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A Fine Minds lecture,

**RESISTANCE TO GERMAN CONQUEST IN NAMIBIA: THE  
LETTERS OF HENDRIK WITBOOI**

by Professor John M. Coetzee



Sunday 2 August, after the 6 p.m. news (on 101.3FM Fine Music Radio)

Coetzee takes as his focus Hendrik Witbooi, one of the most dogged leaders of resistance to the German takeover of what is now Namibia. The lecture shows how Witbooi's letters provide absorbing insights into the internal politics of south-western Africa on the eve of conquest, as well as into contrasting conceptions of warfare, African and European, in the late nineteenth century. Hendrik Witbooi corresponded with other Namibian leaders and with imperial German officers in colonial Cape Dutch. J.M.Coetzee's lecture draws on an English translation of these letters by Annemarie Heywood and Eben Maasdorp.

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