

GILES FODEN

We are delighted to announce that Giles Foden has accepted the position of President of the Joseph Conrad Society (UK) for a term. Giles is probably best known as the author of *The Last King of Scotland*, set in Uganda in the 1970s, which was published in 1998 and made into a feature film in 2006 (with Forest Whitaker playing Idi Amin). He subsequently published *Ladysmith* (1999), set during the Boer War; *Zanzibar* (2002), about the bombings of the American embassies in 1998; *Mimi and Toutou Go Forth: The Bizarre Battle for Lake Tanganyika* (2004); *Turbulence* (2009) about military interest in meteorology during the second World War; and *Freight Dogs* (2021) about the first and second Congo war.

Giles was Assistant Editor on *The Times Literary Supplement* (1993-96) and, subsequently, deputy literary editor of the *Guardian* (1996-2006). He was later appointed Professor of Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia.