

# JEREMY SEEKINGS

## Short Curriculum Vitae (May 2024)

Jeremy Seekings is Professor of Political Studies and Sociology and Acting Director of the [Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa](#) at the University of Cape Town. From 2012 to 2023 he was Director of the [Centre for Social Science Research](#) at UCT. He is currently a Visiting Professor at Princeton and has previously 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 Volkswagen Foundation, 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; Acting Director, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, UCT; Acting Director, Centre for Social Science Research, UCT; Visiting Professor, Princeton.

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

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

See <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8029-412X> or <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=xODDpvgAAAAJ&hl=en>.

#### Recent Books and special issues

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

Sam Hickey, Tom Lavers, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa & **Jeremy Seekings** (eds), *The Politics of Social Protection in Eastern and Southern Africa* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

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(plus 6 other monographs and 12 other edited collections/journal special issues)

#### Recent Articles

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### **Recent Book chapters:**

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**Jeremy Seekings**, '[International Actors and Social Protection](#)', in Esther Schüring and Marcus Loewe (eds), *Handbook of Social Protection in Development* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2021): 491-506.

**Jeremy Seekings**, '[Elite Ideology, Public Opinion and the Persistence of Poverty and Inequality in Eastern and Southern Africa](#)', in Katja Hujo and Maggie Carter (eds.), *Between Fault Lines and Front Lines: Shifting Power in an Unequal World* (London: Zed, 2022): 175-190.

**Jeremy Seekings**, 'Democratic politics and livelihoods in Africa', chapter 17 in Fiona Nunan, Clare Barnes and Sukanya Krishnamurthy (eds), *The Routledge Handbook on Livelihoods in the Global South* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2022): 181-193.

**Jeremy Seekings**, 'Urban social protection in Southern Africa', in Yuri Kazepov, Eduardo Barberis, Roberta Cucca and Elisabetta Mocca (eds), *Handbook of Urban Social Policies. International perspectives on multilevel governance and local welfare* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2022): 369-383.

(plus >60 previous book chapters)

### **Recent Working Papers**

Lena Gronbach, **Jeremy Seekings**, and Vayda Megannon (2022), '[Social Protection in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from South Africa](#)', *CGD Policy Paper* 252 (Washington, DC: Center for Global Development).

Balag'kutu, Timothy Adivilah, Boniface Dulani, Abigail Kalandula, Kathleen Klaus, Kallie Mitchell, Jeremy Seekings & Tim Shaw (2022), '[COVID-19, Democracy, and Governance in Africa](#)', Report of the Africa Sub-Group Expert Working Group on COVID-19 and Democracy (Denver: Institute for Comparative and Regional Studies, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver).

Arthur, Winnie, **Jeremy Seekings** and Hangala Siachiwena, '[Social protection in urban Zambia: the view from below](#)', *IDCPA Working Paper* 33 (May 2023).

Gronbach, Lena, **Jeremy Seekings** and Winnie Arthur, '[Lessons learned on social protection responses to Covid-19 in Botswana](#)', *IDCPA Working Paper* 35 (October 2023).

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