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Day of the Imprisoned Writer 2017

PEN South Africa and the Institute for Creative Arts, University of Cape Town invite you to join us in commemorating PEN's Day of the Imprisoned Writer on 15 November 2017.

It is a day that marks, globally, the persecution and imprisonment of writers peacefully exercising their right to freedom of expression.

This year's cases include **Cesario Alejandro Félix Padilla Figueroa** (Honduras), **Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh** (Vietnam), **Ramón Esono Ebalé** (Equatorial Guinea), **Razan Zaitouneh** (Syria), and **Zehra Doğan** (Turkey). Updates on Dareen Tatour (Israel) and Stella Nyanzi (Uganda) will also be provided. [Read more about these cases here.](#)

Join us for an evening wherein we celebrate literature, free expression and declare our solidarity with imprisoned writers everywhere.

There will be readings by **Gabeba Baderoon**, **Damon Galgut**, **Mark Gevisser**, **Siphokazi Jonas**, **Nick Mulgrew** and **Toni Stuart**. [Read more about the speakers here.](#)

When: Wednesday 15 November, 6 for 6.30pm

Where: Centre for the Book, 62 Queen Victoria St, Cape Town City Centre

RSVP: communications@pensouthafrica.co.za - while the event is free, seating is limited so please be sure to confirm your attendance.

*(Image courtesy of **PEN International**)*

PEN SA Centre News

Executive Vice-President Mandla Langa has resigned from the Board, having held the position for the last three years. We are immensely grateful for all of the time, hard work and guidance he provided over the years. Justin Fox has also stepped down from his position on the Board and we are similarly grateful to him for his contributions to the Centre. We wish them both well and look forward to reading their latest works - both Justin and Mandla have new books coming out: *My Great Expedition* and *Dare Not Linger* respectively.



PEN Concerned by State's Attempt to Censor Jacques Pauw's Book

PEN South Africa and PEN International note with grave concern the threats of legal action issued by the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and the State Security Agency (SSA) against Jacques Pauw, journalist and author of *The President's Keepers*, and the publisher of the book, NB Publishers. The book investigates the financial affairs of South Africa's President Jacob Zuma, including his tax records and allegations of corruption...[read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Durban first city on the African continent to become a Unesco World City of Literature

On 31 October 64 cities from 44 countries joined UNESCO's network of Creative Cities, including Durban which will become the first city on the African continent to become a UNESCO World City of Literature in 2018. PEN SA member ZP Dala worked on the project, which was led by Darryl David. See [UNESCO's announcement here](#) and click through to read an interview with David...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of [LitNet](#))

See what literary events are still [coming up this month](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Helen Moffett has won the 2017 SALA Poetry Award...[read more](#)

Athol Williams has won the SA Independent Publishers Award for Poetry 2017...[read more](#)

PEN SA Executive Vice-President Yewande Omotoso and Mohale Mashigo have been longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award 2018...[read more](#)

Paul McNally and his colleagues won the Best Radio Feature Category in the Northern Regional Vodacom Journalist of the Year Awards for their eight-part SAfm series, *Alibi*...[read more](#)

Jacqui L'Ange's novel *The Seed Thief*, published by Umuzi in 2015, is to be made into an international film...[read more](#)

Bloomsbury have announced that they

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 2018 Sunday Times Literary Awards are open for nominations from publishers...[read more](#)

Applications open for the REM—Malba Writers Residence...[read more](#)

V International Flash Fiction Competition...[read more](#)

Africa Centre's Artists In Residency (AIR) Programme...[read more](#)

Brunel University International African Poetry Prize...[read more](#)

The Moth Poetry Prize...[read more](#)

Prufrock Magazine is calling for submissions...[read more](#)

Pan Macmillan South Africa will be accepting manuscript submissions from 20 to 24 November 2017...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES

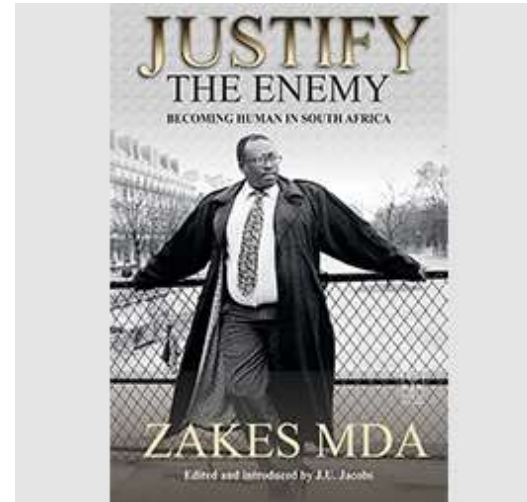
will be publishing Mary Watson's new novel, *The Wren Hunt*, in February 2018...[read more](#)

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional member Janet Remington.

AWARDS NEWS

The winners of the 2017 Sanlam Prizes for Youth Literature have been announced...[read more](#)



Recently published books by PEN SA members include [Justify the Enemy: Becoming Human in South Africa](#) by Zakes Mda, [Hasta la Gupta, baby!](#) by Zapiro, [65 Years of Friendship](#) by George Bizos, [I Wrote This For You: 2007 – 2017](#) by Iain S Thomas, [The Love Sheet](#) by Jacques Coetzee and Barbara Fairhead, [My Great Expedition](#) by Justin Fox and [The Secret of the Bird God](#) by Evadeen Brickwood...[read more](#)

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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. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

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