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DISA

unlocking resources for research

ABOUT DISA

DISA's digital repository is a rapidly developing and accessible resource of materials.

It is a freely accessible online scholarly resource currently focusing on the socio-political history of South Africa, particularly the struggle for freedom during the period from 1950 to the first democratic elections in 1994. Much time, creative thought and debate goes into the selection of content. Participation and input from interested persons, scholars and institutions is encouraged.

Content decisions are affected by ownership and intellectual property rights issues, with care and effort expended in obtaining permission to use material for the DISA archive.

DISA provides digital excellence through interoperability and empowerment.

MISSION

DISA is a national collaborative initiative undertaking the building of an online, high quality information resource containing material of importance and interest to scholars and students, and making this resource easily and universally accessible.

It is a centre of excellence in South Africa, developing knowledge and expertise in digital technologies for libraries and archives through research and training.

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VISION

DISA makes use of digital technologies to promote the efficient and economical delivery of information resources to students, scholars, researchers and the wider community, locally and internationally.

It plays a pivotal role in the development of a digital learning environment, in meeting the needs of an increasingly mature student profile, in the growing needs of distance education, and for lifelong learning.

HISTORY

DISA developed in two phases, now available as one seamless digital resource.

This initiative, encouraged and funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation in 1998, was the first such national project in South Africa.

South Africa's Struggle for Democracy: Anti-Apartheid Periodicals, 1960-1994 covered three decades in the growth of opposition to apartheid.

Southern African Freedom Struggles, c.1950-1994 expanded and developed this collection with the addition of archival resources in multimedia formats.

Institutions, scholars, librarians and archivists around the country contribute to the development of this archive on an ongoing basis adding to its intellectual content.

TRAINING

- Digital conversion
- Metadata
- Web publishing
- Data and content management
- Digital copyright
- Website design and marketing
- Workflow processes

DISA offers training by means of workshops, short courses, practical training or customized training according to your needs.

SERVICES

- Technical advisory
- Consulting
- Digital technology research
- Website hosting

DISA plays a leading role in ensuring that internationally acceptable standards are used for systems, architecture, metadata, indexing and retrieval, and in developing expertise in digital technology through the ongoing training of librarians and archivists.

DISA makes available a comprehensive set of guidelines and best practices that assist in the process of building online resources.

PARTNERS

- University of KwaZulu-Natal
 - UKZN Library
 - Campbell Collections
 - Documentation Centre
- University of Witwatersrand
 - Wits Library
 - Historical Papers
 - South African History Archive
- University of Cape Town
 - Manuscripts and Archives
 - African Studies Library
- Rhodes University, Grahamstown
 - Cory Library
 - ILAM
 - NELM
- National Library, Cape Town
- National Archives, Pretoria
- JSTOR/Aluka