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Her book *Women and Gender in Iraq* is a sociology of women, gender, and feminisms in contemporary Iraq drawing from transnational and postcolonial feminist theory and based on work conducted in the country following the US invasion and occupation.

Ali is currently working on a new book *Uprisings and the Political Imagination*, that shifts the dominant lens of social theory in analyzing mass protests away from a binary approach of power/resistance by looking at "the political" from the point of view of life, space, violence, and emancipation.

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Saths Cooper is President of the Pan-African Psychology Union and a stalwart of the Black Consciousness Movement and was a close comrade of the late Steve Biko. He was elected as publicity secretary of the Black Peoples Convention at its founding conference in 1973 and has been banned, house-arrested, and jailed for 9 years – spending 6 years on Robben Island. After his release in 1981, he joined the Azanian Peoples Organisation (AZAPO) and served at different times as vice-president and President. He is a graduate of the Universities of SA, Witwatersrand, and Boston, where he obtained his PhD in Clinical/Community Psychology.

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