

# PUBLIC *Invitation*



## PUBLIC LECTURE

*TOPIC: How is terrorism affecting Africa's conflict trends?*



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**Date:** Tuesday, 3 November 2015

**Time:** 18h30 for 19h00

**Venue:** School of Military Science Conference Hall, Main Campus, University of Namibia

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### Background

Has presented numerous papers at conferences and seminars and published a number of books on various matters relating to Peace and Security in Africa and serves on the editorial boards of the African Security review and the South African Journal of International Affairs. He is a regular commentator on local and international radio and television and has attended a large number of international conferences.

He is an extraordinary Professor in the Centre of Human Rights and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Humanities at the University of Pretoria. He also serves on the international Advisory Board of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) in Switzerland, on the Board of Advisers of the Centre for International Conflict Resolutions, Columbia University, New York and on the World Economic Forum's Think Tank Leaders Forum.

### How is terrorism affecting Africa's conflict trends?

What is driving conflict, violence and extremism in Africa? How have African conflict trends changed since the 1960s, and what impact has this had on security and economic growth?

Can events in North Africa, where developments are closely influenced by what happens in the Middle East, be linked to the evolution of Boko Haram in Nigeria or al-Shabaab in Somalia? This seminar will explore the impact of extremism and terrorism in the Middle East and North Africa on conflict in sub-Saharan Africa.

New research from the ISS builds on previous studies on the drivers, trends and features of violence and extremism in Africa.

The full results are published in two ISS papers that will be made available at the seminar for distribution.

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