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Call for Proposals to Research Topics on Media and #FeesMustFall

PEN South Africa, together with the Department of Journalism at Wits University, is embarking on a series of events in 2016 to encourage public discourse on freedom of expression in South Africa and to examine the role the media played in relation to #FeesMustFall.

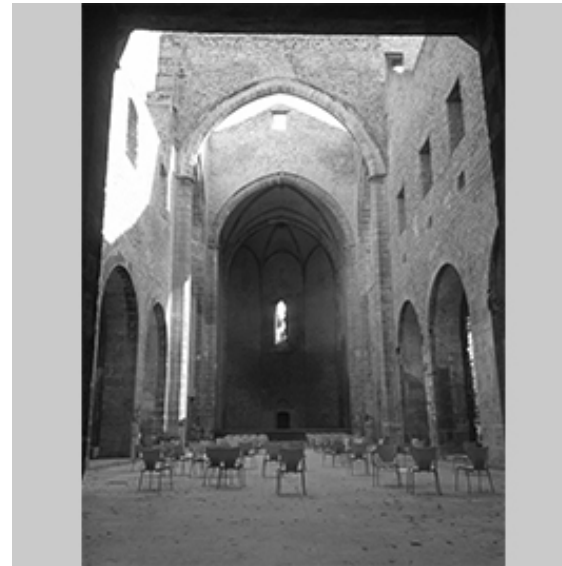
We are therefore calling for proposals for commissioned research on the #FeesMustFall

student protests in 2015 and its relationship with, and use of, the media. We would be most interested to hear from young academics and students who took part in the protests, as well media experts and researchers, to help build a South African knowledge-base around these pivotal issues. We are interested in topics related to how the media covered the events, how protestors related to the media and the role of social media....[read more](#)



Listen to the Worldwide Readings for Ashraf Fayadh

Thank you to those of you who took part in the [Worldwide Reading](#) in support of [Ashraf Fayadh](#), the Palestinian poet that has been sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia for apostasy. The recordings can be heard on our website, as well as a recording of the reading that PEN Kenya held [here](#)



EcARTE Conference 2015 and Writing as a Therapeutic Tool

PEN SA member Dawn Garisch has written about her experience of co-facilitating a drama therapy workshop at the conference of European Consortium for Art Therapies Education (EcARTE) in Palermo last year...[read more](#)



PEN SA Featured on English PEN's reading map

Last year we asked you to share your favourite reads of 2015 with us. Thank you to the many of you that responded. These were aggregated and the two that came up the most were sent to English PEN for their PEN Atlas reading map. Click through to see our Centre's picks and other literary highlights from across the world...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES

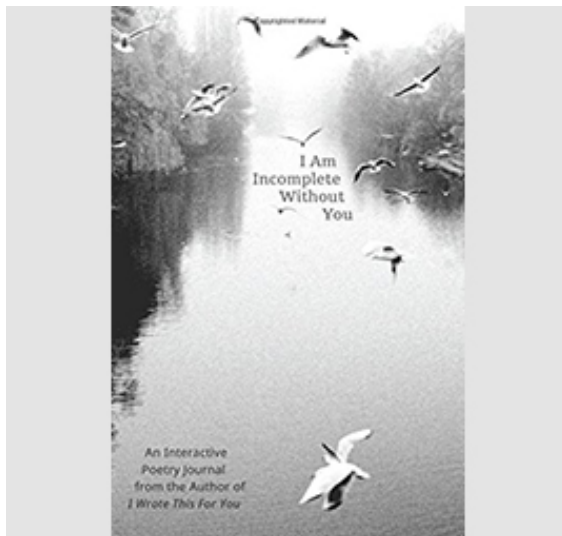


Taipei Chinese PEN Quarterly and PEN International Case List

We have been sent a copy of the Taipei Chinese PEN quarterly - if you are interested in borrowing this publication please let Deborah Horn-Botha know on secretary@pensouthafrica.co.za

The interim PEN International case list is also available on request. If you would like to receive it please let Lindsay Callaghan know on communications@pensouthafrica.co.za.

UPCOMING EVENTS



New books from Iain S Thomas, Fiona Snyckers and Jeremy Lawrence, as well as an anthology featuring Christine Coates and Abigail George...[read more](#)

NEW AWARD AND ANTHOLOGY

The Jacana Literary Foundation has announced a new annual award and anthology, established in honour of activist and author Gerald Kraak...[read more](#)

WELCOME!

Take a look at what's still coming up in January...[read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

2016 DISQUIET Prize...[read more](#)

Creative Nonfiction Magazine Calling for Essays...[read more](#)

Writers' & Artists' Yearbook Short Story Competition...[read more](#)

Bath Flash Fiction Award...[read more](#)

Experimental Writing: Volume 1 Africa Vs. Latin America...[read more](#)

ITCH Issue 16: Vivid...[read more](#)

Data-Driven Reporting on Development Issues...[read more](#)

Wiki Loves Women Challenge...[read more](#)

Unplag Student Scholarship Contest...[read more](#)

Welcome to new Professional members
Jacques Steenkamp and Iain S Thomas.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kobus Moolman has won the 2015
Glenna Luschei Prize for African
Poetry...[read more](#)

Karen Jennings has been awarded one
of 2015 Morland Writing
Scholarships...[read more](#)

Sarah Lotz has been longlisted for a
2015 British Science Fiction Association
(BSFA) Award...[read more](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal notices were
emailed to all members on the 28th & 29
December 2015. Please contact
Deborah, PEN SA Secretary, at
secretary@pensouthafrica.co.za if you
haven't received your email. A HUGE
thank you to those members who have
since paid their subscription fees. A
large number of members are in arrears
for previous years' membership. If you
have a problem with settling your
account please contact us.

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter.

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