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Museum Resources and the Presentation of the African Past in South Africa

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In South Africa, and other multicultural post-colonies, heritage related social movements questioned democratic transformation and racial equality. In this presentation, systemic racial tensions in democratic South Africa are explored through an ethnographic analysis of the teaching and display of history and archaeology at a South African museum.

Jacqueline Jordaan is a PhD student in the department of Anthropology, with a focus on heritage studies. Jacqueline's PhD research was focussed on Iron Age archaeology in South Africa, when the #RhodesMustFall movement occurred. The movement, which highlighted the contested and symbolic nature of heritage, motivated Jacqueline to alter her research course. Her research addresses questions of democratic transformation in South Africa from a museum education and culture-history framework.

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