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**You are cordially invited
to attend a virtual seminar**

by

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on

*Enemies within? Internment of Axis Nationals in
Zambia during the Second World War*



Abstract

Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Britain undertook to intern alien citizens of Axis countries living in its colonies. Britain considered these aliens as having the potential to work for their home countries - hence their internment. Colonial Zambia, like other British colony in Africa, played its role in this process by rounding up German and Italian nationals who were in the country at the outbreak of the war. Once arrested, the aliens were taken to temporal internment camps before being handed over to the authorities in Southern Rhodesia, a country which was designated by Britain as the regional internment centre. In addition, colonial authorities had to contend with other alien citizens from Axis-occupied countries who lived in Zambia. This paper, in using data from the National Archives of Zambia, examines reasons for internment, and the processes used in the internment of Italian, German and other nationals from Axis-occupied countries living at the time in Zambia. The paper will also share investigations on the reaction of these aliens to the internment exercise.

Friday

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Bionote

Alfred Tembo holds a PhD in History from the University of the Free State. Alfred is currently a lecturer in African history in the Department of Historical and Archaeology Studies at the University of Zambia where he is also the Head of the same Department. He has published in various peer-reviewed international journals mainly on the relationship between Zambia and the Second World War. His recent book is titled: War and Society in Colonial Zambia and published by Ohio University Press in 2021. His thesis focused on the impact of the Second World War on Colonial Zambia. Dr Tembo leads the Zambian team in the academic network relationship with the NWU's School of Social Science (Subject Group History). He is also a Steering Committee member of the Regional History Society of Southern Africa.