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**“Women and Memorialisation in Contemporary
South Africa”**

WITH



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Since 1994 cities across South Africa have moved to commemorate the heroes of the struggle against apartheid through the naming of public space and infrastructure. Street naming and labelling is a form of commemorative politics and South Africa is well-known for its conscious attempts at the memorialization of the anti-apartheid struggle and its history, through national and local heritage initiatives. However, the way in which public infrastructure including street names has also served to commemorate this past has seldom been considered, and memorialization is seldom seen as an issue of gender. This paper examines the debates around street renaming which have occurred since 1994, looking at how the narrow, contemporary politics of racial equity via commemoration of the anti-apartheid struggle have turned what might have been an opportunity to foreground different facets of the South African past into a lost opportunity.

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