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AND THE (IM)POSSIBILITY OF

POLITICS IN ZIMBABWE

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Nkomo's talk examines the relationship between the state and society in areas characterized by regular loss of life and immense social suffering. It contends that these experiences create an environment that fosters a particularly cynical approach to politics by the state, as well as the occasional opportunistic exercise of state sovereignty. Equally, these experiences mediate the impossibility of a collective politics that can change the situation for the better for the largely impoverished and politically dejected poor communities.



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