

## **Call for Papers**

The Handren Centre for Language and Cultural Studies – Soran University

An International Conference: the importance of the history and culture of Rwanz,  
including the establishment of a Kurdish state, in the Kurdish History

Sponsored by the Presidency of the Municipality of Rwanz

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Rwanz, Erbil, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

### **Overview**

Universities are required to associate with the community as academic and scientific institutions for study to fulfill its intellectual, social and scientific responsibilities. Rwanz is known as one of the most ancient Kurdistan towns particularly for its unique status in the history of the present Kurdistan Region and beyond. Its influence over events in the last two centuries ensures that Rwanz's reputation as a cultural and historical centre is highly appreciated. For these reasons Soran University finds this conference an opportunity to carry out academic research in these fields of study.

The reputation of this area has not yet motivated researchers to study; it is an academic endeavour to bridge this gap in Kurdish history and culture. Hence, it is an important archive and achievement presented by Soran University and researchers of the area.

### **Conference objectives**

- Dependent on the panels and topics, cultural and historic specialisms of the area will be preserved through research.
- To determine 'unknown' areas of knowledge; in particular the history and culture of the Rwanz area, by which certain unexplained parts of the culture and history of the area can be determined.
- To correct some of the errors in the present information about the culture and history of the area.

### **Addressing issues**

- Rwanz according to historical references in the first millennium
- Rwanz in the orientalist view
- Rwanz within the Soran Emirate and Ottoman Empire eras

- Prominent figures of Rwanda in the first half of 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Rwanda in conflict with colonialism at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Russian-British - Turkish
- Practical work for tracing the heritage of Rwanda
- Social, language and cultural aspects of Rwanda
- Geography of Rwanda city in the *Pashay Gawra* era

### **What to submit**

- Submissions must include all the conditions required
- The submitted paper must have neither been published nor submitted for publication nor be rejected elsewhere
- Submissions should be within the context of the conference

### **How to submit**

Please send an abstract to [handren.centre@soran.edu.iq](mailto:handren.centre@soran.edu.iq) before the deadline.

### **Important notes**

- Language of the papers: three languages (Kurdish, English and Arabic). There should be a Kurdish abstract for English and Arabic submissions.
- **Font:** Kurdish paper, **Unikurd** size **14**
- Submissions must be no longer than 25 pages
- **Points to be covered in the research paper:**
  - Title of the paper
  - Name of the researcher and title
  - Email address and phone number
  - Place of work

Accommodation and all meals will be provided for participants

### **Important dates**

- Conference announcement 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Deadline for abstracts 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2016
- Deadline for papers 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016
- Announcement of accepted papers 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2016
- The conference will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2016

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