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“Armed Conflict into the 21st Century: Trends, Causes, Consequences”

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The Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn) in conjunction with the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies invite you to a seminar on the topic

“Armed Conflict into the 21st Century: Trends, Causes, Consequences”

Presented by

Professor Timothy Sisk
University of Denver

Date Thursday, 28 July 2016
Time 10:30 – 11:30
Venue Merensky Auditorium
Merensky Library, Hatfield Campus
University of Pretoria
RSVP <http://goo.gl/forms/sUwqIRCXTWxL6gbh1>
by 26 July 2016
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Overview of seminar

The 21st century continues to see major armed conflict and widespread political violence globally, particularly in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen but also in Africa in Burundi, the DRC, Somalia, and South Sudan. Professor Sisk’s speech will provide a context-setting, global perspective on the legacy of armed conflicts and present findings from two major cross-national research projects that focus on post-conflict recovery. Vigorous debates continue on what causes armed conflict and localized armed violence, and how various “root” factors such as economic decline, ideology, religion and belief, or identity fuels insecurities. The presentation will review current approaches to conflict vulnerability assessment in fragile states, given the scholarly debates on root causes and global practitioner perspectives that focus on “fragility.”

In conclusion, the presentation will provide an overview of findings from the research projects on the consequences or legacies of conflict, and the implications for peacebuilding focusing on two important factors: fostering social cohesion and countering inequalities that fall along identity lines. The presentation draws out implications for international organizations such as United Nations country teams who are often at the leading edge of peacebuilding practice in countries affected by conflict.

About the speaker

Prof. Sisk is a leading peace and conflict scholar. He has authored numerous books and articles on conflict resolution and peacebuilding in South Africa, and in many other parts of the world. Some of his titles include *Democratization in South Africa: The Elusive Social Contract* (1995, Princeton University Press); *From War to Democracy: Dilemmas of Peacebuilding* (co-edited with Anna Jarstad, Cambridge University Press, 2008); and *The Dilemmas of Statebuilding: Confronting the Contradictions of Postwar Peace Operations* (co-edited with Roland Paris, Routledge, 2009).

About this event

This seminar is part of a two-day workshop on the legacy of armed conflicts: Southern African and comparative perspectives, jointly organized by the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies and the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn) at the University of Pretoria.

This event brings together scholars based in Southern Africa and in other regions of the world in order to reflect on the legacy of conflicts for sustainable peace. Contributions have a particular focus on one of the three following topics:

- Peace processes and long-term peacebuilding
- Former armed actors in post-conflict societies
- Violence and trust in the aftermath of conflict

For more information about the workshop, please visit the workshop website <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/event/the-legacy-of-armed-conflicts-southern-african-and-comparative-perspectives> or contact:

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