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Invitation

Underneath the Baobab – „The Scattering“ A reading by and with Lauri Kubuitsile

Profound and moving, Lauri Kubuitsile's *The Scattering* offers insights into the lives of Tjipuka, daughter of a Herero chief, and Riette, daughter of a Dutch settler, against the backdrop of the colonial wars in southern Africa at the beginning of the 20th century. While the latter witnesses the war between the Boers and the British in what is now South Africa at first hand, Tjipuka struggles with her experiences during the German genocide of the Herero in what is now Namibia. Despite their different life situations, the novel not only creates an encounter between the women, who both suffer from the traumatic experiences of the wars. *The Scattering* also prompts reflection on notions of freedom and independence from different perspectives that seem to oppose yet not contradict each other.

Botswana-based writer Lauri Kubuitsile enriches the literary world with her stories for children, teens and adults, and knows how to express herself in a variety of genres. She is the author of crime stories, romantic novels and judicial thrillers, among others. Her children's books, of which she has written more than 30, are now required reading in schools in Botswana and South Africa.

We are delighted that Lauri Kubuitsile will be giving a reading in Berlin, to which InterKontinental and the German Africa Foundation cordially invite you.

Program

Welcoming: Karla Kutzner, InterKontinental

Reading followed by discussion:

Lauri Kubuitsile, Author

Host: Larissa Pflüger, Scientific Advisor, German Africa Foundation

We ask for a **binding registration**, as places are limited.

Date

**Wednesday, 31/8/2022
18.30hrs**

Venue

**Hotel Dietrich-
Bonhoeffer-Haus,
Ziegelstr. 30,
10117 Berlin**

**Kindly register [here](#) by
26/8/2022.**

The event will be held in
English.

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Speaker



Lauri Kubuitsile

Lauri Kubuitsile is a Botswana author whose range spans several genres that appeal to a wide variety of ages. She has received numerous awards and nominations for her literary work, including the *Caine Prize* and the *Botswarere Prize* for Creative Writing of the Ministry of Culture in Botswana. Her contribution to children's literature made her a two-time winner of the *Golden Baobab Prize* in 2009 and 2010. Her first historical novel, *The Scattering*, for which Kubuitsile won the award for the best international fiction book at the International Book Fair in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, in 2017, was re-published this year by InterKontinental Publishing. Prior to her successful career as a writer, Kubuitsile was the publisher of a newspaper. In it, she wrote a two-weekly multi-part detective story, which met with enthusiasm by the readership. At the suggestion of her manager, Kubuitsile eventually published the stories as a novel. This was followed by three more published detective stories, which could previously only be read in the newspaper, including *Murder for Profit* and *Anything for Money*. After this success, she sold her newspaper and devoted her full attention to literary work. Today, Kubuitsile lives in rural Botswana with her daughter, grandson, three dogs and two cats.

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