

STUDIES IN HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND TRANSFORMATION

Rethinking Intersectionality: Race, Gender and White Afrikaans Women

at the Perold Building
on the Rooi Plein



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Christi van der Westhuizen is an author, political analyst, and associate professor in the Sociology department at the University of Pretoria. She received her PhD in Sociology from the University of Cape Town, and graduated *cum laude* from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with a Master's degree in Political Economy and South African Politics. She started her professional life as a journalist for the anti-apartheid weekly newspaper, *Vrye Weekblad*, and later became Associate Editor at the global news agency *Inter Press Service*. She is a regular guest on national radio, and her columns and articles have appeared in South African and international newspapers. In 2002, she was awarded the Mondi Paper Newspaper Award in the Creative and Opinionated Journalism category.

Professor van der Westhuizen's articles on South Africa's post-apartheid democracy, and on post-apartheid identities, with a special focus on white Afrikaans women's identity have appeared in academic journals and book chapters. Among the books she has published are *Working Democracy: Perspectives on South Africa's Parliament at 20 Years* (2014); *White Power & the Rise and Fall of the National Party* (2007); and *Gender Instruments in Africa: Critical Perspectives, Future Strategies*, as editor (2005). Her most recent book, on which her lecture will be based, is *Sitting Pretty: White Afrikaans Women in Post-apartheid South Africa* (2017).

Professor van der Westhuizen's work extends beyond the academic, and she has been engaged in the transformation processes of the University of Pretoria. She has held associateships with the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice at the University of the Free State, and is an associate of the Democracy Works Foundation.

Light snacks will be served after the lecture.

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