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Workshop Programme

**Keeping the Peace on Track:
Security Challenges and Third Party Management
in Civil War Peace Processes**

2-3 May 2013

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University hosts a two day workshop at Akademihotellet in Uppsala, which includes both research paper presentations and discussions with a more policy-oriented focus. The thematic focus is on security challenges within the context of civil war peace processes and various efforts by both domestic and international third party actors and organisations to try to manage or resolve such challenges. These third party strategies may range from diplomatic activities aiming at political legitimisation and inclusion to military marginalisation through the use of force. In spite of a growing academic debate on these issues, our knowledge on this topic remains limited. The workshop addresses this topic against the background of three peace processes in West Africa – Sierra Leone, Liberia and Côte d’Ivoire – which display interesting variations both in terms of the behaviour that actors engage in, and the strategies that the respective third parties make use of in their attempts to keep the peace on track.

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Venue: The sessions on Thursday and Friday are held at Clasonsalen at Akademihotellet (for directions, please see the map <http://goo.gl/maps/w6e4a>).

THURSDAY 2 MAY

09.00 Registration

09.30 Welcome Address by Desirée Nilsson & Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs, and Presentations

10.00 Coffee Break

10.15 Panel 1

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Panel 2

14.45 Coffee Break

15.15 Panel 3

17.00 Mingle & Drinks

17.30 Dinner at Akademihotellet

FRIDAY 3 MAY

10.00 “What do we Know and Where do we Go from Here? Research Findings on Challenges in Peace Processes”

Opening Remarks by Morten Bøås & Mats Utas

12.00 Lunch

13.30 Round Table “Practical Experiences from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d’Ivoire”

Participants: Pierre Schori, Emmanuel Kwesi Aning, Memunatu Pratt & Debey Sayndee

14.45 Coffee Break

15.00 Round Table continues

16.15–16.30 Concluding Remarks: Desirée Nilsson & Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs

17.30 Mingle and pre-drink at Messob Restaurant, Sturegatan 4

18.00 Dinner at Messob Restaurant



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PANEL 1: Institutions, Development & Peacebuilding

Christopher Agoha

From Theory to Practice: Localizing Peacebuilding Paradigms in Post- Conflict Societies and the Implications for Policy

Morten Bøås

Peacekeeping, Poverty, and Development: Towards an Understanding of the Gendered Peacekeeping Economies in the DRC, Sudan, and Liberia

Gun Eriksson Skoog

Inclusive Development of Agricultural Markets in Post-Conflict Countries
– The Case of Liberia

Fifi Edu-Afful & Emmanuel Kwesi Aning

Peacekeeping Economies in a Sub-Regional Context: The Case of the Mano River Union

Chair: Mats Utas

Discussants: Anders Themnér & Jesper Bjarnesen

PANEL 2: Violence, Third Party Management & Reconciliation

Desirée Nilsson & Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs

Nip in the Bud or Innocent until Proven Guilty? Spoiler Behaviour and Third Party Responses in Civil War Peace Processes

Joe A.D. Alie

War to Peace Transition: Threats to the Peace Processes in Sierra Leone, 1996-2001

T. Debey Sayndee

Building Social Cohesion - the Critical Turning Point from Violence to Peace: Lessons from South Africa, Rwanda, and Ghana

Chair: Anders Themnér

Discussants: Mats Utas & Eldridge Adolfo



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PANEL 3: Demobilization Processes, Military Networks & Threats of Violence

Anders Themnér & Mats Utas

The Importance of Brokerage - Ex-Mid-Level Commanders and Informal Military Network in Liberia

Abraham A. Fofana

Disarming and Building Peace in Liberia: Challenges and Prospects

Ilmari Käihkö

The Third Ivorian War in Eastern Liberia

Chair: Gun Eriksson Skoog

Discussants: Morten Bøås & Christopher Agoha

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Most welcome and we look forward to see you in Uppsala!

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