

Remembering Kaunda: His Life and Legacies in Southern Africa and Beyond



Call for Papers

Former president Kenneth Kaunda passed away on 17 June 2021 at the age of 97. Coined the last of Africa's 'philosopher kings', Kaunda belonged to the last of a generation of leaders who fought for independence from colonial rule and had his own brand of political and economic philosophies.¹ Given the momentous occasion of the death of one of Africa's biggest icons, we feel it is timely to have a conference dedicated to Kenneth Kaunda and his legacies.

We invite contributions from scholars in the humanities and social sciences from disciplines such as anthropology, economics, history, international relations, philosophy, political science, development studies, sociology, religion and so on to an interdisciplinary conference that will be hosted by SAIPAR in Lusaka. This will be a hybrid form (physical and virtual) to ensure wide participation. The conference will be held in Lusaka in November 2021.

We intend to publish a special-issue journal from this conference and key themes of this will include (but are not limited to):

History: Northern Rhodesia African National Congress, Zambia African National Congress, Formation of UNIP, Kaunda's biography, legacies, nostalgia

Religion: Relationship with Christianity esp. Methodism, Church of Scotland and Kaunda's early life

¹ <https://mg.co.za/africa/2021-06-17-zambias-kenneth-kaunda-was-the-last-of-africas-philosopher-kings/>

Philosophy: Humanism, Pan-Africanism, Non-Aligned Movement

Economics: Mining, economic legacy, nationalization, economic development

Science: Education, research stations, space program

International relations: Anti-apartheid movement, relations with China

Politics: Ethnicity, race, the fate of liberation movements, nation-building and the one-party state, trade unions, civil society and democratisation, regional security and support for liberation movements in southern Africa

Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words should be submitted by 31 July 2021 using the following email address: kaundasaipar@gmail.com. The abstracts should clearly list the name of the author(s) and their institutional affiliation.

After the selection of abstracts, authors will be requested to submit full papers by 15 October 2021.

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