



# INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a public lecture presented by the Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French at the University of the Free State.

The FIRST lecture in 2025: Poetry as a form of ego-documentation: The origin of *Stil gesprek*.

Speaker: Prof Jannie Pretorius, Faculty of Education, University of the Free State.

This lecture explores how poetry functions as a form of ego-documentation, in which the poet's personal preferences, experiences, and thoughts come to the fore. The origin of *Stil gesprek* (a volume of ekphrastic poems) will be discussed, with specific reference to the role of the poet's ego in the process. The three reviews of *Stil gesprek* and the events that arose from these reviews will be discussed briefly and be opened for general discussion.

Jannie Pretorius was a Biology teacher at three Free State high schools between 1988 and 2006. In 2007, he was appointed as a lecturer in Education at the University of the Free State. He has published twenty-eight academic articles in Afrikaans and English and was promoted to associate professor in 2021. His debut volume of poetry, *Stil gesprek*, was published by Naledi in 2024.

The lecture will be presented in Afrikaans. Please indicate before 24 March 2025 if interpreting services are required.

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**Date:** Friday 28 March 2025

**Time:** 11:00-12:00

**Venue:** FGG201

**RSVP:** Monday 24 March 2025 at BangoPJ@ufs.ac.za

## Stil gesprek

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