A short biography of Francis Fukuyama

Francis Fukuyama is one of America's leading academics and authors. He is perhaps best known for his belief that the triumph of liberal democracy marks a final state in the progression of human history. In 2005 Fukuyama founded the magazine The American Interest, which sought "to explain America to the world, and the world to Americans." He is based at Stanford University where he is a Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and Director of its Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law.

Professor Fukuyama has written widely on issues in development and international politics. His first book, *The End of History and the Last Man,* was published by Free Press in 1992 and has appeared in over twenty foreign editions. Other books include *Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution; Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity; The Origins of Political Order (2011)* and *Political Order and Political Decay (2014)*. His latest book, *Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment* was published in 2018.

Fukuyama has taught at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University and at George Mason University's School of Public Policy. He is a senior fellow at the Johns Hopkins SAIS Foreign Policy Institute, a non-resident fellow at both the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Center for Global Development. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Pardee RAND Graduate School, and the Board of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy.

He came to South Africa as a guest of CDE in March 2019 for a very successful week of events. There was unprecedented interest in Francis Fukuyama's talks and he sparked interesting debate and discussions across all audiences which included the Presidency, SA Reserve Bank, Treasury, business leaders and the media. His public lecture was oversubscribed. Publications covering these engagements can be found here.