

Photo Blog: South Africa’s Democracy – Mandela’s “Cherished Ideal”

From 1 – 26 September 2014, *an exhibition at LSE* brings together photos, documents and artefacts that illustrate South Africa’s unique journey into democracy – President Nelson Mandela’s cherished ideal.

Moeletsi Mbeki, South African author and businessman, and deputy chair of the South African Institute of International Affairs, will give *an associated lecture* on Tuesday 23 September.

It is appropriate to explore the country’s journey in what has been a momentous year of remembrance for the country – 20 *years since the first free elections* in South Africa were held and 50 years after Mandela and his colleagues were sentenced to life imprisonment at the *Rivonia trial*.



Photo by CHRIS LEDOCHOWSKI

Nelson Mandela makes his first speech to the nation from the balcony of the Cape Town City Hall after his release from prison, Western Cape.

1990

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Photo by PAUL WEINBERG
Sisters reconnect after 20 years of separation as a result
of the apartheid removals, Riemvasmaak, Northern Cape.
1995
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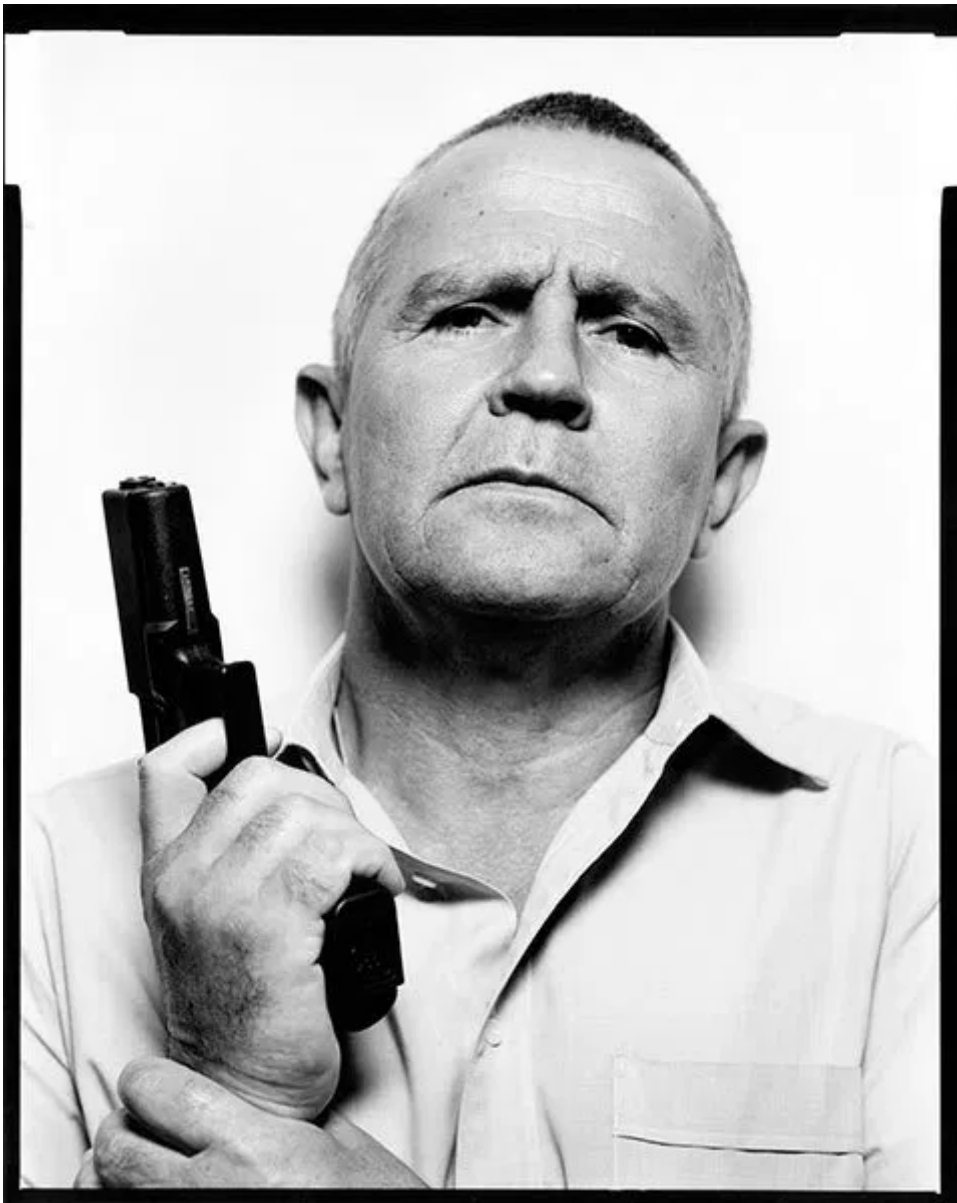


Photo by JILLIAN EDELSTEIN

Dirk Coetzee, the first commander of the special 'counter-insurgency' unit at Vlakplaas, who ordered the execution of multiple anti-apartheid activists, Pretoria, Gauteng.

1997

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Photo by DAVID GOLDBLATT

Remains of long-drop lavatories at Frankfort in the former Ciskei Bantustan. The people of Mgwali strongly resisted their removal to this resettlement camp and the government eventually allowed them to remain on their farms at Mgwali. The lavatories at Frankfort have been stripped of usable materials by the local populace and all that now remains of the scheme are some 1 500 anatomically shaped holes in the veld. Frankfort, Eastern Cape.

2006

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This exhibition is presented by the Universities of Cape Town, Witwatersrand and Fort Hare and supported by the South African High Commission.

The exhibition will be held in at Atrium Gallery in the Old Building at LSE from 10am – 8pm Monday to Friday until 26 September 2014.

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