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## International Society for Regional History (ISRH)

### VIRTUAL WEBINAR

21-22 September 2023

10:00-14:00 (both days)




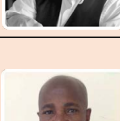
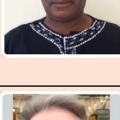


### *Regions from a Historical Perspective*

A growing number of scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences have turned their attention to spaces as a means of understanding historical processes. History-oriented scholars are now exploring their ideas in terms such as “region”, “space” and “territory” and making these the focus of historiography. This means that there are now many different interpretations of regional history in the literature. However, despite these new trends, traditional regional histories still have lively traditions globally and they still require direction that is scholarly, robust and clear. This first ISRH Webinar on “Regions from a Historical Perspective” will awaken our perceptions and broaden our understanding of the variations in regional history. It will instil debate on some fresh conceptual, historiographic and methodological directions to meet the requirements of a 21st-century society that calls for an interdisciplinary understanding of how best to serve our communities in a world that demands sustainability.




## Thursday, 21 September 2023

Virtual Emcee, Prof Re-an Müller (North-West University, South Africa)

10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome – Dr Alex Holmes</b> (Communications and Membership Manager, Regional Studies Association)	
10:10 – 10:15	<b>The ISRH: An introductory – Prof Elize S van Eeden</b> (North-West University, South Africa) Chair-ISRH Steering Committee	
10:15 – 11:00	<b>KEYNOTE: Why Regional History, Why Globally and Why Now?</b> <b>Prof Sulevi Riukulehto</b> (University of Helsinki, Finland) Session facilitator: Prof Umesh Kadam (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)	
11:00–11:10	<b>Leg stretcher &amp; coffee/tea break</b>	
11:10 – 11:40	<b>PAPER: Further Contributions of Geography to the Study of Regional and Borderlands History</b> <b>Prof Randy W Widdis</b> (University of Regina, Canada) Session facilitator: Prof Murray Knuttila (Brock University, Canada)	
11:40 – 12:10	<b>PAPER: Cross-border Region's Integration a Panacea for Zimbabwe/Mozambique Borderland's Security?</b> <i>The Case of the Ndaou Borderland (1970–2022)</i> <b>Dr James Hlongwana</b> (Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe) Session facilitator: Prof Tinashe Nyamunde- (University of Pretoria, South Africa)	
12:10 – 12:40	<b>PAPER: The Contemporary History of Entrepreneurial Innovation in Cities: Conceptual and Empirical Explorations</b> <b>Prof Robert Huggins</b> (Cardiff University, UK) Session facilitator: Dr Richard Jones (University of Leicester, United Kingdom)	
12:40 – 13:25	<b>KEYNOTE: Towards a Regional Economic and Policy History</b> <b>Prof Marijn Molema</b> (University of Groningen, Netherlands) Session facilitator: Prof Toyin Falola (University of Texas, Austin, USA)	
13:25– 13:40	<b>Closing remarks: – Prof Toyin Falola</b>	

## DAY 2, Friday, 22 September 2023

Virtual Emcee, Prof Re-an Müller (North-West University, South Africa)

10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome – Prof Dumi Moyo</b> (Executive Dean, Faculty Humanities, Northwest-University, South Africa)	
10:10 – 10:40	<b>KEYNOTE: Considering the Many Variations of Regional History</b> <b>Prof Elize S van Eeden</b> (North-West University, South Africa) Session facilitator: Prof Robert Huggins (Cardiff University, UK)	

10:40 – 11:05	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>Migrants and Seasonal Workers: The Finnish Workforce of the Sundsvall Region (Sweden) in the Second Half of the 19th Century</i></p> <p><b>Dr Markku Mattila</b> (Migration Institute of Finland, Seinäjoki Unit, Finland)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Mr Fumihiko Koyota (Hirosaki University, Japan)</p>	
<b>11:05–11:15 Leg stretcher &amp; coffee/tea break</b>		
11:15 – 11:40	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>The Making and Unmaking of Jejākabhukti: Historical Construction of a Region</i></p> <p><b>Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh</b> (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)</p> <p>Session facilitator: (To be confirmed)</p>	
11:40 – 12:05	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>The Race for Space in Dinokeng Big Five Game Reserve, Gauteng Province, South Africa</i></p> <p><b>Mr Laurence Shee</b> (North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Prof Marijn Molema (University of Groningen, Netherlands)</p>	
12:05 – 12:30	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>Representation of the Household in the Ayodhyakaṇḍa in Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa</i></p> <p><b>Ms Swati Nupur Tigga</b> (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Dr. Aapo Jumppanen (University of Helsinki, Finland)</p>	
12:30 – 12:55	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>The Development of Railroads in Japan and Their Impact on Local Culture</i></p> <p><b>Mr Fumihiko Koyata</b> (Hirosaki University, Japan); <b>Dr Mutsumi Onda</b> (Meiji University, Japan) and <b>Prof Victor Carpenter</b> (Hirosaki University, Japan)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Prof Sulevi Riukulehto (University of Helsinki, Finland)</p>	  
12:55 – 13:20	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>History, Places and Identity of Griqua People in South Africa</i></p> <p><b>Dr Rumi Umino</b> (Minami Kyushu University Junior College, Japan)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Prof. Arnoud-Jan Bijsterveld (Tilburg University, Netherlands)</p>	
13:20 – 13:45	<p><b>PAPER:</b> <i>Histories/Stories in Everyday Life: Events, Epochs and Thoughts on the Social Change of an Agrarian Society in Eastern Uganda</i></p> <p><b>Dr Soichiro Shiraishi</b> (Hirosaki University, Japan)</p> <p>Session facilitator: Prof Marwa Elkady (Seattle University, Washington State, USA)</p>	
<p><b>13:45 – 14:00 Closing remarks:</b> – <b>Prof Umesh Kadam</b> (invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ISRH conference (2024) in India)</p> <p>– <b>Elize S van Eeden</b> (2023 Webinar reflections, on ISRH membership and the 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting for 2024)</p>		

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