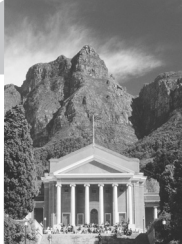


Invitation



# 12TH ANNUAL STEVE BIKO MEMORIAL LECTURE



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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Dr Max Price, in association with the Chief Executive Officer of the Steve Biko Foundation, Mr Nkosinathi Biko, invites members of the public to attend the 12th annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture.

**Guest Speaker:** Sir Sydney Kentridge, internationally renowned advocate and lead lawyer at the Biko Inquest

**Title of the lecture:** *"Evil Under the Sun: The Death of Steve Biko"*

Best known for his role at the inquest into the death of Steve Biko, Sir Sydney Kentridge has been a practising advocate for some 60 years. Born in Johannesburg in 1922, he was educated at King Edward VII School in South Africa and obtained his first BA degree at the University of the Witwatersrand, but after war service with the South African forces he went to Exeter College, Oxford, graduating with a first in jurisprudence. He is a member of both South African and English Bars (the latter since 1977), a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and has served as an appeal judge in Botswana, Jersey and Guernsey. A member of Brick Court Chambers, he has also served as an acting judge in South Africa's Constitutional Court.

In his early days, Sir Sydney became the leading lawyer for the defence in a series of political cases. He was counsel for the local community at the judicial inquiry into the 1960 Sharpeville massacre and also appeared for the accused (members of the ANC and other liberation organisations) in the notorious Treason Trial (1958-1961). He appeared for the Dean of Johannesburg in his trial for terrorism and the subsequent appeal. In his early days at the Johannesburg Bar he acted for the Garment Workers' Union and its secretary, ES "Solly" Sachs (father of Justice Albie Sachs). Sir Sydney counts among his clients three Nobel Peace Prize Laureates – the late Chief Albert Luthuli, former President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

He also appeared for Stella Madzimbamuto in her challenge to the legality of the Smith regime in Rhodesia. Cases in England include acting for the British Government (in the litigation on the Maastricht Treaty) and against it (in litigation citing the Home Secretary for contempt of court). Knighted by Her Majesty The Queen (KCMG) in 1999 and awarded the Order of the Baobab in Gold by President Thabo Mbeki in 2008, he has been described as "the advocate of the century", "the outstanding advocate in the Commonwealth", "one of the legends of the Bar", and by Lord Phillips, Chief Justice of England and Wales, as "the most brilliant advocate of his generation or perhaps of his generations".

**Date:** Monday, 12 September 2011

**Time:** 19:00 (doors open at 18:00)

**Venue:** Jameson Hall, Upper Campus, UCT

*Please note that seating will not be reserved and tickets to attend the lecture will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**Tickets can be collected from Tuesday, 6 September to Thursday, 8 September from the UCT Communication and Marketing Department, Welgelegen, Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank. The office will be open from 08:00 – 16:00.**

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