



# MAASAI SPEAK BACK



A FILM BY  
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## W E B I N A R I N V I T A T I O N

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The Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS) would like to invite you for the screening of the award winning documentary **Maasai Speak Back** (106 min, Tanzania/The Netherlands 2020) and a discussion with the filmmaker and JIAS writing fellow **Dr Vanessa Wijngaarden**.

The (mis)adventures of five tourist groups in a dry and poor area of Tanzania are explained and commented on by both the Dutch and Maasai involved, revealing and destroying widespread Maasai stereotypes as well as images Maasai have of 'whites'. The huge international inequality and local cultural constellations often make it hard for Maasai women to be heard, but as they speak their mind, their strength, empathy, wisdom and authority presents a worldview that questions expanding capitalist individualist rationales. Both storyline and cinematography playfully address the entanglements of contrast and continuities between the two worlds, or is it only one? Watch the trailer on <https://vimeo.com/441949526>.

DATE ▪ 2 September 2021

TIME ▪ 14:00-17:00 (SAST)

RSVP on <https://forms.gle/wsyMxtLfb6VB4Zbc9> to receive the Zoom details.

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