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***Origins of Political Order* author Fukuyama to speak at UCT**

Wednesday, 26 October, 18h30 for 19h00, Beattie Theatre, University Avenue, Upper Campus

World renowned political scientist Francis Fukuyama will give a public lecture on his landmark new book, *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution*, on Wednesday, 26 October, at 19h00 in Beattie Lecture Theatre on University Avenue, UCT Upper Campus. 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.

Dr Fukuyama has written widely on questions concerning democratisation and international political economy. His book *The End of History and the Last Man* (Free Press, 1992) has appeared in more than 20 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*. *The Origins of Political Order* 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 at UCT. This is an intensive programme for 30 senior government officials and business leaders from South Africa and across the continent, exploring how government can encourage and enable the private sector to play a larger role in economic growth and development.

Background on Dr Fukuyama

Dr Fukuyama is based in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, at Stanford University in California, USA. After graduating from Cornell in Classics and Harvard in Political Science, he was a member of the Political Science Department of the Rand Corporation; and the Policy Planning Staff of

the US Department of State, first as a regular member specialising in Middle East affairs, and then as Deputy Director for European political-military affairs. In 1981-82 he was 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 has served as a member of the US 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 sits on the Board of Trustees of the Rand Corporation, the Board of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, and 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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