Extraction: Abolition Geography and the Problem of Innocence
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Light refreshments at 17h30
Women’s Gaol, Constitution Hill

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Abstract:
Johannesburg: a city built on gold, labour, power, struggle. This lecture examines in particular the gendered role of mass criminalization and incarceration in the everyday life of contemporary racial capitalism, demonstrating how and why – on both conceptual and practical levels – extraction links gold and prisons.

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Opening Comments by the CEO of Constitution Hill
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