



217th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 20 March 2019



Fergal Keane

African Possibilities - the Fight Against Autocracy and Corruption

ABSTRACT

My talk will examine the degree to which democratic advances so evident in the last twenty years are now being rolled back by autocratic leaders. I will challenge the trend of thinking which says Africa needs strong man leaders and is somehow unsuited to Westminster style democracy. In doing so I will present an argument based on my own experiences in Africa over more than thirty years - assessing the progress I have seen and in particular the role of youth and an engaged civil society.

BIOGRAPHY

Fergal Keane is a special correspondent for BBC News. Prior to this he was based in London in the BBC's World Affairs unit. Fergal joined the BBC in 1989 as Northern Ireland correspondent. Fergal has also spent spells as South African Correspondent and Asian Correspondent.

He was named as overall winner of the Amnesty International Press Awards in 1993 and won an Amnesty television prize in 1994 for his investigation of the Rwandan genocide, Journey Into Darkness.

LINKS

http://news.bbc.co.uk/aboutbbcnews/hi/profiles/newsid_3784000/3784703.stm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fergal_Keane

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.