

**UNISA Classics Colloquium
Pretoria
25-27 October 2012**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dear colleagues and friends

The following information pertains to the upcoming 13th Unisa Classics Colloquium:

Registration form

A registration form is attached. Please complete and return to me as soon as possible, but by 15 September at the latest.

Travel details and transport

- A shuttle will run from the OR Tambo International Airport to Pretoria on the morning of Wednesday, 24 October.
- In order to meet you at the correct terminal/arrival hall, we need your flight details – please complete in full on the registration form. One of the organizers (or a shuttle driver) will meet you at the terminal where you exit (A or B). The terminal exits may be crowded, so please look around carefully for somebody holding up your name and/or ‘Unisa Classics Colloquium’.
- If you arrive at any other time, we recommend you taking the train to Pretoria. The Gautrain runs regularly between the airport and Pretoria, but only until 20:30. A card can be bought at the airport. Single trip: R135-00.
- Please ensure that your passport is in order before leaving, especially regarding visas (if required) and the required number of blank pages.
- During the conference, you will be picked up at the guest house in the morning and dropped off in the afternoons. Unfortunately, picking you up at any other accommodation apart from the recommended Brooklyn Guest Houses is logistically difficult.
- Transport for the excursions is also included in the conference package.
- Shuttles back to the airport will be organized for Saturday (27th) at 14:00, Sunday (28th) at 18:00 and Monday (29th) at 13:00.



Accommodation

- We have made preliminary bookings at the Brooklyn Guesthouses for speakers who indicated that they require accommodation. The deluxe room (single) tariff for group bookings is R625 pppn, including breakfast. There are a limited number of smaller rooms available. You are welcome to contact the guest house management personally should you wish to book one of these or should you have any other query:

info@brooklynguesthouses.co.za.

State that you will be attending the Unisa Classics Colloquium.

- If you wish to only attend the colloquium and stay at the guest house, you can book personally or indicate that on the registration form.
- Except for invited speakers, everybody is responsible for paying her/his own account before departure.
- The Brooklyn Guest Houses are in a quiet neighbourhood adjacent to the main campus of the University of Pretoria and a few minutes' walk from two smallish shopping malls (Hillcrest Boulevard; Brooklyn Mall – see Google Maps).

Weather

We usually have fine weather in Pretoria during October, with lows around 16, highs up to 31 degrees and possible afternoon showers (it once rained throughout the conference). There is a pool at the guesthouse for those who would like a splash in the afternoon or early morning. The jacarandas are in bloom, so bring along your camera.

Money

You may bring traveller's cheques, but may also choose to withdraw cash from local ATMs; just inquire from your local bank if your PIN will be working in South Africa. There is an ATM on the Unisa Muckleneuk campus during the conference.

Conference fee

The conference fee (R1000) is payable at registration, either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, in cash (South African currency please).

Communication

- The guesthouse has internet and wifi facilities.
- You may also enquire at the Department of Classics and World Languages (Theo van Wijk Building, Floor 5) during the conference should you want to access your email.
- I will appreciate you providing me with a mobile phone number, should an emergency arise with flight cancellations etc. My mobile phone number is +27 82 337 4081, and our departmental land line +27 12 429 6725/6811. If your flight is significantly delayed, I will appreciate a text message.

Conference venue

We are back this year at our old venue, the Kopanong Hall, Theo van Wijk Building Floor 10 (Muckleneuk Campus).

Media

- We will have Powerpoint facilities available for your presentation (laptop + data projector); just bring a CD or flashdrive along. Please indicate your needs on the registration form.
- If you have a handout, it would be appreciated if you could bring appr. 30 copies along, otherwise you may give one of the organizers your handout on Wednesday evening to be copied. We will unfortunately not be able to make copies of complete papers.

Session chairs

- I would like to nominate some of you to chair sessions. Should you wish to be excluded from chairing a session, please indicate on the registration form..

Publication of conference papers

We intend to publish a selection of papers in an *Acta Classica* supplement dedicated to the conference topic. We kindly encourage you to consider submitting your paper to be refereed for inclusion, the sooner the better. I attach the *Acta Classica* guidelines for contributors, should you wish to follow the style from the outset.

Evening functions

The following is planned (not all finalised) during the conference:

Wednesday 18:00: Reception at the Brooklyn Guest Houses
Thursday 18:00: Excursion to the Winex Exhibition, Sandton (Johannesburg); dinner on Mandela Square, Sandton City
Friday 19:00: Dinner at Moyo Restaurant, Fountains, Pretoria (transport to be provided from the guesthouse at 18:30).

Saturday afternoon

Nothing planned. Participants have in the past visited the Voortrekker Monument or the Freedom Park, gone shopping in the Brooklyn Mall or Menlyn Park, or even planned a trip to Johannesburg. We'll probably have dinner together as a group at the Brooklyn Square Ocean Basket.

Pilanesberg outing on Sunday

The Pilanesberg Game Reserve is approximately 160 km to the northwest of Pretoria, at least a 2 hour drive. Since the animals are early risers and then tend to hide from the sun, we have to leave early on Sunday, 05:00 or thereabouts. Please bear in mind that we are not in control of which animals will show themselves on the day, even though one never leaves the park without having seen some game (and the African veld).

We provide the transport; entrance fee (appr. R30) and lunch at Bakubung are for your account. We will return to Pretoria in time for those who have to catch a plane out on Sunday evening.

Seminar, Monday 25 October

A seminar is provisionally on the cards for Monday morning at Unisa, for those of you who might still be around or those who might find funding more forthcoming should you present two papers on the trip.

If you have any other queries, please send them to me via return mail.

Finally, thanks for your support and we wish you a pleasant journey to Pretoria.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Bosman".

Philip Bosman.