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Historical genocide of ‘Khoisan’ communities is much silenced in public discourse in South Africa and often not linked to land dispossession nor to epistemological justice long overdue in the post-apartheid context. This paper explores how contemporary society (through higher education institutions and museums) could possibly restore social and economic justice for the Cape Flats ‘KhoiSan’-descendant communities through contextualised socially engaged precolonial research programmes and memorialisation aimed at addressing the loss of knowledge of the land and landscape.



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