



Faith Forum

Launch of "*Mission, Race and Colonialism in Malawi: Alexander Hetherwick of Blantyre*"
by Kenneth R. Ross

Monday, 15 May 2023 – 15:00 (UK time) 16:00 (Malawi time)

Location: The Mandela Room, Edinburgh City Chambers and on Zoom

Duration: 1 hour + additional networking for those participating in-person.

In this open, hybrid event, we hear from longstanding friend of the bilateral relationship, **Prof Kenneth Ross** about his latest book*, which is the first intellectual biography of Alexander Hetherwick, a key figure in Scotland-Malawi relations.

This book*, which will be available to SMP members at a 40% discount, includes a fresh account of the dynamics at play in the creation of Malawi as a nation, with special attention to the role played by Scottish missionaries, Hetherwick in particular. (full description on page 2)

Programme

UK Time	Malawi Time	Item	Speaker/s
15:00	16:00	Welcome	Stuart Brown, Interim CEO, SMP
15:10	16:10	Chair's opening address	Dr. Gift Kayira , Senior Lecturer in History, University of Malawi
15:20	16:20	Review	Dr. Hermann Mvula , Senior Lecturer at University of Malawi
15:30	16:30	Review	Prof Emma Wild-Wood , Professor of African Religions and World Christianity, University of Edinburgh
15:40	16:40	Members' comments, questions and contributions	All in attendance
15:50	16:50	Author's closing remarks	Prof Kenneth Ross , Professor of Theology and Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Zomba Theological University
16:00	17:00	Meeting closes	
16:00		Networking and social	In person attendees only
16:30		Event ends	

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**Mission, Race and Colonialism in Malawi Alexander Hetherwick of Blantyre:* This work includes a fresh account of the dynamics at play in the creation of Malawi as a nation, with special attention to the role played by Scottish missionaries, Hetherwick in particular. Making extensive use of rarely consulted primary sources, both in Malawi and in Scotland, with particular attention to Hetherwick's prolific correspondence, it presents a critical examination of the way in which Blantyre Mission both absorbed and resisted the prevailing racism and colonialism of the early 20th century.

The new title also presents an appraisal of Blantyre Mission's distinctive philosophy and policy; and of how, under Hetherwick's leadership, it navigated the social, cultural and political challenges of the early 20th century.