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2 June to 17 September 2023, The Cube, Eschborn

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Ernest Cole
South Africa, 1960s. Pensive tribesmen, newly recruited to mine labour, await processing and assignment.
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South Africa, 1960s. Students kneel on floor to write. Government is casual about furnishing schools for blacks.
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South Africa, 1960s. Africans throng Johannesburg station platform during late afternoon rush hour. Whistle has sounded, train is moving, but people are still trying to get on.
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South Africa, 1960s. Living in her „kaya“ out back, servant must be on call six days out of seven and seven nights out of seven. She lives a lonely life apart from her family. In white suburbs there are no recreation centres open to black servants.
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South Africa, 1960s. These boys were caught trespassing in a white area.
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South Africa, 1960s. „Segregation signage“ from the chapter „For Whites Only“
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South Africa, 1960s. Pass raid outside Johannesburg station. Every African must show his pass before being allowed to go about his business.
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South Africa, 1960s. Edith Mkhele leads group discussion at African extension of white YWCA. She was first African woman to get degree at white South African college. From the chapter „The African Middle Class“ © Ernest Cole / Magnum Photos

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South Africa, 1960s. With older children in school and mothers at work, baby baby-minders are a common sight on African township streets. From the chapter „Below Subsistence“ © Ernest Cole / Magnum Photos

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