1. We are a deeply **unequal** society
2. Our **past remains present**
3. We need to recognise **Black pain** and **White privilege**
4. We need to **locate** ourselves accurately in our story
5. **Social restitution** offers one way of acting
6. As **individuals** and **communities**
7. Through a process of intentional **dialogue**
8. Based on the premise that injustice **dehumanises** us, and **restitution** can make us **human** again
9. **Dialogue** can **shift** how we see and catalyse action
10. Social restitution needs to happen **alongside other action** (legal redress, government provision, business contribution, student agitation)
Why Restitution?

THE UNEQUAL UNRAVELLING RAINBOW NATION

Gini 0.65

POVERTY
60% vs 4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
34% vs 8%

LIFE EXPECTANCY
20 yr

UNIVERSITY
7 x

OPTIMISM
2 x

REDISTRIBUTION
2x

MOVING ON
66%

INCOME
R36k vs R6k PM

LAND
8% own 47%

HDI
15th vs 116th

Why Restitution?
**Another Country tells 5 stories**

1. **OUR STORY**: Our country and how it came to be so unequal and unjust
2. **THEIR STORY**: The story of 60 Black and White South Africans and the effects of the past in the present
3. **TWO FICTITIOUS STORIES**: To help us think about restitution (personhood, locating selves, dialogues)
4. **MY STORY**: With cycles of consciousness
5. **OUR POTENTIAL NEW STORY**: Based on dialogues and acts of social restitution by individuals and communities

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"Fuck White people"

SASAS 2017

- Told off: 26
- Punished: 16
- Stop it: 39
- Left alone: 13
- Don’t know: 4

Social science that makes a difference
Talking points (1)
1. **Woman on a plane** – development, corruption, tax havens
   - Corruption cannot be an excuse to do nothing
2. **We have laws** but too many business are doing only what is needed to stay out of trouble
   - We need to look at the law and the NEED and the inequality
   - A quest for dignity, opportunity and belonging
   - For a country to be proud of
3. We must remember how we got here
   - Victim, perpetrator, bystander – but also **beneficiary** and resister
   - **Meritocracy** – 300m head start
4. Through a process of intentional dialogue – talking while doing – space for some to be shouting
   - Based on the premise that injustice dehumanises us, and restitution can make us human again
   - We can fail at being human, humanity is acquired

Talking points (2)
5. Social restitution needs to happen **alongside other action** (legal redress, government provision, business contribution, student agitation)
6. **Leaders are needed** to get involved at every level – offering plans, guidance, negotiation skills
   - A plan beyond the shouting and the protests
7. **Some figures**
   - Fuck white people 2% - maybe another 13%
   - White SA must act to repair the past 60%B 20%W
   - Restitution fund or tax or talk – only 8% or 12% or 22% W
   - Forget the past – used to be 2/3rds now 76% W and 51%
Ideas for social restitution

Alongside government
1. Compliance with existing legislation – spirit not just letter
2. A wealth tax
3. Private-public partnerships
4. Maximum wages – based on moral ranges
5. A salary-increase moratorium for high earners
6. Downscaling at the top …

Civil-society initiatives
1. Challenge ‘whingers’
2. Spatial mismatch and workers transport
3. Dialogues about transformation
4. Mentor youth and professionals
5. Share inheritances
6. …
1. Land restitution
   • Good legislation (being modified); poor implementation; ignores some
2. Employment equity and Black economic empowerment
   • Enriched a few; open to fronting and corruption
3. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission
   • Recommendations not implemented
Everyday SOCIAL restitution

Voluntary moral obligation
(Swartz, Barkan)

Across generations
(MacIntyre, Young)

As forward looking, not punitive
(Calder, Wenar)

As making good
Wiedergutmachung versus
making right
Wiederherstellen
(Judt, Sanders)

Social science that makes a difference
**Read** About the book and author of *Another Country*, what people are saying about the book, restitution, and the dialogues

**Discuss** Questions to guide dialogues, with space to comment on the process

**Act** Ideas for restitution scaled by time, money, effort needed, and number of people required

**Suggest** Ideas for everyday social restitution; added to scaled ideas under ‘act’