

# JEREMY SEEKINGS

## Short Curriculum Vitae (September 2022)

Jeremy Seekings is Professor of Political Studies and Sociology, Director of the [Centre for Social Science Research](#) and Acting Director of the [Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa](#), all at the University of Cape Town. He has been a Visiting Professor at Yale and Princeton. His published work ranges across history, political science, sociology and economics. His books include: *The UDF* (2000); *Class, Race and Inequality in South Africa* (2005/2006) and *Policy, Politics and Poverty in South Africa* (2015) and *Inclusive Dualism: Labour-Intensive Development, Decent Work, and Surplus Labour in Southern Africa* (2019) (all with Nicoli Nattrass); and the multi-authored *Growing Up in the New South Africa* (2010). He co-edited *The Politics of Social Protection in Eastern and Southern Africa* (2019) and 12 special issues of journals. He edited the African Studies journal *Social Dynamics* (2001-2006), co-edited the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (2005-11), serves on the editorial board of *Global Social Policy* and is an 'international editorial adviser' to the *Journal of Social Policy*. His current research focuses primarily on the politics of welfare policy reform both historically and in contemporary Africa (as well as in the Caribbean and Mediterranean), and on party politics and voting behaviour in Southern Africa (primarily in Botswana and Zambia). His research has been funded by (inter alia) the UK's former Department for International Development, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the World Bank, the European Union and the US National Institutes of Health. He also directs the University of Cape Town's support for the Afrobarometer network of public opinion surveys.

**Academic Qualifications:** B.A. (Honours, first class) and M.A. (Oxford); Honours (First Class) (Witwatersrand); D.Phil (Oxford).

**Current Appointment:** Professor of Political Studies and Sociology, University of Cape Town; Director, Centre for Social Science Research, UCT; Acting Director, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, UCT.

**Previous Appointments:** Visiting Professor, Yale University (1999-2019) and Princeton (2008, 2020, 2023).

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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#### Recent Books

Nicoli Nattrass & **Jeremy Seekings**, *Inclusive Dualism: Labour-Intensive Development, Decent Work, and Surplus Labour in Southern Africa* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

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### **Recent Book chapters:**

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See also the website of the [Centre for Social Science Research](#) (at the University of Cape Town).