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The decision by the University of Cape Town to rescind the invitation to the Danish journalist and editor, Flemming Rose, to deliver the annual TB Davie lecture on Academic Freedom provoked a great deal of heated discussion. This lacuna in this prestigious lecture's fifty year history demands of us that we consider these questions seriously and with care. The **responses** do just that in nuanced and carefully considered positions that are reflective of the debate on campuses across the United States, in England and in South Africa.

This debate is still open - the issues raised go beyond the cancellation of one lecture by one controversial speaker – and I would like to keep it open. The larger questions raised need to be aired and debated in the same spirit of generosity and understanding that was evident in this discussion. We hope to publish some more essays on this subject in the next month.

PEN South Africa will be collaborating with other organisations and institutions to host a seminar series around the nature of and the limits to free expression. We will use this debate to broaden the scope of this public conversation that is so crucial if South Africa's universities – and our broader society – is to successfully navigate this complex and often incendiary terrain.

We are continuing to take submissions on this subject.

**Margie Orford**
**President**
**PEN SA**

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## PEN SA Young Writers to Watch at Open Book 2016

The 2016 Open Book Festival is being held in Cape Town from 7 - 11 September. Join us at the Homecoming Centre Workshop on Wednesday 7 September at 8 PM for the PEN SA Young Writers to Watch event with Koleka Putuma and Puleng Lange-Stewart, who came first and third in the **PEN SA Student Writers Prize** respectively. They will be discussing their work with one of the judges of the prize, Nick Mulgrew, and the session will be chaired by Karina Magdalena Szczurek.

The event is free of charge and details can be found **here**.

Read Putuma's winning poem "**Water**" and Lange-Stewart's "**A love poem to the 'Problematic' Black Womxn**".

There are 31 PEN SA members taking part in Open Book this year, here's **who to look out for**.

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**2016 Ruth First Memorial Lecture: On Revolution and the Rainbow Nation**

**Extracts from the 13 Longlisted Man Booker Prize Titles**

PEN SA Advocacy and Projects Manager Oratile Mashazi has written about Leigh-Ann Naidoo's Ruth First Memorial Lecture:

"The lecture is an occasion for South Africans to engage in critical conversations about post-Apartheid politics and power. An opportunity for those who think and dream about what South Africa can be to congregate, listen and share their knowledge and experience."**...read more**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Take a look at what's happening in September..**...read more**

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## NEW MEMBERS' TITLES

The Bookseller has shared excerpts from all 13 of the Man Booker Prize longlisted titles, including *The School Days of Jesus* by Honorary PEN SA member JM Coetzee. The shortlist will be announced on 13 September. **...read more**

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## CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

International Poetry and Theatre Competition Castello Di Duino**...read more**

Africa Centre's Artist in Residency Programme**...read more**

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike van Graan's satirical revue, *Pay Back the Curry*, sold out at the National Arts Festival**...read more**

Henrietta Dax was one of the four booksellers recognised for their Lifetime's Contribution to Bookselling in South Africa at the Sefika Awards this week. PEN SA member Mervyn

Recent titles from PEN SA members include *Prunings* by Helen Moffett, *Hitler, Verwoerd, Mandela and me* by Marianne Thamm, *The Safest Place You Know* by Mark Winkler and *Hot Water* co-written by Nick van der Leek**...read more**

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to new Professional member Mafogo Mpho Jonas.

Sloman's bookstore, The Book Lounge, once again took home the Best Trade Bookseller of the Year (Independent) award. Penguin Random House South Africa won Best Trade Publisher of the Year, which was accepted by the publishers' Managing Director, PEN SA member Steve Connolly**...read more**

Deena Padayachee has made several appearances recently and has shared two of his poems**...read more**

PEN SA Student Writing Prize winner Koleka Putuma will be publishing her debut collection with Uhlanga Press**...read more**

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## 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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