



Makerere Institute of Social Research

The Architecture of Post-Cold War Africa: Between Internal Reform and External Intervention

January 19-20, 2012

MEDIA PACK

H.E. Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa, will be giving a public Question and Answer Session in the Main Hall of Makerere University on Thursday, January 19th, hosted by the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR). The event, to commence at 6 pm, will be on the theme, "Africa and the World – Intervention and Reform." Professor Mahmood Mamdani, Executive Director of MISR, will be the chair. The event is open to the public.

This public Question and Answer session is part of the MISR workshop, "**The Architecture of Post-Cold War Africa: Between Internal Reform and External Intervention**," to be held on January 19-20 in the MISR Seminar Room. President Mbeki will deliver the keynote address for the workshop at 10:30 am on January 19. The workshop is by registration only; those interested in registering should visit the MISR webpage:
<http://www.misr.mak.ac.ug>

Among the speakers at the workshop will be Abdi Samatar, Adam Branch, Alex de Waal, Betty Murungi, Brian Raftopoulos, L. Muthoni Wanyeki, Mahmood Mamdani, Makau Mutua, Paris Yeros, Ronald C. Jennings, and Siba Grovogui.

Topics to be discussed include Western intervention in Africa, new directions in international order, international criminal law, and case studies of Kenya, Somalia, and Zimbabwe. For a full list of speakers, affiliations, and topics, please see the workshop programme below.

The workshop is part of the intellectual and physical renovation of MISR begun by Professor Mamdani in 2010. Whereas MISR had previously been a standalone research institute, Professor Mamdani has committed the institute to combining research with post-graduate education. MISR is today home to a rich and vibrant intellectual life, with dozens of workshops, conferences, and public events held each year, bringing together scores of scholars from around the world. MISR features expanded seminar and classroom facilities, a library undergoing major renovation, and a growing faculty of top-rank scholars committed to establishing MISR as one of the leading centers for

critical and original thought in Africa. In 2011, this effort culminated in the MISR Major Debates workshop series, with leading global scholars discussing cutting-edge debates in the fields of gender, politics, economy, culture, and history.

On January 28, 2012, the centerpiece of MISR's renovation will be launched: the new **Interdisciplinary PhD program in Social Studies**. MISR will train graduate students, mostly from Uganda but also from elsewhere in Africa and further afield, who will engage in debates and conduct research that bring together the most distant district archive with the most contemporary global transformations. They will be a generation of scholars fully equipped to re-think the world from Africa.

This PhD program is novel for three reasons. First, instead of short courses on methodology, we have opted for a full-time, residential, five year, coursework-based doctoral program. Second, instead of African Studies, we have decided to affirm our place in the world, not only thinking the world from an African location but laying claim to global resources in pursuit of new knowledge. And, third, instead of a single-issue, fire-fighting program, we have created a program that combines historical depth with theoretical reflection and a multi-disciplinary reach.

For more information on all these initiatives, please visit the MISR webpage: <http://www.misr.mak.ac.ug>

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January 19

Opening

10:00	Opening by Professor Venansius Baryamureeba , Vice Chancellor, Makerere University	Chair: Mahmood Mamdani , Director, MISR
10:30	Keynote Address by His Excellency Thabo Mbeki , Former President of the Republic of South Africa	

Afternoon

	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Speakers & Presentations</i>	<i>Chair</i>
1:00 - 3:00	Western Intervention: the Latest Phase	<p>Siba Grovogui, John Hopkins University <i>"Satanic Tropes: Sarkozy and Africans, The Invisible and the Undesirables"</i></p> <p>Makau Mutua, State University of New York at Buffalo. <i>"The Responsibility to Protect as an African Paradox: The Cases of Somalia and Kenya"</i></p>	Joe Oloka-Onyango , School of Law, Makerere University
3:30 - 5:30	Africa and the New International Political Order	<p>Adam Branch, MISR & San Diego State University <i>"Protecting Africa: The Politics and Paradoxes of the Responsibility to Protect"</i></p> <p>Ronald C. Jennings, London School of Economics <i>"International Order in the Age of Cosmopolitan Criminal Law: Lessons from the Yugoslavia Tribunal"</i></p>	Sylvia Tamale , School of Law, Makerere University

Evening

6:00	The World and Africa: Public Question and Answer by His Excellency Thabo Mbeki , Former President of the Republic of South Africa <i>Venue: Makerere Main Hall</i>
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January 20

Morning

	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Speakers & Presentations</i>	<i>Chair</i>
9:00 - 11:00	Case Study 1: Kenya	<p>Betty Murungi, Founding Director, Urgent Action Fund – Africa <i>“The Domestic Costs of R2P”</i></p> <p>L. Muthoni Wanyeki, Sciences Po, Paris <i>“Criminal Justice in Kenya: Agency or Instrumentalisation, Compromising or Leveraging Political and Social Justice?”</i></p>	Adam Branch , MISR & SDSU
11:30- 1:30	Case Study 2: Somalia	<p>Alex de Waal, World Peace Foundation, Tufts University <i>“Violence and Somalia’s Globalized Political Economy”</i></p> <p>Abdi Samatar, University of Minnesota <i>“Producing Vulnerability and the Responsibility to Protect in Somalia”</i></p>	S. K. Simba , Department of Political Science, Makerere University

Afternoon

2:30 - 4:30	Case Study 3: Zimbabwe	<p>Brian Raftopoulos, Solidarity Peace Trust & University of the Western Cape <i>“The Challenges of Zimbabwe’s Inclusive Government”</i></p> <p>Paris Yeros, Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais <i>“The Internationalisation of Rural Conflict in Kenya and Zimbabwe: Why Regional Autonomy Matters”</i></p>	Pamela Khanakwa , MISR
4:45 - 6:45	Law, Violence, and Order	<p>Mahmood Mamdani, MISR <i>“Political Violence and Political Order: Global and Local”</i></p>	Okello Ogwang , Department of Literature, Makerere University

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Workshop Participant Biographies:

Abdi Samatar is Professor of Geography at University of Minnesota, USA. His research focuses on the relationship between democracy and development in the Third World in general and Africa in particular. His books include *An African Miracle: State and Class Leadership and Colonial Legacy in Botswana Development*; *The State and Rural Transformation in Northern Somalia, 1884-1986*; and *The African State: Reconsiderations*.

Adam Branch is Senior Research Fellow at the Makerere Institute of Social Research and Assistant Professor of Political Science at San Diego State University, USA. His work examines the politics of Western intervention into political violence in Africa, with a particular focus on Uganda. He is the author of *Displacing Human Rights: War and Intervention in Northern Uganda* (Oxford, 2011).

Alex de Waal is executive director of the World Peace Foundation and a research professor at Tufts University. From 2009 to 2011 he served as senior advisor to the African Union High Level Implementation Panel for Sudan. His academic research has focused on issues of famine, conflict and human rights in Africa. His books include, *Famine Crimes: Politics & the Disaster Relief Industry in Africa*; *Darfur: A New History of a Long War*; and *Famine that Kills: Darfur, Sudan*.

Kaari Betty Murungi is a feminist lawyer with expertise in international human rights law and transitional justice. She is the founding director of Urgent Action Fund-Africa. In 2005-2006, she was a Fellow at the Harvard Law School's Human Rights program and was named the 2005 International Advocate for Peace by the Cardozo School of Law. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a member of FIDA Kenya and the Law Society of Kenya.

Brian Raftopoulos is Director of Research, Solidarity Peace Trust, and Research Fellow, Centre for Humanities Research, University of Western Cape. He is author or editor of *Sites of Struggle: Essays in Zimbabwe's Urban History, Becoming Zimbabwe. A History from the Pre-colonial Period to 2008*, and *Striking Back: The Labour Movement and the Post-Colonial State in Zimbabwe 1980-2000*, among other books.

L. Muthoni Wanyeki is doing her graduate studies at L'Institut d'etudes politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris, France. She was formerly Executive Director of the Kenya Human Rights Commission. She is the editor of *Women and Land in Africa: Culture, Religion and Realizing Women's Rights*.

Mahmood Mamdani is Director of the Makerere Institute of Social Research. He is the author of, among other books, *Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror*; *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War and the Origins of Terror* (Pantheon 2004); *When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and Genocide in Rwanda* (Princeton 2001); and *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (Princeton 1996).

Makau Mutua is Dean, SUNY Distinguished Professor and the Floyd H. & Hilda L. Hurst Faculty Scholar at Buffalo Law School, The State University of New York. He is the Director of the Human Rights Center and teaches international human rights, international business transactions, and international law. He is author of the author of *Human Rights: A Political and Cultural Critique* and editor of *Human Rights NGOs in East Africa: Political and Normative Tensions*.

Paris Yeros is Adjunct Professor of International Relations at the Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and Research Associate of the African Institute of Agrarian Studies. He is editor or author of books including *Reclaiming the Land, Reclaiming the Nation, Poverty in World Politics*, and *Ethnicity and Nationalism in Africa*.

Ronald C. Jennings is Royal Society Newton International Fellow located in the Department of Anthropology at London School of Economics. He received his PhD in anthropology from Columbia University in New York in 2011, and has a J.D. from the University of Minnesota

Law School. His work addresses the question of how we should understand the cosmopolitan power to punish the criminal embodied in the new global criminal courts.

Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui is professor of international relations theory and law at The Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of *Sovereigns, Quasi-Sovereigns, and Africans* (University of Minnesota Press, 1996) and *Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy* (Palgrave, 2006).