

The years of apartheid

Radical-revisionist analyses



Periodisation of apartheid I

- 1948 – 1961 White baaskap
- 1961 – 1974 Separate Development
- 1974 – 1984 Growing antagonism
- 1984 – 1990 Protest and suppression

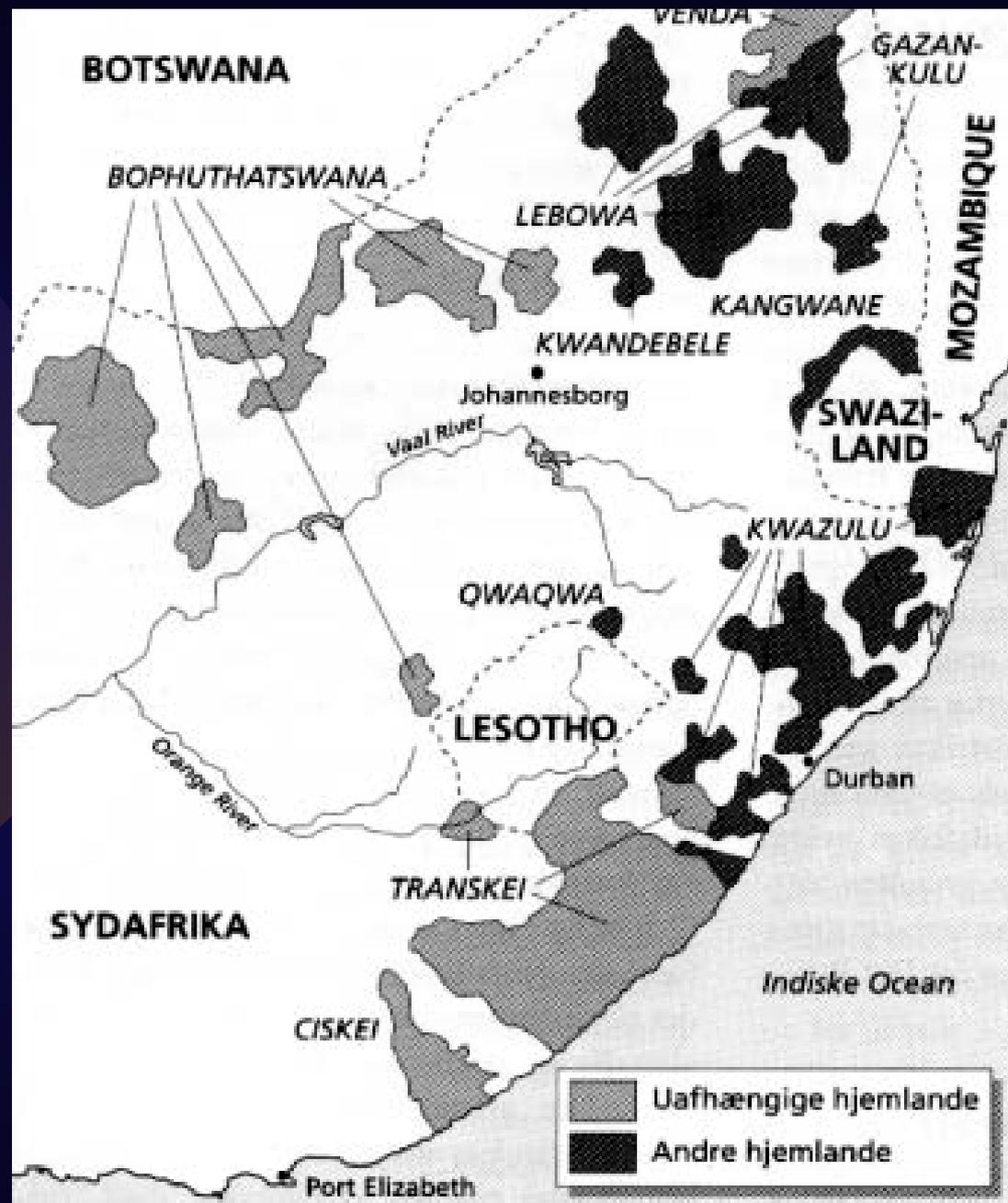
Periodisation of apartheid II

- 1948 - 1960: National Party implements apartheid. State monopoly construction of corporative Afrikaner capital
- 1960 - 1973: Boer police state with fascist features
- 1960 - 1980: Internationalisation and merger of Boer and English capital
- 1973 - 1990: Slow, reluctant late apartheid reforms. Crisis and fatigue in the economy due to small domestic market, workers protest and sanctions

Basic elements of apartheid

- Population divided after colour lines
- Removal of political rights for Blacks
- Regulation of behaviour and communication
- Construction of suppressive state structures

Geography of grand apartheid



Radical view on apartheid I

- Mechanism for economic exploitation and labour control
- Functioned mostly as a rational system for the ruling classes
- Special kind of internal colonialism
- Whites kept their privileges through a class breaking alliance
- Forms of racial suppression changed in agreement with the needs of capital

“Bribes” for white workers

- Job colour bar reservations from before 1900
- “Civilized Labour Policy” of the Pact-government during the segregation period
- Labour market legislation: Industrial Conciliation Act
- White jobs in state production and korporasies
- High minimum wages, “Fair Wage Clause”, and “Satisfactory Labour Conditions” favoured skilled whites
- Selection of segregated firms for contracts and customs protection
- Mines and Works Act, separated job-market

Radical view on apartheid II

- Capitalist development and racial discrimination were complementary elements
- Afrikaner nationalism was created by Boer capital, white farmers, and labour aristocracy
- Economic development sustained white supremacy for a long time
- Lasting aversion against reforms from employers, politicians, and white voters
- Progressive research supported democratic movement



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