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The War Museum in collaboration with the UFS Centre for Gender and Africa Studies  
presents:

## **The Unsung Heroines and Youth of South Africa Violent Histories and Experiences of South African Women and Children during Wars, Conflicts and Pandemics**

**International Hybrid Conference**

**24-26 November 2022**

Hosted at the War Museum in  
Bloemfontein, South Africa and Online

In recent years the study and interpretation of the South African War has created new insights regarding the complexities of this war and the effect that this conflict had on the South African community, in particular women and children. This conference aims to assemble historians, academics and other scholars researching the violent histories of not only women and children in the South African War but in other wars, conflicts and pandemics as well (including themes from South African history from pre-colonial and pre-Union periods, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars through the Apartheid era to the present day).

The conference is hosted during the period of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (25 November – 10 December 2022) with 25 November being declared by the United Nations as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. On 19 September 2019 President Cyril Rhamaphosa told Members of Parliament that: “There is a very violent and brutal war underway in South Africa against women and children”. Therefore, the conference and its stakeholders aim to highlight and support the central theme of “No Violence Against Women and Children”.

During times of conflict, the strength of women and the vulnerability of children comes to the fore. In accordance with the War Museum’s vision the conference will represent the inclusivity and suffering of all communities, thus also propagating the message that negotiation is preferable to war. Although the emphasis will inherently be on historical interpretations, the conference aims at including a multi-disciplinary approach.

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## PROGRAMME

### DAY 1: THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022

08:00-08:30 **Registration**

08:30-08:40 **Welcome:** Chairperson of the War Museum, Dr Garth Benneyworth

08:40-09:00 **DVD:** *Withered flowers, experiences of children during the South African War*

09:00-09:40 **Keynote Address:** *Survival, Complicity and Race: (Im)possibilities of Narrating and Interpreting Rape in Haveleng Affidavits*  
Professor Antjie Krog, Extraordinary Professor, Arts Faculty, University of the Western Cape



Antjie Krog is an Afrikaans poet, writer and Professor at the University of the Western Cape. She published twelve volumes of poetry, as well as three non-fiction books: *Country of my Skull* (1998), on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission; *A Change of Tongue* (2004) about the transformation in South Africa after ten years and *Begging to be Black* (2009) about learning to live within a black majority. Krog has also co-authored an academic book *There was this Goat* (2009) with two colleagues Prof Kopano Ratele and Nosisi Mpolweni, investigating the Truth Commission testimony of Mrs Notrose Nobomvu Konile. A book of essays was published in 2013 *Conditional Tense – Memory and Vocabulary after the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission* as part of Seagull Books' African List. Her work has been translated into English, Dutch, Italian, French, Spanish, Swedish, Serbian, Arabic and Chinese.

09:40-10:00 **Tea break (Foyer)**

<b>Plenary Session</b>	Session host: Dr Johan van Zyl Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
10:00-10:30	Dr Elizabeth van Heyningen	The concentration camps of the South African War in comparative perspective
10:30-11:00	Prof Andries Raath	British imperial sexuality and the sexual exploitation of women and children during the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902: Testimonies of feminine trauma and hope
11:00-11:30	Dr Garth Benneyworth	Work or starve: Dry Harts forced labour camp, November 1901–December 1902
11:30-11:40	Discussion / Questions	

11:40-12:30 **Lunch (Santa Fé Restaurant)**

<b>Session 1</b>	Session host: Dr Elizabeth van Heyningen Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
12:30-12:50	Dr Servaas Rossouw	A Russian Nurse in Pretoria, 1900
12:50-13:10	Dr Gábor Szabó-Zsoldos	Boer Women and their Sufferings in the Anglo-Boer War in Light of the Hungarian Press and Public Opinion, 1899-1945
13:10-13:30	Lt Cdr Anthony-Glenn von Zeil	Jane Henwood's Diary – The siege of O'okiep 31 March to 21 May 1902 through a woman's experience
13:30-13:40	Discussion / Questions	

<b>Session 2</b>	Session host: Dr Garth Benneyworth Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
13:40-14:00	Mr Boris Gorelik	Boys will be Boers: Russian teenage fantasies of joining the republican forces
14:00-14:20	Dr Rebecca Swartz	Children, slavery and humanitarianism in the post-emancipation Cape colony, 1820-1850
14:20-14:30	Discussion / Questions	

14:30-15:00 **Tea break (Foyer)**

<b>Session 3</b>	Session host: Prof Andries Raath Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
15:00-15:20	Dr Lieza Louw	Die voorstelling van vroue en kinders in Anglo-Boereoorlog konsentrasiekampe - drie gevalle studies
15:20-15:40	Dr Anna-Marie Jansen van Vuuren and Dr Alexander Holt	The <i>'Uninvited' Heroine</i> : Women's representation in Anglo-Boer War film and television case studies
15:40-16:00	Mr Arthur Hall	Changing masculinities: Re-examining the first season of <i>Arende</i> (1989) and the women as 'prize.'
16:00-16:10	Discussion / Questions	

17:30 **Welcome drinks** (Foyer), 18:00 **Walk through tour of the War Museum** 19:00 **Conference Dinner** (Santa Fé Restaurant at the War Museum)



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### DAY 2: FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2022

08:00-08:30 **Registration**

08:30-08:40 **Welcome:** Director of the War Museum, Tokkie Pretorius

08:40-09:00 **DVD:** *The War Museum, reclaiming unity once denied*

09:00-09:40 **Keynote Address:** *'Disciplinary and other stories: From women's peace movements to the Women, Peace and Security ecosystem'*  
Professor Heidi Hudson, Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities, University of the Free State



**Heidi Hudson** is a Professor of International Relations and is currently Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. Prof Hudson specialises in feminist security studies, with a specific focus on Africa, and is an elected member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. She serves on several editorial boards, including *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Civil Wars*, *Revista Relaciones Internacionales*, and *Stichproben: Vienna Journal of African Studies*. As a former Advisory Board member of the African Peacebuilding Network (APN) of the Social Science Research Council in New York, Prof Hudson regularly mentors APN fellows. She also serves as an Advisory Board member for the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) Center of Excellence for Post-conflict Societies, hosted by the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of the Addis Ababa University. During her career she has been awarded several fellowships and has published widely in international journals and edited volumes. In 2018, she was the Claude Ake Visiting Chair, hosted by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University and the Nordic Africa Institute.

09:40-10:00 **Tea break (Foyer)**

<b>Plenary Session</b>	Session host: Dr Shadreck Muchaku Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
10:00-10:30	Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga and Dr Stephanie Cawood	The gendering of the Lesotho-South Africa border: (Dis)continuities and the limits of the sovereign state during the COVID-19 pandemic
10:30-11:00	Ms Letty Dolly Molefe	The resocialisation of the angry black woman: putting an end to the self-perpetuated cycle of oppression
11:00-11:30	Dr Marietjie Oelofse	Silent and silenced: Factors prohibiting women from having a voice after experiencing Human Rights violations
11:30-11:40	Discussion / Questions	

11:40-12:30 **Lunch (Santa Fé Restaurant)**

<b>Session 1</b>	Session host: Dr Stephanie Cawood Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
12:30-12:50	Mr Bizo Luviwe Bomela	Understanding Gender-Based Violence Using Traditional Spirituality as a Method: A Decolonial Lens
12:50-13:10	Dr Shadreck Muchaku and Dr Grey Magaiza	Proposed framework to resolve conflicts between Traditional Leaders and Ward Committees for sustainable rural development
13:10-13:30	Ms Namhla Penelope Ngqwala	A gendered perspective of post-apartheid political killings: a case study of uMzimkhulu, Kwa-Zulu Natal
13:30-13:40	Discussion / Questions	

<b>Session 2</b>	Session host: Dr Marietjie Oelofse Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
13:40-14:00	Dr Ruhan Fourie	The function and fluidity of Afrikaner women during the volk's war against communism
14:00-14:20	Ms Annemarie Carelsen	The role of South African women during times of war: A recurring story of perseverance and strength
14:20-14:30	Discussion / Questions	

14:30-15:00 **Tea break (Foyer)**

<b>Session 3</b>	Session host: Dr Vicky Heunis Online facilitator: Ms Dané Swanepoel	
15:00-15:20	Dr Eben Proos	Tourism as an instrument of preserving the heritage of woman and children during the South African War (1899 – 1902)
15:20-15:40	Dr Mpho Maripane-Manaka	The amnesia on the commemoration of black African women in the South African War
15:40-15:50	Discussion / Questions	

17:30 for 18:00 **Light refreshments and opening of *Unsung Heroines* – An exhibition curated from the Art Bank of South Africa Contemporary Collection, War Museum and Oliewenhuis Art Museum Permanent Collections (Oliewenhuis Art Museum)**



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## PROGRAMME

### Post-Conference Bloemfontein City Tour: Saturday 26 November 2022

Experience the past and the present in the city of Bloemfontein and discover all what it offers. This half day tour highlights various attractions and gives us an understanding the role this city played in the making of South African history.



The tour will commence from the National Woman's Memorial at **09h00** and will return back to the War museum at **13h00**.

Places which will be visited

- 1) Naval Hill & Franklin Game Reserve
- 2) Historic St Georges and President Brand Streets
- 3) Lebone Land (**Please bring a small gift or donation for the children**)

Price-**R300.00/person**. Minimum of 20 people.

#### Price includes:

- 1) Services of a registered national tour guide
- 2) Transport in a luxury coach

#### Price excludes:

- 1) Meals and drinks

Payment to be made two weeks before tour commences by 11 November 2022.

*Book early to avoid disappointment.*

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