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"We are the future" – Youth Day from the perspective of student leaders

On the occasion of Youth Day 2019 (16 June), PEN SA took the opportunity to engage student leaders from the Universities of Cape Town, the Western Cape and Pretoria on what it means to be a young person in 2019, and the contemporary relevance of student protest in the continued struggle for equitable and transformed education.

PEN SA interns Tasneem Allybokus and Daniela Friedman interviewed Rainbow UCT Chairperson, Robyn-Lee Tobias and Students for Law and Social Justice Chairperson, Simamkele Gosa, as well as Sideen Faith Louw from the University of the Western Cape, Thandeka Khoza from the University of Pretoria and Andisiwe Mzingelwa, who have also been involved in recent student movements.

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all know of this presence. And like me, they have lived their lives fighting and finding solace in the pursuit of emancipation from it.'

— Tshepiso Modupe, #FeesMustFall activist

We Are No Longer at Ease is a collection of personal articles, essays, speeches and poetry mainly from voices of young people who were part of the student-led protest movement known as #FeesMustFall, which began in 2515. It tells the journey of the youth who participated in a movement that redefined politic in post-paperhold South Africa and is evidence of a born-free generation telling their own story and leading the discourse and action on transforming South Africa.

Young people are not at ease. They are refusing to coexist with coloniality, sexion, democratic indifference and inequality. We need to acknowledge and take heed to their calls. This collection includes works by former student leaders turned researchers such as David Mainrela and Asanda Luwaca; student newspaper journalists who covered the protest, like Natianha Ndchea and Nhateko Mabasay public intellectuals whose aims was to inform broader society of the key aspects of the movement, like Sisonke Minnang; lecturers who assisted the students to articulate and find clarity in voicing their ideas such as Sabelo J. Nollovu-Gatsheni; and most importantly the foot soldiers on the ground who led the students through the police brutality of rubber bullets and appears pray, like Mcebo Dlamini, Lovelyn Nwadeyi, Ntokozo Qwabe and Sarah Mokwebo.

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Free Expression on Youth Day: A Review of 'We Are No Longer At Ease: The Struggle for #FeesMustFall'

In preparation for Youth Day, PEN SA Research Associate, Rowan Morar, immersed himself in the student protest perspectives of various young writers with a review of *We Are No Longer At Ease: The Struggle for #FeesMustFall* (2018), a collection of short essays, speeches and poetry from activists, academics and people involved in various iterations of South Africa's recent student protests.

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MEMBERS' NEW TITLES

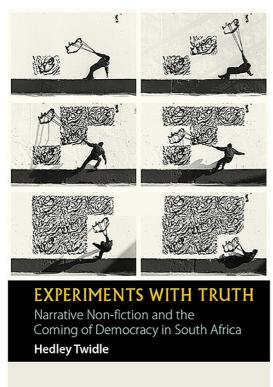
CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

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Young Stars Project Offers Exceptional
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<u>Call for pieces: Living While</u> <u>Feminist (Deadline 20 June)</u>

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<u>Call for applications: JIAS Writing</u>
<u>Fellowship</u> (**Deadline 30 June**)



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Call for applications: Goethe Institut
Writer's residency in Burkina
Faso (Deadline 7 July)

The Bare Life Review requests submissions from immigrant and refugee authors

Call for Submissions: Geko Mofolo
Prize for Outstanding Fiction in
Sesotho (Deadline 31 July)

<u>Apply for the Logan Nonfiction</u> <u>Program</u> (Deadline 15 October)

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WELCOME

Welcome to PEN SA's very first Academic Member, Tony Garcia.

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Warmest congratulations to PEN SA professional member, Jolyn Phillips on being shortlisted for the Ingrid Jonker Prize for Afrikaans Poetry. Read more.

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Warmest congratulations to PEN SA professional members, Niq Mhlongo, Gabeba Baderoon and Sally Partridge on receiving Media24 Book Awards! Read more

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