

12-16 April 2026
The Drostdy Hotel, Graaff-Reinet
South Africa



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GENERAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL: On Arrival Day, Sunday 12 April, we will meet at 18:00 for dinner at the Camdedoo Restaurant.

SESSIONS: The opening session will begin at 09:00 on Monday 13 April. The basic daily schedule is as follows:

Morning:	09:00 – 12:00
Midday Break:	12:00 – 15:00
Afternoon:	15:00 – 18:00

PROGRAMME: The detailed programme is in your welcome pack. The workshop is organised around four terrain sessions, an opening plenary, and a closing plenary.

VENUE: The Drostdy Hotel is a heritage property at 30 Church Street in the centre of Graaff-Reinet, the oldest town in the Eastern Cape. Workshop sessions take place in the Imibala Gallery. Meals are served at the Camdedoo Restaurant on site. The hotel is set within landscaped gardens with courtyards connecting the various buildings.

MEALS: All meals are taken as a group. Breakfast is available from 06:30 to 08:30 each day. Lunch is offered from 12:00 to 13:00 in the Imibala Gallery Courtyard and is optional. A pre-dinner drinks are in the Ladies Bar from 18:30 to 19:00 each evening.

EXPENSES: Your accommodation, meals, and transport between Gqeberha and Graaff-Reinet are covered by the Reimagining Reproduction project. You will be responsible for any personal incidentals. Your hotel bill should be settled at checkout for any extras not covered by the project.

INTERNET: Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel.

FACILITIES: The Drostdy Hotel has a swimming pool, a fitness centre, and the Africology Spa, which offers massages, facials, and other treatments (at your own expense). The hotel gardens and courtyards are lovely for walking, reading, or quiet conversation during the midday break. Graaff-Reinet itself has over 220 heritage sites within walking distance, including the Reinet House Museum and the Hester Rupert Art Museum (adjacent to the hotel). The Valley of Desolation in the Camdeboo National Park is approximately 14 km from town and well worth an early morning or late afternoon visit if time allows.

WEATHER: April is autumn in the Karoo. Days are typically warm and dry (20–25°C) but evenings and early mornings can be cool (8–12°C). Please bring layers, a warm jacket for evenings, and comfortable walking shoes.

TRANSPORT: The nearest airport is Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport in Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth), approximately 250 km (3 hours by road) from Graaff-Reinet. Transport between Gqeberha and Graaff-Reinet will be arranged for arrival on Sunday 12 April and departure on Thursday 16 April. Three shuttles will depart from the airport. Two at 2pm for those flying from Johannesburg and Cape Town. The last shuttle for the Durban flight. If you are driving yourself, free parking is available at the hotel.

WHAT TO BRING: The workshop is designed as a collaborative, creative space. You are welcome to bring any materials related to your work – drafts, archives, images, objects, fieldwork notes – that you would like to share or use during the terrain sessions.

CONTACT: For logistical queries, please contact Charlotte Visagie (charlotte.visagie@up.ac.za). For questions about the workshop content or your terrain pod, please contact Nolwazi Mkhwanazi (nolwazi.mkhwanazi@up.ac.za).

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