



Invitation to Apply

The SA City Studies network is organizing its fourth writing workshop, which will be held at Wits University in Johannesburg on 28 & 29 August 2020, immediately preceding the City Studies Conference at Wits, from 30 August to 1 September 2020.

We invite scholars who are doctoral candidates (or within five years post PhD) registered or based in an academic department or an institute at a Southern African university, and participating in the City Studies Conference, to apply to participate in the Workshop, which will focus on supporting the development of scholarly academic journal publishing.

The workshop will draw participating scholars together with senior colleagues to share experience in publishing and to provide precise and rigorous feedback on a paper each participant is preparing for publication. Intended to 'grow our own timber,' the workshop is one of a number of initiatives aiming to strengthen city studies as a field and to provide support critical to entry into active publishing.

To participate in the workshop, prospective participants need to:

- Present in the City Studies Conference immediately after the workshop (the deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 March 2020)
- Provide a well-developed draft paper of 6 000 to 8 000 words, prepared for submission for publication in a scholarly journal and sent to the workshop organizers by 31 July 2020. Please provide as well the details of the journal to which the paper will be submitted
- Participate in the workshop fully and actively
- Submit the paper to the journal for publication in six months following the workshop.

Participating established senior scholars will be invited from the sub-disciplinary areas of participating emerging scholars. They will:

- Provide written feedback on the paper
- Participate in workshop process – discussing papers, refining arguments;
- Be in communication with one or two scholars to provide comments on the final draft prior to submission to a journal.

Programme

28 August (Friday) – arrival – welcome session – work begins with some presentations on publication struggles, and continues for the day with discussions of participants' draft work in panels, small group work, including some writing exercise to help consolidate developments on each paper, with an informal social interaction in the early evening

29 August (Saturday) – work continues, as on Friday, concluding with sharing progress made.

30 August (Sunday) - the City Studies Conference begins

How to apply:

Please submit a letter of interest, indicating your existing university or collegial support, a current CV, the paper abstract (300 words maximum) and journal to which you wish to submit it. We are particularly targeting participants with limited support in their existing institutional contexts. The workshop will run the full two days before the City Studies Conference. We are exploring ways of supporting participants who need accommodation for an extra night or two prior to the City Studies Conference.

Please submit the application materials WITH YOUR CONFERENCE ABSTRACT PROPOSAL by 30 March 2020 to both:

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It will be a **requirement for writing workshop participants to be accepted to present at the City Studies Conference**. Applicants will thus be advised whether accepted for the writing workshop once we know the outcome of conference proposals, that is very early in June 2020.

We look forward to hearing from you!

ENQUIRIES should be addressed to Alan Mabin.

Workshop organizers

Sophie Oldfield (Professor, ACC, UCT and Basel)
Alan Mabin (Emeritus Professor, SoAP, Wits)

Workshop co-sponsored by African Centre for Cities UCT, CUBES Wits, and *Urban Forum* (Springer) in collaboration with participating organisations in the City Studies network.

