



WEBINAR

Exploring the Interface Between Coups, Violent Extremism and Poor Governance in the Sahel

Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA, Stellenbosch University)

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Center for Gender and African Studies (CGAS, University of the Free State)

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PROGRAMME

Time	Speakers & themes
14:00	Chair: Prof Francois Vreÿ (SIGLA, Stellenbosch University SU)
14:10	Welcome Remarks: Prof Samuel Tshehla (Dean: Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University SU)
14:20	Keynote Speaker Prof Kwesi Aning (Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC Ghana)
14:40	Panel 1: Why are Sahel Countries so Prone to Military Coups? Chair: Prof K. Aning (KAIPTC)
	Panelists:
	Prof Abel Esterhuyse (Stellenbosch University SU)
	Prof Thomas Mandrup (RDDC Denmark & SIGLA Stellenbosch University SU)



	Prof Dirk Kotze (University of South Africa UNISA)
	Discussion
15:15	Panel 2: What is the Interface Between Coups, Violent Extremism and Poor Governance in the Sahel? Chair: Prof F. Vreÿ (SIGLA SU)
	Panelists:
	Prof Shelton Geller (Indiana Univ)
	Prof Hussein Solomon (CGAS University of the Free State UFS & SIGLA),
	Ms Sanet Madonsela (University of South Africa UNISA)
	Discussion
15:45	Panel 3: What is the Way Forward? Chair: Prof H. Solomon (CGAS & SIGLA)
	Panelists:
	Prof Tim Murithi (SU, UFS & Institute for Justice and Reconciliation IJR),
	Dr Glen Segell (Cambridge Univ/ UFS /Haifa Univ)
	Discussion
16:20	Concluding remarks: Prof Francois Vreÿ (SIGLA, SU)

BIOS

Prof K. Aning

Full Professor and Director, Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research (FAAR), Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre since 2007. He served as the African Union's first expert on counterterrorism from 2005-2007. In 2020, together two other Consultants, he wrote the Conflict-related Development Analysis on Ghana for the UNDP. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) appointed him in 2021, as a senior consultant on the Independent Project Evaluation on Support to the Maldives on Counter-terrorism, and again in 2022 appointed as a UN Expert on evaluating the EU's Counter-terrorism interventions in Sri Lanka. From October 2022, he will serve on the World Food Programs (WFP) Security Advisory Board. Recently served as the Claude Ake Visiting Chair at Uppsala University, Sweden. Research interests include peacekeeping economies, hybrid political orders, security sector reform, and stability operations.

Prof MS Tshehla

Professor MS Tshehla is a Professor of Mathematics, at the Faculty of Military Science, Saldanha Campus of the University of Stellenbosch. He currently hold a PhD in industrial Mathematics from the University of Cape Town. He also holds Master of Science (MSc) degree in Applied Mathematics, from the University of Limpopo. His research interest is in the study of flow of fluids (Fluid Dynamics). He continues to publish internationally in this field of study. His work



experience, ranges from a lecturer in Applied Mathematics at the University of Limpopo, flood frequency analyst, at the Department of Water affairs and Forestry. A senior lecturer of Mathematics, Faculty of Military Science. He is the interim Director for Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA). He is a recipient of the African Leadership Award in Education as “Best professor in Military Science”: Presented by World Leadership Congress: Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility (CSR) and Stars of Industry Group. He is also a recipient of the 251 Fabulous Leaders in the Category of Education. He completed Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD business School of the World.

Prof A. Esterhuysen

Professor Abel Esterhuysen is Head of the Department of Strategic Studies in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University at the South African Military Academy. As a rated scientist of the South African National Research Foundation, he specialises in South African security and defence, military and strategic theory, and contemporary conflict. His most recent publication is a co-authored journal article titled ‘South African defence decision-making: analysing dysfunctional approaches’.

Prof D. Kotze

Prof Dirk Kotzé is lecturing at Unisa since the beginning of 1988 in the Department of Political Sciences. He has been a Council member of the South African Association of Political Studies for the past 15 years, and was also an Executive Committee member and one of the Vice-Presidents of the International Political Science Association. He studied at the Universities of Stellenbosch, Pretoria and Wits in Political Science. His most important areas of specialization are South African politics and political conflict resolution. It includes focus areas such as negotiations, transitions and democratization processes, elections, the quality of democracy, political cartoons, international relations, land reform and political parties. He was directly involved in the transition processes in South Sudan and Madagascar. In addition to lecturing at Unisa, he also lectured Politics on a part-time basis at TUT for the Journalism students. On the international level, he lectured and studied at Northwestern University in Chicago, at Uppsala University in Sweden and at the Middle Eastern Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Prof T. Murithi

Professor Tim Murithi, Extraordinary Professor, Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa, Faculty of Military Science, University of Stellenbosch and Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town. He is also Extraordinary Professor of African Studies at the Centre for African and Gender Studies, University of Free State. He was previously Claude Ake Visiting Professor, Department of Peace



and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. He has over 29 years of experience in peace, security, governance, transitional justice and development in Africa. He has held the previous posts as: Senior Research Fellow, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, United Kingdom; Head of Programme, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa; Programme Officer, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva, Switzerland; Lecturer, Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town. He served as Adviser/Consultant to African Union Commission for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS). He has authored over 110 journal articles, book chapters and policy papers. He is author/editor of 12 books

Prof S. Geller

Dr. Sheldon Gellar has more than half a century of experience in Sahelian West Africa as academic scholar, teacher, consultant, and colleague of Sahelian democracy scholars and development practitioners and scholars. He has published and conducted assessments in a wide range of areas—democratic governance, development, religion and politics, conflict analysis, and Jihadist movements. Dr. Gellar has a Ph. D. in Comparative Government from Columbia University and a Diplome (M.A.) from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris). He has taught at Indiana University, Michigan State University, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and been a visiting scholar and research associate at the Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis.

Prof H. Solomon

Bio. Dr Hussein Solomon is Senior Professor at the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies and the University of the Free State. He is also a Research Fellow at SIGLA at Stellenbosch University and is also a Senior Research Associate of the Jerusalem-based think tank, Research on Islam and Muslims in Africa (RIMA).

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. He works as a consultant for Risk Intelligence on African Security.



Prof F. Vreÿ

Francois Vreÿ is Emeritus Professor in Military Science at Stellenbosch University and the Research Coordinator for the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA @ Stellenbosch).

Dr G. Segell

Bio. Glen Segell (DPhil, FRGS) is Professor at the University of Cambridge and Visiting Professor and Research Fellow in the Department of Political Studies and Governance at the University of the Free State, South Africa. He is Research Fellow at the Ezri Center for Iran & Gulf States Research, University of Haifa and Associate of the Think Tank for Research on Islam and Muslims in Africa (RIMA). He is Editor of The Middle East Tracker and The London Security Policy Study. He is a Member of the Editorial Board of the Academic Peer Review Journals: The Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies (Athens) and of the Wilberforce Journal of Social Sciences (Nigeria). He is a member of the Governing Council of the International Political Studies Association Research Committee on Armed Forces and Society. He holds a BA/MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Doctorate from the University of Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Subjects that interest him are history and politics, especially extremist politics. He has been a lecturer and researcher in various organizations in Israel, the United Kingdom and South Africa. He is a Brigadier-General (Reserves) and an expert advisor for NATO STO.

Ms S. Madonsela

Sanet Madonsela is a Lecturer in the Department of Political Sciences at the University of South Africa. She currently serves as the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *A Different View* (IAPSS) and a council member of the South African Association of Political Studies.

