The Cultural Abuse of Southern African Women: A Work in Progress
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Why Has This Problem Been Ignored?

"Every view of the world that becomes extinct, every culture that disappears, diminishes a possibility of life."
Octavio Paz

Why does this matter?

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Scales
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Edmund Burke

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