested contributors are encouraged to bring along to the conference papers that are photo-ready for publication.

**If you are interested, please send us a short proposal, including:**

An abstract of your paper or case study report (100-300 words)  
The relevant conference sub-theme and a title for the paper  
A short biography of yourself (50-100 words)

Your contact information (name and surname, affiliation, postal address, email address, phone and fax numbers)

The duration of presentation will be twenty (20) minutes and it will be followed by ten (10) minutes for discussion. The papers should not be longer than 5000 words.

**Send proposal to:**

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