



Johns Hopkins University – SAIS
African Studies Program

Governance and Security in the Sahelian States: From Crisis to Sustainable Recovery

Thursday April 11, 2013

9 AM - 4 PM

Venue: Bernstein-Offit Building 1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW Room 500

Friday, April 12, 2013

9 AM – 1 PM

Venue: Rome Auditorium 1619 Massachusetts Ave, NW

A crisis of security and governance has traversed states across the Sahelian region of West Africa. From the Tuareg insurgency in Mali to Salafist militancy in northern Nigeria, security issues have also emanated from Algeria, Mauritania, southern Libya, Niger and Chad. The spaces of the Sahel are not “ungoverned,” though states have a great deal of difficulty projecting power throughout vast territories. This conference focuses on the issues of governance and development underlying the evolving security dilemmas in Sahelian states. Panels will examine the political and economic foundations of conflict in northern Nigeria; problems of political recovery and regional accommodation in Mali; sources of contentious politics in other states; and policy options for addressing issues of governance and development in the region.

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Thursday April 11

Bernstein-Offit Building, 1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Room 500

9:00: Welcome and Introduction: Peter Lewis and Paul Lubeck, *SAIS/African Studies*

9:15-10:15: Keynote Address

"The Security Crisis and the Reconfiguration of Governance in the Sahelian States"

Leonardo Villalon, *University of Florida*

10:15-10:30: Break

10:30-12:30:

Northern Nigeria: Islamism, Insurgency and the Collapse of Authority

Paul Lubeck, *SAIS, African Studies Program*

Usman Bugaje, *Arewa Research and Development Project*

General Abdulrahman Dambazau, *Harvard University*

Ambassador John Campbell, *Council on Foreign Relations*

Discussant: John Paden, *George Mason University*

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:30:

Sahelian States in Comparative Perspective: Governance and Insecurity

Ibrahim Yahaya Ibrahim, *University of Florida, Niger*

Colonel Birame Diop, *Partners Senegal, Senegal*

Leonardo Villalon, *University of Florida, Chad*

Discussant: Paul Lubeck, *SAIS, African Studies Program*

Friday April 12th

Rome Auditorium, 1619 Massachusetts Ave, NW

9:00-9:15: Welcome and Review of Issues for Discussion and Debate

9:15-11:00:

Mali: Explaining the Collapse of Governance and Reconstruction of the State

Susanna Wing, *Haverford College*

Andrew Lebovich, *Open Society Initiative for West Africa*

Roland Marchal, *CERI/Sciences-Po*

Jaimie Bleck, *University of Notre Dame*

Discussant: Eamonn Gearon, *SAIS, African Studies Program*

11:00-11:15

Break

11:15 -1:00:

The Future of Governance and Security in the Sahelian States

Jennifer Cooke, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*

Ambassador Maman Sidikou, *Embassy of the Republic of Niger*

John Paden, *George Mason University*

Hugh Roberts, *Tufts University*

Discussant: Usman Bugaje, *Arewa Research and Development Project*

1:00: Conclusion and Final Remarks: Peter Lewis. *SAIS, African Studies Program*