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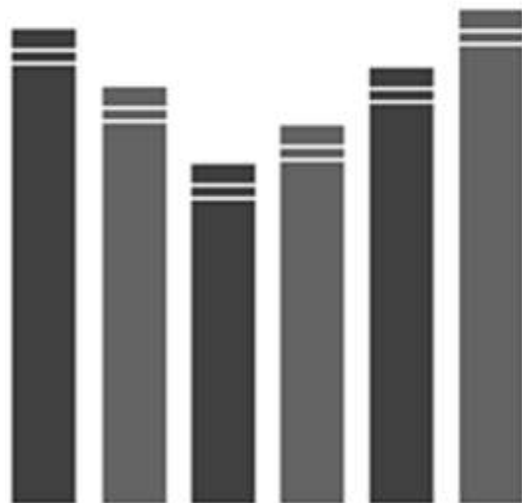
PEN Joint Submission to the UN Universal Periodic Review on South Africa

In May the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) facilitated a United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Prior to the review PEN International worked with various PEN Centres, including PEN South Africa, and other partners to make submissions on the human rights records of South Africa, India and Brazil.

*Read the submissions on **India** and **Brazil** and PEN International's notes on the*

submission on South Africa below:

Ahead of the human rights review of South Africa's human rights record at the UN's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in May 2017, PEN South Africa, PEN Afrikaans and PEN International submitted a joint report outlining our concerns about the situation of free expression in the country...[read more](#)



New Literary News Website The Reading List Launched

Former Books LIVE Editor Jennifer Malec has built a new website called [The Reading List](#) with the assistance of Books LIVE founder and PEN SA member Ben Williams. The website allows users to find, share and upvote local and international book news. "The Reading List is a meeting place for bookish people to share and discuss cool things they've found online. We'd



PEN International and English PEN Archive to be Digitised by Harry Ransom Center

The Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin has received a \$195,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to digitise the PEN International and English PEN archives and make them available.

Professor Peter D. McDonald at St

also like to welcome authors and publishers to sign up and share news from their personal blogs or websites whenever the urge takes them!" Malec says. Find out [how to use the website](#) and [create a profile](#).

(Image courtesy of [The Reading List](#))

PEN SA PULSE

Tanzanian President John Magufuli has been accused of suppressing the media, a journalist has been sentenced to two years in jail in Somaliland and the sentences of three Egyptian journalists have been reduced following an appeal...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES

Hugh's College, University of Oxford is also currently working on consolidating PEN South Africa's archive as part of a larger collaborative project about international writers' groups and free expression. For more details, see [writersandfreeexpression.com](#), including [McDonald's interview](#) with PEN SA President Margie Orford...[read more](#)

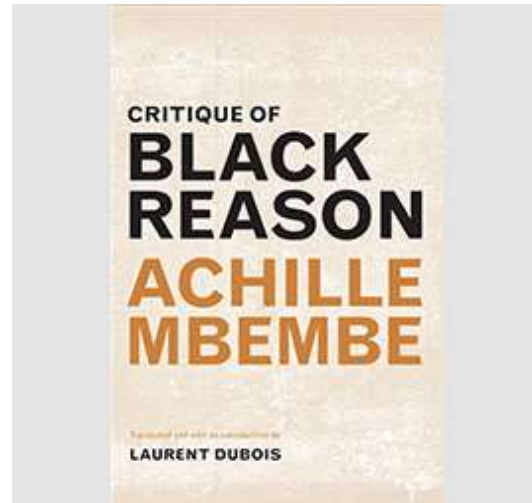
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CONCERNING NEWS FROM THE US

The US government sought to unmask an anonymous Twitter account criticising its policies, according to a lawsuit filed by the social media platform...[read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Take a look at the literary events [still coming up this month](#) and see which PEN SA members will be taking part in [next month's Kingsmead Book Fair and Franschhoek Literary Festival](#).



New titles by PEN SA members include [Critique of Black Reason](#) by Achille Mbembe, [The Excavations: A History of the End of the World](#) by James Whyte and [Poems Packed For Travel](#) by Brian Walter...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Twenty PEN SA members have been longlisted for the 2017 Sunday Times Literary Awards, which includes the Barry Ronge Fiction Prize and the Alan Paton Award for non-fiction...[read more](#)

Jacqui L'Ange has been shortlisted for the 2016 Etisalat Prize for Literature...[read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Pan Macmillan South Africa accepting manuscript submissions from 8 to 12 May...[read more](#)

Jacana Media is inviting applications for a book pitching session...[read more](#)

Golden Baobab Prize...[read more](#)

Moth International Short Story Prize...[read more](#)

International Bath Short Story Award...[read more](#)

The Raymond Carver Short Story Contest...[read more](#)

Unseen & Unspoken Poetry Competition...[read more](#)

Tom Howard/Margaret Reid Poetry Contest...[read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

The 2017 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction shortlist...[read more](#)

Diane Awerbuck has been shortlisted for the 2017 Commonwealth Short Story Prize...[read more](#)

The 2017 Pulitzer Prizes...[read more](#)

PEN SA Board member Gabeba Baderoon has been named a joint-winner of a 2017 HSS: Book, Creative and Digital Award...[read more](#)

The International Dublin Literary Award 2017 shortlist...[read more](#)

PEN SA Board Member Karina Brink's memoir *The Fifth Mrs Brink* will be published by Jonathan Ball Publishers in July 2017...[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.

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