

THE WALTER S. OWEN LECTURE

CONSTITUTIONALISM IN A TIME OF AFFLICTION: SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMOCRACY AND AIDS

After 350 years of racial iniquity, the crisis of AIDS arrived to torture South Africa's new constitutional democracy. The Bill of Rights, the rule of law, and the main institutions of government were profoundly tested as activists furiously challenged President Mbeki's AIDS-denialist policies. The result was a resounding victory for reason and good sense – but only after grievous loss of life and incalculable suffering. Though the fatal shadow of AIDS stigma continues to linger, the Constitution triumphed: but only to face renewed challenges to governance in crime, corruption and malfeasance. So where to from here?

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Edwin Cameron has been a judge in South Africa since 1994, and a Justice of its highest court, the Constitutional Court, since 2009. He was educated at Stellenbosch and as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. During apartheid he was a human rights lawyer and an AIDS and LGBTI activist. He was a fierce critic of President Mbeki's AIDS-denialist policies. He has written two prize-winning memoirs, *Witness to AIDS* (2005) and *Justice: A Personal Account* (2014).

5:00pm – 6:15pm: Lecture | 6:15pm – 7:00pm: Reception

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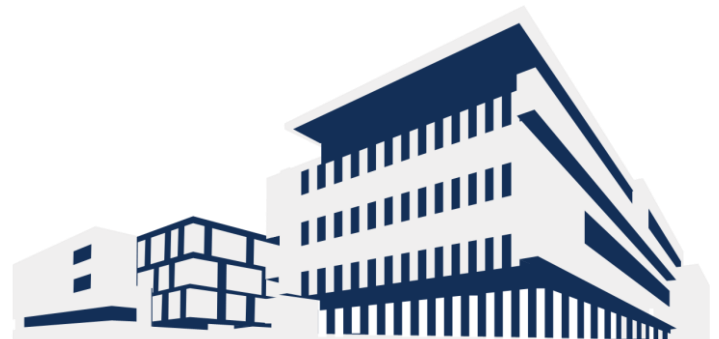
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