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## The Origin of Human Rights Day in South Africa

South Africa's constitutional dispensation designates 21 March Human Rights Day, a national holiday which serves to commemorate those slain and injured during the Sharpeville Protests of 1960.

Join us as we take a look back into history and recall the sacrifices made to ensure the current enjoyment of human rights by all people within South Africa.

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# <u>Investigating vs Reporting: The Reader's Response</u>

South Africa's national elections are looming: is the public receiving sufficient and appropriately robust investigative journalism on the basis of which to make informed decisions?

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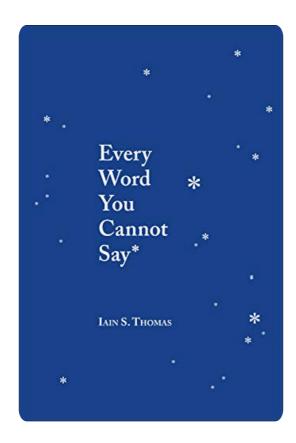
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According to the Freedom House 2019 Freedom in the World Report, South Africa ranks among the global leaders with respect to Press and Internet Freedom. While the metrics of many countries indicate regression in these domains, South Africa has maintained and in some instances improved its already high ranking.

Notwithstanding this, however, several key concerns motivate for continued vigilance.

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#### **MEMBERS' NEW TITLES**



New and upcoming releases from PEN SA members includes *Every Word You Cannot Say* by Iain S. Thomas.

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#### **MEMBERS' NEWS**

#### **CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

NEW! Call for Entries: 2019 Sol Plaatje
EU Poetry Award &
Anthology (Deadline 31 March)

NEW! Submit to Issue II of 20.35

Africa: An Anthology of Contemporary

Poetry (Deadline 9 April)

NEW! Call for papers: Africa Century
International African Writers
Conference (Deadline 10 June)

Submit your essay/poem/short story to Penn Review's Spring Reading Period (Deadline 21 April; opens 10 March)

Calling all southern African women writers: submit your manuscripts to Modjaji Books (Submissions open 1 March)

<u>Dryad Press announces open</u> <u>submissions for poetry (Deadline 30</u> **April 2019; opens 1 April 2019)** 

Click here to view all calls for submissions

A hearty congratulations to PEN SA

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Pilastro international poetry prize at the annual <u>Ritratti di Poesia Festival in Rome</u>.

A hearty congratulations to PEN SA professional member Fred Khumalo on receiving the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Best Fiction Single Authored Volume Award for his novel, Dancing the Death Drill.

Refer to our March literary events calendar for information on literary festivals, book launches, panel discussions and poetry readings – available <u>here</u>.

Please submit your literary events for inclusion on our events calendar by e-mailing newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

#### Welcome

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to new PEN SA administrative assistant, Mavis Vareta.

### Send us your news

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