

AZEF 2024 Conference

8-10 October 2024

The Barn, Calvinia, Northern Cape



Pre-conference workshop: Monday, 7 October 2024

Management of Protected Areas and OECM's

Conference sessions: Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th

- Socio-ecology theory in the arid zone
- Development threats in the arid zone
- Climate-change
- General ecology in the arid zone

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Sponsored attendance:

Applications for sponsored attendance will be accepted from deserving postgraduate students.

Conference registration fees & deadlines:

30 August 2024

Early bird – R5,000

Early student - R4,000

Sponsored student applications

Abstract submission

20 September 2024

Pre-conference workshop - R500

Late registration – R6,000

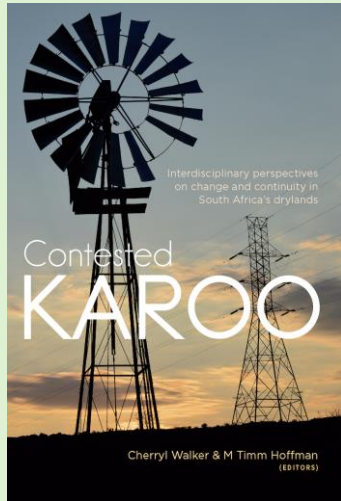
Online registration - R1,800



Plant Conservation Unit



Book - panel discussion:



This collection of original research articles, edited by Cheryl Walker and M Timm Hoffman, explores significant land-use changes in the Karoo and their implications for social justice and the environment, across different scales. It brings together recent scholarship by established and younger researchers, in both the social and the natural sciences, to examine the ways in which the Karoo is being reconfigured as a new 'resource frontier' and the tensions and contestations that result.

Panellists will focus on key themes from the book, before the discussion is opened to the floor.

From Dust to Data: Narratives of the Karoo's past and future Sessions

Socio-ecological theory in arid zones

- Adaptation and Resilience: Exploring strategies to cope with environmental changes
- Land use change: Examining the drivers and consequences of changes in land
- Ecosystem services: Studying the benefits nature provides to humans.
- Socio-cultural values: How beliefs and norms shape human interactions with the environment.
- Environmental governance: Analysing policies for sustainable resource management.

Development threats in the arid zone

- Impacts of development on arid zone ecology and/or socio-ecology
- Environmental impact assessments in the arid zone: gaps in understanding or issues with processing
- Leveraging opportunities from developments in the arid zones e.g. research on offsets, lessons learnt etc.

Climate-change

- Predictions for how climate-change might affect arid systems
- Impacts of climate-change on arid zone species and systems
- Potential ecosystem-based adaptation or ways to build resilience

General ecology in the arid zone

- Any research on arid zone flora or fauna
- Illegal trades in arid flora and fauna
- Conservation and agriculture in the arid zone

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