

EPON /African Security Governance Seminar

Thursday 21st October 2021 : 13:30 – 16:30

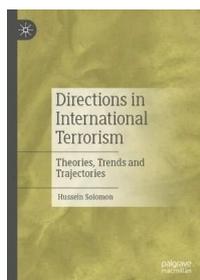
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Programme

Timings	Topic /Activity	Speaker/For Action
1230-1330	Arrival COVID protocols and standing lunch	All
13.30-13.45	Opening and welcome	Prof. Francois Vreÿ, Research Coordinator, SIGLA- Stellenbosch University
13.45-14.15	The international response to the hybrid threats in Africa after Afghanistan	Prof. Thomas Mandrup SIGLA-Stellenbosch University and the Royal Danish Defence College
14.15-14.45	Analysing security force assistance in Niger: adapting to the local context	Prof. Nina Wilén Director Egmont Institute, Brussels
14.45-15.00	Water / Body break	All
15.00-15.30	Cabo Delgado and the international response	Prof. Abel Esterhuyse, Stellenbosch University
15.30-16.00	Continental and regional responses to hybrid threats in Africa	Prof. Tim Murithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
16.00-16.30	New directions in international terrorism: Theories trends and trajectories	Prof. Hussein Solomon, University of the Free State & Research Fellow, SIGLA
16:30-17:30	Cocktail	



Prof Hussein Solomon

[Directions in International Terrorism: Theories, Trends and Trajectories eBook :](#)
[Solomon, Hussein: Amazon.ca: Kindle Store](#)

Bio Prof T. Mandrup

Thomas Mandrup is an Extraordinary Associate Professor at Stellenbosch University, South Africa and Associate Professor at Royal Danish Defence College, Denmark. He has published articles and book chapters and co-edited several books on issues related to African security governance, climate security in Africa, Peacemissions and South African foreign policy. Currently, he is finalizing a monograph on the South African National Defence Force and forms part of the Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network (EPON) – and international research network researching and advising the UN, EU, and AU on the future of Peace Missions. He received his PhD in International Relations (2007) from the University Copenhagen, Denmark for a dissertation entitled: *'Africa: Salvation or Despair? A study of the post-apartheid South African government's use of the military tool in its foreign policy conduct from 1994 to 2006'*. Prof. Mandrup was as a Doctoral Candidate attached to the Danish Institute of International Studies (DIIS). He has vast consultancy experience working for the UN, AU, ISS, Chatham House, and diplomatic missions in Africa. From 2018-2020 he was the editor of the South African Journal of Military Studies. He has extensive fieldwork experience from, for instance, DR. Congo, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Sudan. From 2016-17 he headed the African section of a larger EU funded project (Horizon 2020) on EU conflict management.

Bio Prof N. Wilén

Nina Wilén is Research Director for the Africa Programme at the Egmont Institute for International Relations and Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at Lund University, Sweden. She is doing research on Security Sector Reform (SSR), the politics of peacekeeping operations, Security Force Assistance (SFA), and gender, all with a focus on the military institution. Geographically her research has been concentrated to Sub-Saharan Africa, where she has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Great Lakes Region and the Sahel. She has published numerous articles on the challenges of SSR, peace operations and military relations in a range of international academic journals such as *International Affairs*, *Third World Quarterly* and *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. Since 2018, she is a Global Fellow at PRIO (Peace Research Institute in Oslo) and since January 2020, the Editor-in-Chief of *International Peacekeeping*. She is the author of the book "Justifying Interventions: (De) Stabilizing Sovereignty in Liberia, Burundi and the Congo" with Palgrave Macmillan, and in 2021 her book *African Peacekeeping*, co-written with Dr. Jonathan Fisher will be published with Cambridge University Press.

Bio Prof A.J. Esterhuysen

Abel Esterhuysen is a member of the Department of Strategic Studies in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University at the South African Military Academy. Holding a PhD from the University of Stellenbosch, he is also a graduate of The *Senior Leadership Programme* of the African Center for Strategic Studies in Washington DC and the Programme on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS) of Columbia University's Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies in New York. His most recent publication is a journal article titled *The South African security predicament: making sense of the objective realities*.

Bio Prof T. Murithi

Prof Murithi holds a PhD from Keele University in the United Kingdom conferred in 1998. He currently serves as the Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town and is Extraordinary Professor of African Studies, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. He has more than 20 years' experience in peace and security in Africa with a background in policy development, research, analysis, training, teaching, supervising, programme management and project implementation support. Has worked with the United Nations, African Union, think tanks, NGOs, development partners, and Universities in Africa, Europe, and North America. He publishes regularly and this includes two authored books, five edited books and over 75 chapters, articles, policy reports and opinion editorials. He holds membership of boards of NGO's and academic journals and is the General Editor of the Routledge/Europa Book Series on Perspectives in Transitional Justice. Professor Murithi, numerous speaking engagements in Africa and around the world.

Bio Prof H. Solomon

Dr. Hussein Solomon is Research Fellow at SIGLA, Academic Head of Department of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State, Visiting Professor at Osaka University, Extraordinary Professor at North-West University, and a Visiting Professor at Nelson Mandela University. He is also a Member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and a Senior Research Associate of Research on Islam and Muslims in Africa (RIMA). His latest book is *New directions in international terrorism: Theories trends and trajectories*, Palgrave Macmillan 2021.