

## **Press Release: Public lecture by Francis Fukuyama 26 October 2011**

Francis Fukuyama, world renowned political scientist, will give a public lecture on his landmark new book 'The Origins of Political Order'. The lecture will explore the provenance of three basic political institutions - the state, the rule of law, and accountability - that constitute the basis for modern government.

The lecture will be on Wednesday 26 October, at 18h30 for 19h00, in the Beattie Theatre, University Avenue, UCT. Seating is unreserved.

Dr. Fukuyama has written widely on questions concerning democratization and international political economy. His book, *The End of History and the Last Man*, was published by Free Press in 1992 and has appeared in over twenty foreign editions. His most recent books are *America at the Crossroads: Democracy, Power, and the Neoconservative Legacy*, and *Falling Behind: Explaining the Development Gap between Latin America and the United States*. His latest book, *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution* was published in April 2011.

Dr Fukuyama is in Cape Town to present a course on 'The role of public policy in private sector development', under the auspices of the new Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice (GSD) at UCT. This is an intensive programme for 30 senior government officials and business leaders from South Africa and other African countries, exploring how government can encourage and enable the private sector to play a larger role in economic growth and development.

### Brief biography

Francis Fukuyama is based in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. After graduating from Cornell in classics and Harvard in Political Science, he was a member of the Political Science Department of the RAND Corporation, the Policy Planning Staff of the US Department of State, the first time as a regular member specializing in Middle East affairs, and then as Deputy Director for European political-military affairs. In 1981-82 he was also a member of the US delegation to the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy. He has worked at George Mason University and Johns Hopkins University and served as a member of the President's Council on Bioethics from 2001-2004.

Dr. Fukuyama is chairman of the editorial board of *The American Interest*, which he helped to found in 2005. He holds honorary doctorates from Connecticut College, Doane College, Doshisha University (Japan), and Kansai University (Japan). He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rand Corporation, the Board of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, and member of the advisory boards for the *Journal of Democracy*, the *Inter-American Dialogue*, and *The New America Foundation*. He is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Pacific Council for International Affairs.

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