

# CEMIS NEWSLETTER

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The Centre for Military Studies is once again very honoured and pleased to welcome its readers [international and local partners, Stellenbosch University (SU) and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF)] to the year 2015. We hope that our previous editions have helped immensely in enlightening everyone about our research focus and our future development path. As an interdisciplinary research centre, it is indeed a great pleasure and privilege for us to take the opportunity with this edition to inform you about research activities, publications and collaborations that have taken place in the first half of the 2015 academic year. At the same time, this edition will also keep you informed about the forthcoming events which are scheduled to take place in 2015.

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# Commandant's Foreword



Dear Colleagues

First and foremost, I must indicate that the first half of the year 2015 has been eventful at the South African Military Academy (SAMA). Testimony to this eventfulness has been numerous infrastructural development initiatives coupled with the arrival of high profile visitors from all walks of life. Among the visits that stood out have been the Tanzanian delegation of Senior Military Officers led by the Commandant of the Tanzanian Military Academy, the Botswana delegation, which was the most Senior Military delegation, led by the Chief of the Botswana Defence Force, Students from West Point, PhD students from Turkish Kadir Has University, the GOC Training Command, Major General A.L. de Wit and the newly appointed Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University, Professor Wim

de Villiers, to mention just a few.

The Tanzanian delegation came to the SAMA on a fact-finding mission destined to emulate the existing models and programmes. I am pleased to categorically state that the delegation was impressed with the manner in which programmes are run at the Academy. In particular, the high level of professionalism shown by academic staff during the deliberations is what thrilled the delegation the most. Coincidentally, the Chief of the Botswana Defence Force was also highly impressed with the professional content of the academic programs presented by the Faculty of Military Science (FMS) including the professional military programs presented by Section Military Development (SMD). We thus sincerely hope that these visits will go a long way in projecting a reputable image of the SAMA and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) at large.

Furthermore, the infrastructural development initiatives include the wholesale renovation of the Military Academy in an attempt to provide humane and hygienic conditions. Although there might have been mixed reactions over the renovations due in part to discernable inconvenience

particularly in terms of the daily functioning of all the critical components including the SMD and Academic and Support Staff, the rationale behind the renovations is to drastically improve the state of the buildings and sports facilities. Such inconveniences include the staff having to vacate their offices to temporary structures to accommodate the refurbishment. The students also had to vacate their classrooms and adapt to temporary classrooms. Even though these changes might have understandably caused some discomfort, we should constantly be mindful of the fact that everyone stands a chance to benefit at the end of the refurbishment project. Indeed, we will need to understand that despite some demonstrable progress thus far; there will always be delays and unforeseen circumstances during the refurbishment.

Finally, I would like to express sincere gratitude to the Faculty Manager, Mr Andries Fokkens and his team for selflessness, dedication and a high level of professionalism in ensuring that there is progress in the renovations. In closing, I am pleased to announce as the Commandant that irrespective of all the challenges the Academy had to endure during the first six months of our academic calendar we are on track with regards to both our Academic and Military programs, thanks to the professional attitude demonstrated by members of this institution.

Kind regards,  
Brigadier General: LK Mbatha  
Commandant of the Military Academy



# Note from the Dean



**DEAN OF MILITARY SCIENCE:  
PROF SAM TSHEHLA**

The Faculty of Military Science is proud to be one of the ten faculties of Stellenbosch University. In line with our institution's vision we strive for academic excellence through teaching, research and community interaction. The “soft” assets comprise the intellectual basis contained in the Faculty, as well as its academic nexus with an established and recognised top-class academic institution that ensures the quality of the degree programmes and research and reflects a long and close relationship with the DoD. As an asset, this constitutes a value chain that cannot be established cost-effectively elsewhere at short notice with the same medium to long-term value. The education and professional military education basis is superior to that found elsewhere in the country, region and

continent, due to the uniqueness of the subject matter delivered at the Faculty of Military Science that could not be found elsewhere in the Country. Value is added through its research and tuition program which is legitimised through an internationally recognised university. Stellenbosch University is historically well known, it is one of the top two in South Africa and one of the top 300 universities worldwide. The crucial linkage to an internationally esteemed institution, enables SAMA to be a “global academic and tertiary education citizen” and further adds to its high value as a national asset.

The Great War in Africa (GWiA) conference held in Stellenbosch during the course of June created an exciting intellectual platform for academics to engage with one another. This was made possible through the active participation, critical engagement and expertise provided by international scholars in the field of Military History such as Prof Jeffrey Grey from the Australian Defence Academy.

In light of the increasingly high-profile of the AU and its accelerated participation in international affairs there is a growing need to engage in critical and rigorous scholarly inquiry

and debate of this continental body and its important endeavours. It is therefore an opportune moment for the Centre for Military Studies (CEMIS) and Security Institute for Leadership and Governance (SIGLA) to position themselves as African leadership institutes of note. These institutes will strive to build leadership capacity and generate knowledge resources for the continent in the areas of security for sustainable development. CEMIS and SIGLA are designed to be leading Pan-African institutions and think tanks, which recognise that without governance and leadership neither security nor development can be sustained. Both institutes will seek to engage with scholars, academics, leaders and

eminent African personalities on the continent to provide a dedicated platform upon which engagement between policymakers, the academic community and civil society can be strengthened and enhanced in order to affirm the clarion call to secure 'African Solutions to African Problems'.

Lastly, ample proof is given to the national value of the institution through its research output on a national and international level that grows annually and maintains and raise the status and profile of the DoD and SANDF. As an intellectual hub of security, human security and strategic thinking, it provides status and profile to the SAMA, as well as providing valuable input to the officers who study there.



# Projects and Partnerships

The collaborative projects currently underway are:

## **CEMIS-SIGLA cooperation**

The Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA@Stellenbosch) was established four years ago as one of the Hope Projects of Stellenbosch University. CEMIS and SIGLA cooperate on various levels. One ex-ample is the publication of an Occasional Papers Series entitled Into the Future: Leadership for Africa.

Two editions have appeared so far, with, amongst others, contributions from:

- His Excellency Joaquim Chissano, former President of Mozambique, patron of SIGLA and recipient of the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership (2007);
- Godwin Murunga from the African Leadership Centre in Nairobi, Kenya;
- Annie Chiwanda, South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA);
- Erwin Schwella, School for Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University; and
- Ian Liebenberg (CEMIS).

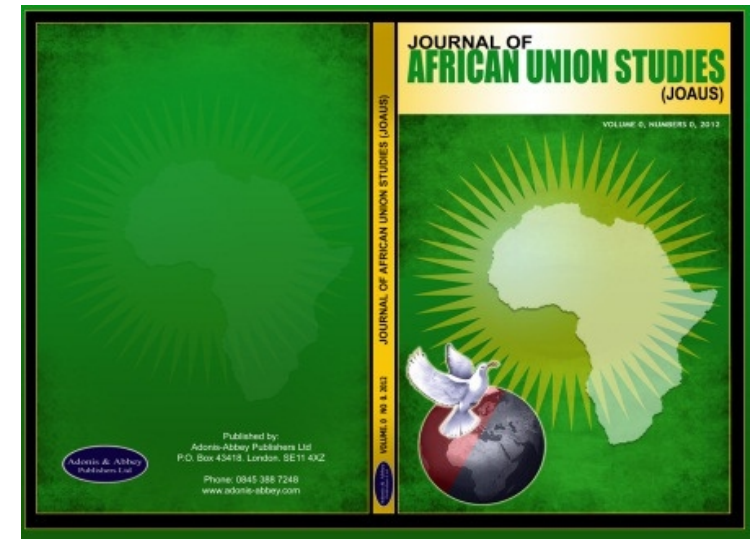
An edition on maritime leadership in Africa edited by a research associate of CEMIS, Calvin Manganyi, appeared in January/February. Another one will be

dedicated to educational challenges for leadership on the continent, including South Africa, edited by Audrey Lawrence (CEMIS).

CEMIS also cooperated with SIGLA during the Third International Conference on Strategic Theory organised by the Royal Danish Defence College, the School for African and Security Studies (SAS), the Faculty of Military Science (FMS) and the University of Dar es Salaam. These regular conferences on Strategic Theory were initiated by Prof Francois Vreÿ in conjunction with the Royal Danish Defence College.

On behalf of SIGLA, CEMIS organised a workshop on Maritime Leadership off the East Coast of Africa. The workshop was attended by various experts and practitioners from the continent as well as participants from abroad. Prof Ian Liebenberg, Director of CEMIS, facilitated the workshop, while Prof Shrikant Paranjpe, University of Pune, Prof Thean Potgieter (previous director of CEMIS and now associate of CEMIS) and Calvin Manganyi spoke at the occasion.

A special edition of the Journal of African Union Studies (JoAUS), Vol. 2, Issues 3 & 4, 2013/2014 on Maritime Security off Eastern Africa edited by Francois Vreÿ and Ian Liebenberg appeared in March.



# State of the MOU

## STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY AND INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN STUDIES (IAS), RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

In 2014, members from CEMIS and the Faculty of Military Science (FMS) visited the Institute for African Studies (IAS) based at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. This visit coincided with the 13th International Conference of Africanists hosted by IAS. Subsequent to this visit, discussions between CEMIS and the Institute resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between Stellenbosch University (SU) and IAS. Dr Justin van der Merwe spearheaded the signing of the MOU from SU's side (with strong support from the Director of CEMIS Prof Ian Liebenberg and the Dean of the Faculty of Military Science Prof Samuel Tshehla).

The MOU, which has now been officially ratified by both institutions, includes various research activities related to research collaborations and interactions. The first research visit under the auspices of the MOU took place in May 2015. Dr Alexandra Arkhangelskaya from IAS (who was also instrumental in the development of the MOU) visited CEMIS to discuss plans for existing and future projects.

Some of the more concrete outcomes included:

1) As the first collaborative research project under the MOU, Justin van der Merwe and Alexandra Arkhangelskaya have developed a project centred on their co-editing of a book. The book focuses on emerging powers in Africa and comprises several case studies developed by academics from a wide network covering the global South (over eight countries).

Funding for this project was provided by SU. The project is already well underway as project members have submitted their chapter contributions and publishers have shown interest in the book. Most recently, Prof Ian Taylor from the School of International Relations at St Andrew's University, who is also affiliated to SU's Department of Political Science, has joined as editor.

2) The Institute has started a new academic journal focussing on Africa. They have invited Ian Liebenberg and Justin van der Merwe to serve on the editorial board. The journal will be indexed in SCOPUS, is peer-reviewed, and will seek accreditation.

3) The stakeholders involved in the MOU will attempt to raise funds for research fellowships between the two institutions, particularly at the post-doc level but are also open to including more established and even junior academics. Potential funders have already been identified and where possible, attempts will be made to link up with other PhD funding institutions to bring or exchange students.

These are some of the outcomes emanating from discussions during the research visit in May. We will keep you updated regarding any future developments.





# *Courses and workshops*

Since the inception of the centre, we have constantly pledged to offer quality reports about our commitments and professional partnerships. This year we also feel happy to announce that we have successfully hosted our annual Netherlands-South Africa International Security Course (ISC).

Feedback received over the years suggests that the course has proved to be highly informative in terms of imparting knowledge to junior officers from around the African continent about the security-related issues affecting not only the continent but also the world as a whole.

The photographs contained herein give credence to the effective collaboration and ongoing relationship centred on mutual trust and understanding between the Dutch fellows and the South African counterparts since 2010.





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The Malian Officer and the Netherlands Military Attaché both lost their immediate family members while on the course. The CEMIS team would like to extend its deepest condolences to their families, may the grace of God keep their families united in this difficult time.





# Guest lecturers at Faculty Military Science (FMS)

On Friday 27 March 2015, the Faculty of Military Science (FMS) had the pleasure of two visiting guest lecturers sharing their research interests with the faculty staff as well as undergraduate and post-graduate students. This event was a joint initiative by CEMIS and the Department of Military Strategy.

The First Speaker, Mr Tshepo Gwatiwa from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of the University of Geneva, shared his topic titled: 'African Strategic Indicatives in the Shadow of Complex Interregionalism: The African Union's Cooperation with the EU, NATO, UN and AFRICOM on the African Standby Force'. It was informative and a very useful opportunity for members to get the perspective from Swiss researchers who had the opportunity to interview various actors/role-players on the African continent on this topic.

The second speaker, Dr Gunchild Hoogensen Gjørsv from the University of Norway, shared her research interests on the field of Peace Operations, Peacebuilding and International Relations.

Both speakers were very informative, passionate and helped stimulate academic debate and interest from various members in the Faculty and from the students. The Students also indicated that they wish for more such visits from guest lecturers to see international and local perspectives on various topics of interest.





# Community Involvement

## Karateka Saldanha: Good show in 2014 and 2015

Both Stellenbosch University and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) values community service. Members of CEMIS are involved in various levels of interaction with the local community. One example is providing training in karate to young people in the Saldanha area.

A short overview of the activities of 2014: On the 25th November 2014, members of Karateka Saldanha took part in the annual Rittle Champs. The annual Rittle Champs is organized by Langebaan Karate Centre headed by Sensei Jan Marx. At the 2014 champs Tiaan Van Rhyn, Vicky Bruwer, Thalia Mason, Ilke Muller, Oreal Lawrence and Taneca Muller all took part in various items, ranging from katas to kumite and brought back 28 medals (11 gold, 11 silver and 6 bronze).

During December 2014 Karateka Saldanha held their annual gashuku at Windstone Backpackers near Langebaanweg. As always the weekend included focussed training on the syllabus, an obstacle course, a cross country fitness exercise and various other activities.

On 8 December 2014 the young karateka graded for orange, green and purple belts with a 100% pass rate. The senior class, Aimee October, Oreal Lawrence, Taneca Muller and Ilke Muller received their purple belts while Tiaan van Rhyn, Thalia Mason, Carl Claassen, Vicky Bruwer and Christiaan Grunder passed their grading to achieve orange and green belts. The grading panel complimented the karateka and dojo on a good standard and their excellent discipline.

In June 2015 Karateka Saldanha participated in the West Coast Championships and brought home eight medals.

Ian Liebenberg Sensei heads the dojo with the able assistance of Tyrel Flugel Sensei, member of the Faculty of Military Science. Karateka Saldanha is a project aimed at community service/interaction.





# CEMIS Staff News

## Publications

De Wet, F. and Liebenberg, I. (2014). Signs of the times: Redistribution, income, rhetoric and perceived radicalism in Limpopo. *South African Labour Bulletin*, September/October 2014, p39.

Liebenberg, I. (2014). An Integral Part of Pretoria: The Story of the South African Air Force (SAAF) 1920 – 2014. *Africana Yearbook*, No. 31, pp. 4-17.

Liebenberg, I. (2015). Penetrating global consciousness: Art, killing as art, art as subversion, peace and the inversion of speed and power. *Cogent Arts & Humanities*, 2: 1015334.

Mkhize, M.C. (2015). Is South Africa's 20 years of democracy in crisis? Examining the impact of unrest incidents in local protests in the post-apartheid South Africa, *African Security Review*, 24 (2), pp. 196 – 206.

Van der Merwe, J. (2015) An historical geographical analysis of South Africa's system of accumulation: 1652-1994. *Review of African Political Economy*. 42(145).

## Lecturing and Supervision

CEMIS's staff members have extensively broadened and expanded their core-functions. All CEMIS staff members are currently actively involved in various lecturing and supervision duties.

Dr Justin van Der Merwe has been actively involved in the MPhil programme from programme development to teaching.

Mr Mbekezeli Mkhize is also a co-supervisor of the MPhil student in the same programme. He is also currently presenting a an Honours Research Methods course in the School of Defence, Organisational and Resource Management (DORM). This is a year-long course aimed at familiarising and exposing Honours students to research methods and concepts which are applicable in many research

fields.

Professor Ian Liebenberg is also a supervisor of three Masters Students (Tjaart Barnard, Audrey Lawrence and Herman Ward) and one PhD student (Mari Lategan from the Business School) all at the University of Stellenbosch. Proff Francois Vreij (SAS) and Liebenberg's masters student (Peter Kobbie) completed his thesis recently and received positive results from the examiners. He will graduate in December 2015.

Finally, Dr Tobie Beukes and Lt Col S.B Ramokgadi are also actively involved in the SDSP programme (Certificate Programme for Security Management).

## Selected conferences and research visits

Lt Col S.B Ramokgadi

African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific – AFSAAP 37th Annual Conference – Dunedin – New Zealand – 25-26 November 2014 Conference Proceedings (published January 2015)

Africa: Diversity and Development Security Frontiers in the African Great Lake Region: Exploration onto Grassroots Peace Networks





During the early phases of the project: seen here Jorge Risquet, Politbureau member of the Republic of Cuba and Hedelberto Lopez Blanch, journalist and historian at the Military Archives in Havana, Cuba (2007)

During a visit to Angola in 2007, one of the editors with Lucio Lara, leading figure of the liberation movement, MPLA, in the town of Tsumbe



During a research visit to the Africa Insitute, Moscow. One of the co-editors of the Far-Away War, Prof (emeritus) Vladimir Shubin, the then Deputy Director of the institute on the right.

## Watch this space ... Forthcoming events

### **BOOK ON THE ANGOLAN WAR**

Director of CEMIS, Professor Ian Liebenberg's edited work on the Angolan war is scheduled to come out in October 2015. The progress leading to the publication of the book is currently going according to plan. The publication of this work will fill an important gap in current literature on the war as it shares the experiences of the Cuban and Russian actors as well as South African conscripts.

### **NEW RESEARCH FELLOW**

From October 2015 to February 2016 Mr Tshepo Gwatiwa, who presented a seminar paper at the Military Academy earlier in 2015, will return to CEMIS as a Research Fellow. Tshepo is a PhD candidate from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of the University of Geneva. His fellowship will include residential as well as non-residential periods. CEMIS looks forward to welcoming him later in the year.

### **SKYPE COLLOQUIUM WITH RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

The Institute is keen to hold a series of Skype colloquia with CEMIS and the FMS. The format of the meetings will be roundtable discussions focussed on specific pre-determined themes to fit in with broad objectives of the MOU. It is intended that these colloquia would culminate in firm deliverables, such as: another edited book, occasional SIGLA papers, or serve as a platform for shorter papers or work in progress.

### **ARTICLE WRITING WORKSHOP**

CEMIS is hoping to present an article writing workshop at the end of this current academic year.



# About CEMIS

CEMIS was established in 1992 under a contractual agreement between the SANDF and SU. CEMIS undertakes research on defence-related issues, (human) security studies and civil-military relations. Since 1992, CEMIS staff participated in numerous conferences and published widely.

During the early 2000s CEMIS unfortunately lost numerous staff members. To its credit, however, the members are now in senior positions in business, civil society and academia.

Currently CEMIS has a core staff of seven members. CEMIS is situated at the Military Academy in Saldanha within the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University.

During the past five years CEMIS has played an important role in (co)producing accredited published outputs and thus increased the

concrete output of research within the Faculty and will continue to do so.

The following principles and values underpin CEMIS's approach to research:

- Research-driven Centre
- Integrity in Research
- High Ethical Standards
- Intellectual Independence
- Concrete Outcomes/Deliverables
- Widest Dissemination of Information as possible
- Professional and Accountable Management of Funding
- Overt Research for Public Benefit.

Third stream income is of high importance and receives priority. An example is the South Africa-Romania Research Project co-funded by the National Research Foundation and the Romanian government on the transition

to democracy and changing security paradigms. Another example is the annual International Security Course which is presented in cooperation with the Netherlands Embassy through their military attaché and the Netherlands Defence Academy.

## CEMIS MEMBERS ARE:

**Prof Ian Liebenberg** – Director

**Dr Tobie Beukes** – Researcher

**Lt Col Shadrack Ramokgadi** – Researcher

**Dr Justin van der Merwe** – Researcher

**Mr Mbekezeli Mkhize** – Researcher

**Capt Audrey Lawrence** – Centre Coordinator and Assistant Researcher

**Lt Dawn Rakumakoe** – Academic Assistant

