

SIGLA Seminar

Expeditionary Logistics and Southern African Operations: What Next for the South African Military?

The seminar focus is on the topic of both strategic and operational logistics and its influence on future regional African deployments. The case of the Russia-Ukraine war avers that the South African military must pay close attention to lessons learnt for logistics emerging from the Russo-Ukrainian war. The case of South Africa proposes a re-examination of current supply and replenishment systems including an evaluation of the role and functionality of commercial logistic contracting solutions. On private contracting, a current 'best practice' model of expeditionary logistics is proposed with the intention of provoking debate in South African military logistic circles. The last topic on defence planning is also a provocative topic that outlines the difficulties of planning and execution of expeditionary logistics.

Wednesday 14 February 2024 10:00 – 16:00 hrs (GMT+2)

Morning session (10:00-12:00) Discussion lead: *Prof Francois Vreÿ, Stellenbosch University*

Opening address: *Prof Michelle Nel, Stellenbosch University*

- **'Logistic lessons learnt from Ukraine: ignore at your peril'**
Dr Ronald Ti, King's College London
- **'Fit for purpose? A strategic evaluation of South African operational logistics'**
Professor Abel Esterhuyse and Dr Evert Jordaan, Stellenbosch University

Afternoon session (13:00-16:00) Discussion lead: *Dr Moses Khanyile, Stellenbosch University*

- **'A bottom-up view of logistics in the South African military: a professional perspective from a South African military logistician'**
Colonel(ret) Roy Marais, CEO RCS Strategic Sustainment Consulting
- **'Learning from the private military domain: managing logistics for expeditionary forces in Africa'**
Mr Eben Barlow, CEO Executive Outcomes
- **'Why defence planning doesn't work'**
Dr Thomas Durrell-Young, US Naval Postgraduate School

Closing address: *Dr Benjamin Mokoena, Stellenbosch University*

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