

Research / Publications

Prof Wessel Visser

Total number of research publications: articles-35; books-2; chapters in books-15

List of personal research publications

- 1) "Geskiedenisonderrig en die ontwikkeling van perspektiewiese, ewewigtige en kritiese denke by die blanke skoolgaande jeug" (*Die Unie*, Jaargang 86, Nr. 5, November 1989, pp.142-144).
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- 3) "Deurlopende Sillabusontwikkeling vir groter inhoudsrelevansie. Enkele didaktiese riglyne vir die toepassing van kontemporêre geskiedenis materiaal op skoolvlak" (*Gister en Vandag*, Nr.28, Oktober 1994, pp.21-28).
- 4) "Die politieke, ekonomiese en sosiale gevolge van die ontdekking van minerale met betrekking tot arbeid in Suid-Afrika" (*Gister en Vandag*, Nr.32, Oktober 1996, pp.24-32).
- 5) "White Labour Aristocracy and Black Proletariat : The Origins and Deployment of South Africa's racially divided Working Class" (*ITH Tagungsberichte 34: Die Arbeiterbewegung – Ein gescheitertes Projekt der Moderne?*, Akademische Verlaganstalt, Vienna, 2000, pp.220-245).
- 6) "Hvidt Arbejderaristokrati og sort proletareat" (*Arbejder Historie, Tidsskrift for Historie og Politik*, (2) 2001, pp.52-69).
- 7) "The Star in the East. South African Socialist Expectations and Responses to the Outbreak of the Russian Revolution" (*South African Historical Journal* (44), May 2001, pp.40-71).
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- 9) "The South African labour movement's response to the outbreak of the First World War and to declarations of Martial Law, 1913-1922" (*Scientia Militaria*, Vol. 31 (2), 2003, pp. 142-157).
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- 11) "To Fight the Battles of the Workers": The Emergence of Pro-strike Publications in early Twentieth-Century South Africa (*International Review of Social History*, Vol. 49 (3), December 2004, pp.401-434).
- 12) "Exporting Trade Unionism and Labour Politics: The British Influence on the early South African Labour Movement" (*New Contree*, No.49, April 2005, pp.145-162).
- 13) "Shifting RDP into GEAR": The ANC Government's Dilemma in Providing an Equitable System of Social Security for the "New" South Africa (*ITH-Tagungsberichte 39, "Mercy or Right": Development of Social Security Systems*, Akademische Verlaganstalt, Leipzig, 2005, pp.105-124).

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- 15) In collaboration with S van der Velden: "Strikes in the Netherlands and South Africa, 1900-1998: A Comparison" (*South African Journal of Labour Relations*, Vol. 30, No.1, 2006, pp.51-75).
- 16) "Dr. Albert Hertzog se bemoeienis met die Mynwerkersunie" (*The Journal for Transdisciplinary Research in Southern Africa*, 2 (1), July 2006, pp.145-164).
- 17) "From MWU to Solidarity – A trade union reinventing itself" (*South African Journal of Labour Relations*, Vol.30, No.2, 2006, pp.19-41).
- 18) "Labour and Right-wing Extremism in the South African Context: A Historical Overview" (*ITH-Tagungsberichte 41, Labour and Right-Wing Extremism*, Akademische Verlaganstalt, Leipzig, 2007, pp.125-148).
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- 21) "'From RDP to GEAR to Post-Polokwane'. The ANC and the Provision of Social Security for Post-Apartheid South Africa" (*Social Work*, Vol. 45, No. 3, August 2009, pp. 225-240).
- 22) "Die vestiging van Solidariteit se Helpende Hand as 'n suksesvolle gemeenskaps gebaseerde welsynsorganisasie" (*Journal of Humanities*, Vol. 51, No. 1, March 2011, pp.21-35).
- 23) "'Guard Your Interests and Read *The Worker*': The Rise and Demise of *The Worker*, Mouthpiece of the South African Labour Party" (*South African Historical Journal*, Vol. 63, No 3, 2011, pp. 367-393).
- 24) "The Wiehahn Commission and the Miners' Strike of 1979: White Labour and the Beginning of the End of Apartheid in South Africa" (*Journal for Contemporary History*, Vol. 36, no.3, December 2011, pp.50-64).
- 25) "'Natal is a White Man's Land': Anti-Asianism and Pro-White Labour Politics in Colonial Natal, c. 1906-1909" (*Journal of Natal and Zulu History*, Vol. 30, 2012, pp. 23-52) [Online].
- 26) "A last desperate, but futile, attempt to shore up the industrial pillars of apartheid: The Miners' strike of 1979 and the impact of the Wiehahn Reforms on South African labour" (*Workers of the World: International Journal on Strikes and Social Conflicts*, Vol. 1, No 2, January 2013, pp.195-214, <https://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/wotw/2>).
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- 2) "Early African Kingdoms", in J Kruger *et al* (eds.), *An Introduction to Africa*. Pat Lubbe Publishers, Stilbaai, 1998, pp.24-35.
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- 6) "Ellis, Daniel Edward 'Daan' (1904-1963)", in I Ness (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to the Present*, Vol. III, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2009, pp.1087-1088;
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