

Professor Mike Meadows: Brief CV

Professor Mike Meadows is in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science at the University of Cape Town and was Head of Department from 2001-2017. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Sussex and a PhD from the University of Cambridge, UK. Meadows has authored or co-authored more than 200 peer-reviewed research articles and edited several special editions of international journals. Major works include the co-edited *Southern African Geomorphology* (Sun, 2012) and *Geomorphology and Society* (Springer, 2016). His research interests are in the area of physical geography, more specifically concerning Quaternary environmental change and the geomorphological and biogeographical impacts of natural and human-induced climate change. In his reconstructions of past southern African environments, Meadows has engaged with a range of proxies, including pollen, diatoms, biomarkers, stable isotope geochemistry and sedimentology, using evidence from lakes, wetlands and, more unusually, accumulations of faecal and urine material deposited by *Hyrax capensis*. As Head of Department, Meadows saw his department ranked in the top 50 Geography Departments globally (*THES*). He was elected Secretary-General and Treasurer of the International Geographical Union from 2010-18 and is a Fellow of the Society of South African Geographers (2000), of the Royal Geographical Society (2016), of the Royal Society of South Africa (2016) and of the African Academy of Sciences (2019). In December 2018 he was elected to the College of Fellows of the University of Cape Town and was recently elected to Membership of the European Academy. Meadows holds several honorary positions, including that of Distinguished Professor at East China Normal University, Shanghai, Jian Feng Professor at Zhejiang Normal University, as visiting Professor at the Institute of Geographical Research and Natural Resources Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, at Beijing Normal University, Yulin University, and at the University of Henan.