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On the brink of the abyss – from the Zuma to the Ramaphosa presidency

28 January |13:00 | Lecture theatre 1, [Kramer law Building](#), Middle campus, UCT

As part of the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Summer School programme, author and journalist Jacques Pauw will deliver a lecture titled, '*On the brink of the abyss*'. He will pick up from the dying days of the Jacob Zuma administration and talk through the reign of President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The lecture will touch on how five years after Ramaphosa assumed the presidency, he and the ruling African National Congress (ANC) had brought South Africa to the edge of the abyss. Beyond that lurks a failed state that spells debilitating loadshedding and the possible collapse of Eskom, a country overrun by crime, civil unrest, irreparable damage to the economy and a complete collapse of service delivery.

Since 2016, Pauw has investigated almost two decades of ANC leadership and has exposed its corruption and criminality in two best-selling books: *The President's Keepers* and *Our Poisoned Land*. *The President's Keepers* is South Africa's biggest selling non-fiction book and has received prestigious national and international awards while *Our Poisoned Land* has been the best-selling book since its launch in November 2022.

The details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 28 January 2023
Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, [Kramer Law Building](#)
Time: 13:00

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