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### **Academic vita**

**2023** Ph.D (Geography) and Junior Fellow at the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, Bayreuth, Germany

**2022-2023** Research Fellow at the Institute for Pan African Thought and Conversation, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**2022-2023** Research Fellow at the Institute for Global African Affairs, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**2023** Master of Science (Water Resource Science), Institute for Water Research, Rhodes University, South Africa

Dissertation: Analysing the equity dimensions and governance drivers of water insecurity challenges in Hammanskraal, City of Tshwane, South Africa

**2022** Master of Urban and Regional Planning, *cum laude*, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Dissertation: Gentrification and the displacement of vulnerable communities in the post-apartheid city: A case study of the Maboneng Precinct and Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2022** Masters Short Course in Innovation for Sustainability, Tampere University, Finland

**2021** Master of Public Affairs (Food Security Studies), Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa

Dissertation: The impact of COVID-19 on urban food security in South Africa: A case study of the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality Central Food Bank

**2017** Research Assistant, Department of Geography, Rhodes University, South Africa

**2017** Bachelor of Social Science (Honours): Geography, *cum laude*, Rhodes University, South Africa

Dissertation: The peasants' revolt: The role of the democratic state in the struggle for land and environmental justice in Xolobeni, Eastern Cape, South Africa

**2016** Bachelor of Social Science: Geography, Rhodes University, South Africa

### **Publications**

Mahlatsi, M.L.S. 2023. Food security as a frontier of war: A geo-historical perspective of food security and armed conflict in Africa. In: Akinola, A. (ed). *Contemporary Issues on Conflict and Security in Africa*. New York: Routledge

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Mahlatsi, M. 2020. The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Another Industrial Revolution Leaving Black Women Behind? *The Thinker*, 83(1): 24-28

Morifi, K. and Mahlatsi, M. 2019. What happens to a pan-African dream deferred? *The Thinker*, 81

Mahlatsi, M.L.S. 2018. The peasants’ revolt: analysing the role of the democratic state in the struggle for land and environmental justice in Xolobeni, Eastern Cape, South Africa. *Journal of Public Administration*, 53(2-1): 615-631

#### **Books under the name Malaika Wa Azania:**

Wa Azania, M. 2020. *Corridors of Death: The Struggle to Exist in Historically White Institutions*. Johannesburg: BlackBird Books

Wa Azania, M. 2016. *Born Free Mein Leben Im Sudafrika Nach Der Apatheid*. Zurich: Rotpunktverlag.

Wa Azania, M. 2014. *Memoirs of a Born Free: Reflections on the New South Africa by a Member of the Post-apartheid Generation*. New York: Seven Stories Press.

Wa Azania, M. 2014. *Memoirs of a Born Free: Reflections on the Rainbow Nation*. Johannesburg: Jacana Media.

#### **Conference contributions**

- **2022:** "Hunger in African cities: The impact of COVID-19 on urban food insecurity in the SADC region", 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the South African Sociological Association, Kimberly, South Africa
- **2022:** "State and business collaboration in the neoliberalisation of nature: An analysis of mining bids in the Wild Coast, South Africa", International Association for Political Science Students World Congress, Virtual

- **2022:** "The socio-economic impact of climate change on urban food security in South Africa", 2022 Association for African Studies in Germany (VAD), Freiburg, Germany (Virtual)
- **2019:** "The peasants' revolt: analysing the role of the democratic state in the struggle for land and environmental justice in Xolobeni", 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the South African Association of Public Administration and Management, Nelspruit, South Africa
- **2017:** "Public management finance in the hands of the people", Knowledge and Innovation Summit, National Treasury of the Republic of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa.
- **2016:** "Understating #FeesMustFall as a struggle for spatial justice", 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the South African Sociological Association, Grahamstown, South Africa.
- **2016:** "South Africa's born-free generation and the struggle of memory against forgetting", Lecture at the University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- **2015:** "Patria o muerte: The effects of colonialism on young women in Southern Africa", Lecture at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
- **2015:** "The violence visited on women's bodies in sub-Saharan Africa", International Human Rights Film Festival, Mexico City, Mexico
- **2014:** "Gender relations are power relations: A South African youth experience", Africa History Week Summit, Oslo, Norway