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THE HON JUSTICE EDWIN CAMERON, JUSTICE OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

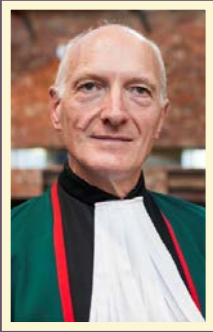


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Edwin Cameron has been a Justice of South Africa's highest court, the Constitutional Court, since 1 January 2009.

He studied at Stellenbosch and at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

During apartheid he was a human rights lawyer. President Mandela appointed him a judge in 1994. Before the Constitutional Court, he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal for eight years, and a Judge of the High Court for six.

He was an outspoken critic of President Mbeki's AIDS-denialist policies. His prize-winning memoir, *Witness to AIDS*, has been published in South Africa, the UK, the US and in translation in Germany and in China.

He chaired the governing council of the University of the Witwatersrand for more than ten years (1998-2008), and remains involved in many charitable and public causes.

His latest book, *Justice: A Personal Account* (2014) won the South African Literary Award for creative non-fiction (2015). It has been translated and published in Korea (2017).

He has received many honours for his work, including a special award by the Bar of England and Wales for his 'contribution to international jurisprudence and the protection of human rights' (2002).

He is an honorary fellow of Keble College, Oxford (2003), and an honorary bencher of the Middle Temple, London (2008).

He holds honorary degrees from King's College London (2008), University of the Witwatersrand (2009), Oxford (2011), St Andrews (2012), Stellenbosch (2015) and Sussex (2016).

PRECIS

After 350 years of racial subordination and exclusion, South Africa became a democracy in 1994, under what was praised as the world's "most progressive" Constitution. Twenty three years later, inequality and dispossession persist, crime

and corruption are high, and reports increasingly suggest that criminal syndicates are looting government. What chance for constitutionalism and the rule of law? Justice Edwin Cameron will put the case.



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