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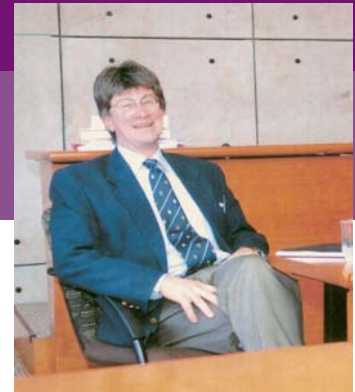


## TWELFTH GEOFFREY SAWER LECTURE 2009

# ON STORMY WATERS: South Africa's Judges (& Politicians) test the limits of their Constitutional Authority

## Professor Hugh Corder

Professor of Public Law  
University of Cape Town, South Africa



Thursday 12 November, 6-7pm  
Finkel Theatre  
John Curtin School of Medical Research  
Garran Road, ANU

Refreshments will be served in the foyer from 5.30pm

Please RSVP to: [rsvp@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@law.anu.edu.au) by Friday 6 November. Enquiries to T: (02) 6125 0454

This event is free and open to the public.

### THE LECTURE

The formal provisions of the South African Constitution have, over the past fifteen years, shifted from a racist variation of parliamentary sovereignty to a constitutional democracy based on limited government under law, striving for dignity, equality and freedom. The Constitution of 1996 seeks to incorporate the best lessons learnt by other such systems over the past sixty years in particular, blended with substantial infusions of supranational scholarship and experience and built on an African, developing country base. The superior courts have had to assume a more directly "political" role in exercising the testing power of judicial review, not only in respect to the protection and enforcement of basic rights. Their judgments have had to engage with urgent socio-economic problems, as those faced with dire circumstances have increasingly turned to the courts to hold the executive and legislature accountable to their constitutional mandate.

In crafting their responses, the judges have had to be extremely sensitive both to their responsibility to the letter and values of the Constitution but also to the policies and limitations of the other branches of government. This lecture seeks to analyse the current situation critically, and to speculate on what lies ahead in this sphere.

### THE LECTURER

Hugh Corder was the Dean of the Faculty of Law at UCT and has been Professor of Public Law at UCT since 1987. A graduate of the universities of Cape Town, Cambridge and Oxford, his main teaching and research interests fall within the field of Constitutional and Administrative Law, particularly judicial appointment and accountability and mechanisms to further administrative accountability. Professor Corder has been widely involved in community work since his student days, concentrating on popular legal education, race relations, human rights and the abolition of the death penalty. He served as a technical adviser in the drafting of the transitional Bill of Rights for South Africa. He has written two books and edited a further three, and has contributed many articles and chapters in books.

The Geoffrey Sawer Lecture is taking place as part of the Fourteenth Public Law Weekend (<http://law.anu.edu.au/CIPL>).

People attending the lecture are also welcome to attend the conference dinner on Thursday 12 November, 7.30pm (after the Sawer Lecture) at Vanillabeen Restaurant, John Curtin School of Medical Research, Garran Road, ANU. To register for the Conference Dinner, please fill out the following form. Registration and payment for the Conference Dinner, closes on Thursday 5 November 2009.

The views expressed in this lecture are those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of The Australian National University.

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Thursday 12 November, 2009

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