Harrold and Annmarie Wolpe commemorated today at Wits university for their contribution towards liberation struggle.

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Struggle stalwarts Harold and Annmarie Wolpe were <u>celebrated at celebrated at</u> a ceremony which was hosted <u>at-by the</u> Wits school of Governance for their significant -roles they played towards <u>a-the</u> liberation of <u>the oppressive-oppressed masses ofin</u> South Africa,—. Amongst the signatories who attended the event <u>was-were</u> Justice Dumisa Ntsebeza-, Thandiwe Matthews-, Peta Wolpe, <u>and</u> Justice Albie Sachs-.

Justice Ntsebeza as guest speaker he-went en-to_acknowledgeing the contribution that were was made by Wolpes towards the struggle of liberationliberation struggle., He went on to say, "theThe pair was not having a permanent home as they were moving from one continent to the other as they were under prosecution by the apartheid regime"."

He particularly outlined the role that Annmarie played towards the advancement of women's rights-, "Annmarie Annmarie was a representative of many women committed to progressive causes-, an unacknowledged heroines an unacknowledged heroine of the era-."

Nothwithstanding Notwithstanding her comportment and feminist activism, Annmarie was well_-known for fiercely resisting the practices of a male dominatedmale-dominated left politics that did not allow womens women's participation as unequivocally interlectual intellectual equals. She contributed to a 'new wave ' of gender studies through her work in sociology, in particular landmark scholarly contribution of a materialist analysis of gender subordination from a Marxian perspective as well ground policy report on gender and education in the transition era in South Africa"

The irresolution of oppressive gender - based violence remain critical concerns for South Africa and it is this dimension in a particular that is brought to the fore through a focus on the life as a socialist feminist.