

STEPHEN CHAN OBE, MA PhD

Notable academic positions

- Professor of World Politics
- School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London.
- Foundation Dean at SOAS 2002-7, Dean 2010-11.
- Eminent Scholar in Global Development 2010, International Studies Association (this is one of the highest level recognitions this global governing body can award).
- Honorary Professor, University of Zambia; Maurice Webb Memorial Lecturer, KwaZulu Natal; Honorary Professor, University of Johannesburg; Visiting Professor, Zambia Open University.
- Twice Visiting Fellow, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University; Chapman Lecturer and Hood Fellow, University of Auckland; Visiting Professor at Geneva, Tampere, Wenzao, National Taiwan University of the Arts.
- Hans Singer Memorial Lecturer, German Development Institute; Konrad Adenauer Chair in Academic Excellence, Bir Zeit University; George Soros Chair in Public Policy, Central European University.

Diplomatic work

- Commonwealth Secretariat, 1977-1983
- Commonwealth Observer Group in Zimbabwe, January to March 1980 (pioneer of election observation methodology still used today)
- Post-conflict ministerial rebuilding (after the fall of Idi Amin), Uganda, 1982
- Principal, training of the Eritrean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1993-7
- And of the Ethiopian Cabinet and Parliament
- Member, high-level Trilateral Dialogue (China, Africa, USA), 2006-7
- Observer at numerous African elections, including the 2010 elections in South Sudan; invited advice to the Chinese Government on Darfur, Beijing, 2007

Military work

- Sometime External Examiner, Royal College of Defence Studies
- (upon invitation from Lt General P R Newton) adviser to military planning, 'Libya Project', 2011
- (upon invitation from Brig. R W Wooddisse) adviser to 38 Brigade before deployment in South Africa
- (upon invitation) submissions to the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, 2014.

Legal work

- Expert witness and consultant to the plaintiff in: Von Pezold v The Republic of Zimbabwe, heard in the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington DC, 2012.

Philanthropic work

- Founding Director and Trustee of the Kwok Meil Wah Foundation
- Southern African slum and township karate projects, 1980-present day, several thousand students
- Board of Trustees of The Pavement, a registered UK charity for the homeless
- Sometime member, Board of Trustees, Street Action, a registered UK charity for homeless African children

Publications

Some 900 publications, including 31 books, among which:

- the authoritative biography, *Robert Mugabe: A Life of Power and Violence*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2003
- the underground edition, *Citizen of Africa: Conversations with Morgan Tsvangirai*, distributed by the MDC as part of its 2005 election campaign
- the acclaimed work on multiculturalism, *The End of Certainty: Towards a New Internationalism*, London: Zed, 2009, 2010; and its influential Arabic translation. *Guardian* (Steven Poole's choice) book of the year. *Africa Report* (Paris) book of the year.
- the best-selling book in the US on Africa in the year of its publication, *Southern Africa: Old Treacheries and New Deceits*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011.
- *The Morality of China in Africa*, London: Zed, 2013. *Guardian* (Development Studies category) book of the year.
- Some 200 television and radio broadcasts internationally; several volumes of poetry, with work anthologised in the definitive NZ collections; three novels.

External juror/assessor/adviser

- German Social Science Council
- Finnish Academy
- Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
- (Chairman) Peer Review Panel, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg

Professional service

- Council member, David Davies Memorial Institute

Miscellaneous

- Born 11 May 1949.
- Joint New Zealand and UK citizenship.
- Married
- 9 dan karate black belt, international competitor