



**2024 Annual Conference**  
Centre of African Studies and Centre for Security Research  
University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK  
**April 23-24, 2024**  
**George Square Campus, University of Edinburgh**

**Theme:**  
*Security in Africa: Actors, logics and futures*

**Conference Programme**

**Day 0 (April 22, 2024)**

06.30PM - Student led welcome event (refreshments available, all participants welcome)

Film: *La nuit de la Vérité (The Night of Truth)*

“La Nuit de la Vérité is situated in an imaginary West African country. After ten years of civil war between the government army of the Nayak, led by 'Le président', and the Bonande rebels led by Colonel Theo, there is some sign of peace negotiations. But not everyone is in favor of peace and one can feel the tension. The night of truth starts with a festive dinner, but the village idiot Tomoto always seems capable of ruining the attempts for peace with violence and provocation.”

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**Day 1 (April 23, 2024)**

8:30-9:00 Coffee/Registration

9:00-9:15 Opening Event- Hugh Robson Lecture Theatre- **Hazel Gray**

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9:30-11:00 Panels 1 and 2

**Panel 1: State Violence and Civil-Military Affairs**

**Chair: Maggie Dwyer**

50, George Square, Project Room 1.06

**Anne-Laure Mahé, London School of Economics and Political Science**

*Who gets purged and how? Investigating a discrete form of state violence in autocratic Sudan (1989-2019)*

**Teklehaymanot G. Weldemichel, Norwegian University of Science and Technology**

*State violence and international human rights laws in a multi-polar world: the case of Tigray, Ethiopia.*

**Mourre Martin, Institut des mondes africains (IMAf-EHESS)**

*Security studies and the challenge of the history of emotions. A study based on the history of the Guinean army.*

**Moses Khisa, North Carolina State University**

*Reform Rebels and Civil Military Relations in Africa*

## **Panel 2: Environmental Change and Security**

**Chair: Akin Iwilade**

Violet Laidlaw Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chrystal Macmillan Building

**Kiale Nyiayaana, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria**

*Beyond Environmental Remediation: The Ogoni Clean-up Project in Nigeria and the Dynamics of Resource Conflicts*

**Luqman Saka, University of the Gambia and Centre for Research and Policy Development, The Gambia**

*The Sand Curse: Sand Mining, Environmental Degradation and Social Conflicts in The Gambia*

**Juweira Ali, University of Westminster**

*Violent extractivism in the Ogaden Basin: past, present and future trajectories*

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11-11:30      Coffee Break

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11:30-1:00      Panels 3 and 4

## **Panel 3: Everyday Security**

**Chair: George Karekwaivanane**

Old Medical School, MST\_Teaching Room 13 (01M.473) – Doorway 3

**Peter Chonka, Kings College, London**

*Somali mobile innovation and internationalised state-building: power, inequality and virtual sovereignty in a 'cashless' conflict zone*

**Matthew Pflaum, University of Florida**

*Comparing livelihood and spatial insecurities in the Malian conflict*

**Nicholas James Wilson, Forcier Consulting, South Sudan**

*Kenya, land policies, everyday trust/violence*

#### **Panel 4: Law, Justice and Reconciliation**

**Chair: Gerhard Anders**

50, George Square, Project Room 1.06

**Lucy Jane Gaynor, University of Amsterdam / NIOD-Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies**

*Who Can 'Judge the Doorkeeper'? The United Nations Justice Project in Rwanda*

**Walt Kilroy, Dublin City University**

*The consequences of hope and disappointment: How unfulfilled expectations created in transitional justice initiatives can undermine a peace process.*

**Alice Carchereux, Université de Genève**

*Transitional Justice Policies in the 'Territories of Injustice': The Status of 'Victim Regions' in Tunisia (2013-2020)*

**Paola Pannia and Veronica Federico, University of Milan and University of Florence**

*A resettlement of perspectives: a comparative gaze at immigration legal regimes in sub-Saharan Africa*

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1:00-2:00      Lunch

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2:00-3:30      Panels 5 and 6

#### **Panel 5: Resistance and Non-State Armed Actors**

**Chair: Tom Molony**

Old Medical School, MST\_Teaching Room 13 (01M.473) – Doorway 3

**Felix Shihundu, Social Sciences University of Ankara**

*How Does Al Shabaab Survive in East Africa? Understanding the Strategic Culture of Al Shabaab*

**Rufino Siteo, University of Basel (Centre for African Studies) and Joaquim Chissano University - Mozambique (School of International Relations)**

*Challenges to Countering Violent Extremism in Mozambique: Strings of collaboration between international, national and local forces.*

**Richard Asante, University of Ghana**

*Digging for Justice? Exploring the political economy of illegal artisanal small-scale mining and forms of local resistance to the State in Ghana.*

**Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi, Lagos State University**

*Coups, media and othering in Africa: Revisiting the Nigerian Nkrumahists in Ghana*

## Panel 6: Peacekeeping and External Actors

**Chair: Ian Russel**

50, George Square, Project Room 1.06

**Jonathan R. Beloff, King's College, London**

*Inspired by Failure: The Impact of UNAMIR on Rwanda's Current Peacekeeping Operations*

**Guilherme M. Dias, Roskilde University**

*The UN Group of Experts for the DRC: Implications for stabilization and adaptation of MONUSCO's mandate.*

**Johannes Jüde, University of Edinburgh**

*The Brussels' Effect: Dynamics of Conflict and Statehood in the Emerging EU Borderlands in the Sabel Region*

**Sait Matty Jaw and Maggie Dwyer, University of The Gambia and University of Edinburgh**

*Distancing through Peacekeeping: The Role of Peacekeeping within the Gambian Armed Forces*

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3:30-3:45      Tea Break

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3:45-5:15

## Keynote Panel

*(In)security from below and from beyond*

**Gilbert Khadiagala (University of Witwatersrand), Kristof Titeca (University of Antwerp),  
Jana Krause (University of Oslo)**

**Moderators- Maggie Dwyer, Akin Iwilade**

Hugh Robson Building Lecture Theatre

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5:15-6:15      Drinks Reception  
Lobby Chrystal Macmillan Building, George Square

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**Day 2 (April 24, 2024)**

8:30-9:00 Coffee

9:00-9:15 Photo exhibition discussion – “*The Women’s Peace Movement in Congo*”  
Lobby, Chrystal Macmillan Building, George Square

**Discussants:**

**Camille Maubert and Hugh Kinsella Cunningham (Photographer)**

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9:30-11:00 Panel 7 and 8

**Panel 7: Gender and Security**

**Chair: Simeon Koroma**

Violet Laidlaw Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chrystal Macmillan Building

**Oluwole Ojewale, Institute for Security Studies**

*The forgotten voices: Contemporary perspectives of women on armed banditry in Nigeria*

**Tessa Devereaux Evans, Cornell/LSE**

*Marriage Governance in Conflict: A Strategy of Local Control*

**Tuduetso Madi, Stellenbosch University**

*Beyond a ‘Add women and Stir’ approach. A look into Botswana Defence’s Force’s deployment of women as peacekeepers.*

**Panel 8: Foreign Policy and Security**

**Chair: Sara Dorman**

50, George Square, Project Room 1.06

**Edoardo Lavezzo, University of York**

*Shelter theory understood by middle powers: Analysis of Turkey’s security policies in Libya and Somalia.*

**Sarah Vaughan, The Policy Practice**

*State violence and the Gulf States’ “Great Game” in the new wars of the Horn of Africa*

**Ini Dele-Adedeji, SOAS**

*“What’s in a name?”: Infrastructure provision as a site for Turkey’s tussle with the Gulen movement in Nigeria*

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11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

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11:30-1:00 Panel 9 and 10

## Panel 9: Peacekeeping and international interventions

**Chair: Thabani Mutambasere**

Hugh Robson Lecture Theatre

**Anne Flaspöler, Durham University and Jutta Bakonyi (Durham University)**

*No protection and no trust: Civilian experiences of PoC in the DRC and Somalia*

**James Barnett and Saleh Bala, Oxford University and Whiteink Institute for Strategy Education and Research**

*Return from Peacekeeping: Mission Effects in Nigeria*

**Giulia Piccolino, Loughborough University**

*Stabilization gone domestic? Côte d'Ivoire's anti-terrorism strategy after UNOCI and MINUSMA*

**Sophia Birchinger, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Germany**

*Re-Considering Coercion: Citizen Perceptions of AU and ECOWAS Interventions in The Gambia post-2016*

## Panel 10: Violence, culture and peacemaking

**Chair: Amir Anwar**

50 George Square, Project Room 1.06

**Joshua Akintayo, University of Kent**

*Unveiling 'Sulbu': Cultural and Religious Dynamics in Shaping Everyday Security Narratives in Conflict-Affected Northeastern Nigeria*

**Patricia Pinky Ndlovu, University of Bayreuth, Germany**

*Making sense of ritual violence in the minibus taxi industry in South Africa*

**Patrick Belinga Ondoua, University of Geneva**

*Maintaining order in Cameroon. The Conspiracy Narratives in the Light of Coercive Practices in Yaoundé*

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1:00-2:00      Lunch

2:00-3:15      **Keynote Lecture**  
**Hugh Robson Lecture Theatre**

*Coups and Political Dysfunction: The Crisis of Democracy in Africa*

**Keynote Speaker: Comfort Ero, International Crisis Group**  
**Discussant: Cyril Obi, Social Science Research Council, New York**

3: 20- 3:30.      Closing Event- Hugh Robson Theatre  
**Vote of Thanks by George Karekwaivanane**