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Dedication

This study is dedicated to the people who live on the periphery, always looking in but denied full access. When the sun rises they enter to work and when the sun sets they leave for the periphery, the margin of society.

The child is not dead

The **child** lifts his fists against his mother
Who shouts **Afrika** ! shouts the breath
Of freedom and the veld
In the **locations** of the cordoned heart

The child lifts his fists against his father
in the march of the **generations**
who shouts Afrika ! shout the breath
of righteousness and blood
in the **streets** of his embattled pride

The **child** is not dead not at Langa nor at Nyanga
not at Orlando nor at Sharpeville
nor at the police station at Philippi
where he lies with a bullet through his brain

The **child** is the dark shadow of the soldiers
on guard with rifles Saracens and batons
the **child** is present at all assemblies and law-givings
the child peers through the windows of **houses** and into the hearts of mothers
this child who just wanted to **play** in the sun at Nyanga is everywhere
the child grown to a man treks through all Africa

the child grown into a giant **journeys** through the whole world
Without a pass

Ingrid Jonker

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Fig. 001



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Fig. 002

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As architects and planners we are often seen to be selling out to commercial pressures, conceding to the demands of clients and developers. Architects are especially prone, and often get trapped in the day to day managing of busy practices and financial obligations. Work is produced in a factory of architecture and often lacks creativity and sensitivity. We are imprisoned by the very buildings we design as they reflect our inability to react in a sustainable and relevant way.

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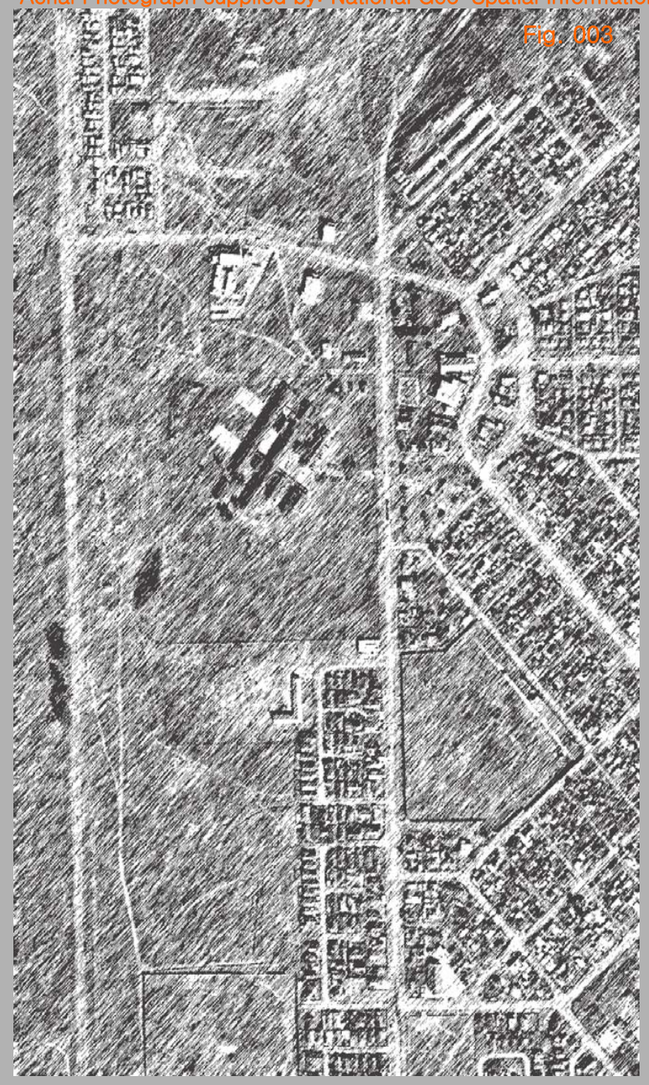


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Fig. 004

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Definitions and Interpretation:

Cacadu:	District, contains Makana Municipality and Grahamstown.
Cathedral:	Cathedral of St. Michael and St. George in Church Square
Civil town:	The Colonial part of town, also Grahamstown West
Colonial Town:	Civil town established by the British Government in 1812 Grahamstown
Corridor:	Refers to main road through Grahamstown, High Street, Raglan road and the R67.
Drostdy:	A local government district of the Cape Colony.
East Commonage:	Open and relatively level land to the south east of the R67.
Fingo Village:	Part of town originally given to Mfengo people by British.
High Street:	The main retail street in Colonial Grahamstown.
Link:	Refers to a street that connects or a pathway that connects.
Makana:	Municipality in Cacadu district
Makanna's Kop:	Koppie or Hill between Grahamstown East & West.
Mfengo:	Tribe of Xhosa who fought on the side of the British
Native (Native City or Town):	The township of Grahamstown East, also called Rini.
Peripheral Community:	Grahamstown East or Rini
PUGS:	Public Urban Green Spaces, also parks and open space or veld
Rini:	Grahamstown East, also known as the Township of Grahamstown
Township:	Grahamstown East, also called Rini.
Urban Fracture:	A break in the Urban Fabric, either by natural feature or man made feature. Could also refer to break in Social connectivity.

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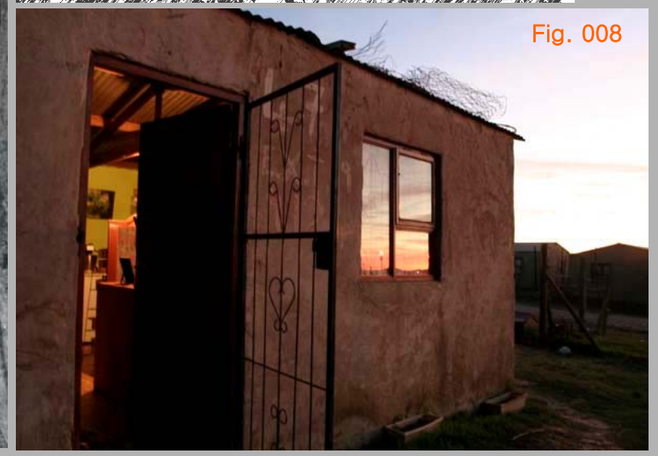


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