

Call for Participation and Proposals



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Classics and Classical Studies Teaching, Learning and Assessment Indaba

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cordially invite you to

The 3rd Classics Teaching and Learning Indaba.

30-31 October 2026

University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

The 3rd Classics Teaching and Learning Indaba will be hosted this year in Bloemfontein, and we are delighted to issue the first call for proposals for roundtable panels and discussion groups.

This call is open to academics involved in teaching Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, or closely related disciplines, with a particular focus on the Global South and, more specifically, the South African context.

We invite contributions that grapple with the distinctive challenges and opportunities for teaching Classics in Southern Africa—panels that provoke thought, spark conversation and leave colleagues both informed and inspired. Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- Teaching ancient texts to multilingual classrooms: Constraint or hidden advantage?
- Student motivation, attrition and retention: Survival strategies for Classics departments
- From compulsory to chosen: How do we make students *want* Greek and Latin?
- Assessment, access and anxiety: measuring learning or reinforcing barriers?

The roundtable sessions will run for 90 minutes and will be organised around a central theme or constellation of related issues. Each session will begin with a 5-minute introduction by the chairperson of the panel, followed by 5-minute formal impulse talks by each panellist. Panellists will be given 30 minutes for internal questions and discussion, after which the conversation will be opened to the floor for broader participation.

In addition, the Indaba will host a series of 20-minute academic panels or discussion groups, each focused on a specific issue in the teaching of Latin, Greek or Classical Studies within the Southern African context. Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts of 250 words, indicating whether the abstract is intended for a roundtable panel or a 20-minute academic panel/discussion group.

Queries may be directed to any of the organising committee:

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Note that the number of panels the Indaba can accommodate is limited. Deadline: 31 August 2026