

African, Queer, and Exiled: Narratives from Ugandans



*Who will bring a
flower to your
grave?
Who misses dead
foreign queers?
Who mourns
foreigners... let
alone gay
foreigners?
Who grieves for
exiled queers?
Who honours dead
queer aliens?*

*With this poem, I
immortalise dead
queer refugees.*

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is a multiple award-winning knowledge producer and current scholarship-holder of the Writers-in-Exile program of PEN Zentrum Deutschland.

Nyanzi was sentenced to 18 months in a maximum security prison because of a poem in which she criticises the president of Uganda. Her activism spans women's rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, labour rights, free expression and academic freedom, digital democracy, and civil and political rights – in Uganda and Africa more broadly.

The scholar, social justice activist, politician, and poet will read from her published poetry collections and give a talk about her experiences as an African, queer, and exiled person.

Date: 15 November 2023

Time: 5pm

Location: IBZ, Emil-Figge-Str. 59, 44227 Dortmund