

## 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 Esterhuysen 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 RCM 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 Durell-Young, US Naval Postgraduate School*

**Closing address:** *Dr Benjamin Mokoena, Stellenbosch University*

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