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**Inter-Breyten
Breytenbach in Context**

26-27 November 2026

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Programme

Location for all lectures: Sint-Baafshuis (Ghent)

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DAY 1

Thursday 26 November 2026

9:30 Registration and coffee

10:00 Opening by Timothy Colleman, Yves T'Sjoen, Lieselot Tuytens, Annelies Verdoolaege, and Martina Vitackova

10:15 Keynote lecture by Louise Viljoen (University of Stellenbosch): 'Maar ek dink 'n boer is klaar 'n surrealis': surrealisme, Zen-Boeddhisme en politieke verset in Breytenbach se vroeë werk

Chair Yves T'Sjoen (Ghent University)

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Session 1

- 11:15 – Jungiaanse alchemistiese transformasie in die bundel: *op weg na kû* (2019) deur Breyten Breytenbach, by Karen Kuhn (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)
- 11:35 – Writing and Publishing in Spite of Censorship: The Buren Archive of Correspondence between Breyten Breytenbach and Daantjie Saayman (1969-1973), by Sandra Saayman (University of La Réunion)
- 11:55 – Breytenbach and Brink in a French-speaking context via the journal *Europe*, by Kathleen Gyssels (University of Antwerp)

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Keynote Lecture by Doudou Dia (Gorée Institute): Breyten Breytenbach et l'imaginaire de la liberté: littérature, résistance et dialogue dans un monde fragmenté

Chair Kathleen Gyssels (University of Antwerp)

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Panel 1: Breyten in translation

Denis Hirson, and Georges Lory (moderated by Martina Vitackova) + poetry of Breytenbach read by Denis Hirson (E), and Georges Lory (F)

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Panel 2: GORIN and pan-Africanism

Inge Brinkman, Doudou Dia, and Kathleen Gyssels (moderated by Alwyn Roux)

17:15 Discussion

19:30 Conference Dinner: MUDAY Taste of Ethiopia – Music performance, by Stefan Dixon

DAY 2

Friday 27 November 2026

09:00 Session 2

- 09:00 – Die postulering van 'n nuwe vergestaltung van laatwerk in B.B. Lasarus se poëtiese oeuvre, by Anke van der Merwe (University of Stellenbosch)

- 09:20 – 'Saamnaatmaakmaat': Skrywer-leser-verstrengeling en poëtiese wording in Breyten Breytenbach se latere werk, by Annika van der Linde (UNAM & University of Stellenbosch)

09:40 Discussion

10:00 Coffee break

10:20 Session 3

- 10:20 – Beyond the Text: Relational Memory and Breyten Breytenbach's Living Cultural Ecosystem, by Andries de Beer (Cape Peninsula University of Technology)

- 10:40 – 'Breyten spreek ons Afrikaanses toe'. Die representatie van die anti-apartheid struggle in *Binnerym van bloed* van Antjie Krog, by Leona Conradie and Martina Vitackova (Ghent University)

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Keynote lecture by Alfred Schaffer (Stellenbosch University): 'wat ek skryf is woorde / wat woord ek is skrywe'. Breyten Breytenbachs ('YK') als noodgedwongen spiegelpaleis

Chair Lieve de Wachter (KU Leuven)

12:00 Discussion

12:15 Lunch

13:30 **Book presentations**

- 13:30 – Georges Lory: *Capturer le vent & Les strélitzias, balade en littérature sud-africaine*
- 13:40 – Bart Kraamer & Robert Dorsman: *De onburger* (Kopernik, Amsterdam)
- 13:50 – Yves T'Sjoen: *Postumiteiten voor Breyten. Door het oog van dichters en vorsers*

14:00 **Session 4**

- 14:00 – Die representasie van “verbeelde Afrikas” in Breyten Breytenbach se werk van 1984 tot 2014: 'n Historiese, filosofiese en poëtiese ondersoek, by Alwyn Roux (UNISA)
- 14:20 – Die tyd van bewussyn: temporaliteit, ervaring en poëtiese vorm in Breyten Breytenbach, by Willie Burger (University of Pretoria)

14:40 Discussion

- 14:50 – Alfred Schaffer in conversation with Robert Dorsman: Breytenbach's poetry in Dutch translation

15:20 Coffee break

15:45 **Panel 3: Breytenbach and Imagined Africas**

Alwyn Roux, Alfred Schaffer, and Louise Viljoen (moderated by Yves T'Sjoen)

16:30 Discussion

16:45 **Panel 4: “Die taal van 'n breër bewussyn”: Afrikaans, Breytenbach en die veelstemmige Suid-Afrika**

Gerrie Lemmer (ATKV), Chareldine van der Merwe (ATKV-VVA), Ilse Eigelaar-Meets (University of Stellenbosch), and Dokka Swart (Doen en Leer) (moderated by Milton Webber)

17:30 Daphnée Breytenbach

17:45 **Closing Remarks**

18:00 **Reception – Moussa Dembele**

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