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## DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

### **How ideas and ideologies shape African politics – and why we can't understand it without them**

by

*Nic Cheeseman, Professor of Democracy at University of Birmingham*



#### Bio

Professor of Democracy at the University of Birmingham and formerly Director of the African Studies Centre at Oxford University. Prof. Cheeseman mainly works on democracy, elections and development and has conducted in-country research in a range of African countries including Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, but has also published on Latin America and post-communist Europe.

The articles that he has published have won a number of prizes including the GIGA award for the best article in Comparative Area Studies (2013) and the Frank Cass Award for the best article in Democratization (2015). Professor Cheeseman is also the author or editor of more than ten books, including *Democracy in Africa* (2015), *Institutions and Democracy in Africa* (2017), and *How to Rig an Election* (2018). In addition, he is the founding editor of the Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics, a former editor of the journal *African Affairs*, and an advisor to, and writer for, the African Progress Panel set up by Kofi Anan.

In recognition of this academic and public contribution, the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom awarded him the prestigious Joni Lovenduski Prize for outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar in 2019.

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