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**SSAG Geography Conference  
and Geography Students' Conference**

**'20/20 Vision'**

**Rhodes University  
6 -10 July 2020**

**SSAG Biennial Conference: 6 to 8 July 2020**  
**Geography Students' Conference : 8 to 10 July 2020**

In 2020, the Department of Geography at Rhodes University will be hosting both the SSAG Biennial Conference and the Geography Students' Conference in **Makhanda (Grahamstown)**. The **theme of the conferences is '20/20 Vision'** and we encourage participants to challenge their **perspectives**, adjust their **focus**, change their **frame of reference**, consider the **viewpoints** of others and adopt an **introspective lens**.

**The conference organisers are challenging themselves and attendees to reduce the environmental impact of the conference.** We will be doing this by reducing single use plastic, unnecessary conference swag, paper use and so on. As the city and campus are small we will be encouraging attendees to walk and we will provide shuttles to and from the airport. We are planning walking tours and fieldtrips to get participants out into the landscape. We will also attempt to make a few of our meals meat-free. **What will you be doing to help us in this cause?**

The conference has been scheduled to start **the week following the National Arts' Festival (25 June to 5 July)**, which means that anyone who is interested to participate in festival events will be able to explore what is on offer. **We highly recommend that you include this event in your travel plans.**

The conference will be **hosted on the Rhodes University campus**, which is within walking distance of the city centre and most of the accommodation in town. In addition, **accommodation will be provided on campus in the student residences** close to the conference venue.

**Key dates:**

- Session proposals by 15 December 2019
- Submission of abstracts: 16 February 2020
- Registration opens: 1 March 2020

We are in the process of building a website, finalising the budget and planning the programme of events etc. Further details will follow ASAP.

Further information regarding the National Arts Festival:

<https://www.nationalartsfestival.co.za/2020-festival/>

If you have any suggestions, queries or session proposals please contact [p.irvine@ru.ac.za](mailto:p.irvine@ru.ac.za).