CO-OPERATION AND CONFLICT: AFRICA’S NEW PEACE AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Module “Regions in Globalization: Africa and the Near East”
9 Apr.: 11-1 / 16, 23, 30 Apr.: 11-3 / 7, 14, 21, 28 May: 11-3
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This seminar will analyse a wide range of peace and security challenges in Africa and deal with the various types and causes of conflicts, different actors in conflict and strategies of conflict resolution. The seminar will also address recent institutional and political changes: With the transformation from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to the African Union (AU) in 2002, Africa’s continental organisation and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have embarked on a substantial institutional reform programme. Among others, a new security architecture is in the making – comprising the Peace and Security Council (PSC), a Continental Early Warning System (CEWS), a Panel of the Wise, a Peace Fund and an African Standby Force (ASF).

Participants: This course addresses fourth or fifth year students in the Magister Afrikanistik programme as well as first year students of either the Master African Studies, the European Master Global Studies or the Master Global Studies with a special emphasis on peace and security programmes, respectively. The group size is max. 30 (10 African Studies, 6 Global Studies & 14 Global Studies Addis Ababa).

The coursework comprises of one verbal presentation (in a small group), a handout and – if the written assignment for the module is taken in this course – a written assignment of 3,500 words.

INTRODUCTORY READING
Documents


Introduction

## ICG on implementation of APSA in Central Africa vs. Southern Africa
SYLLABUS
8 sessions

Session 1
9 April
Topic: Introduction: Violent conflict and APSA

Literature:

Session 2
16 April
Topic: Norms: Human security and R2P; 1990s experiences in regional conflict prevention, management and resolution: ECOWAS and Liberia

Literature:

Session 3
23 April
Topic: Institutions, mandates and instruments: From OAU to African Union; Peace and Security Council (PSC)

Literature:

See: http://www.au.int/en/


See: http://www.ausitroom-psd.org/Documents/2012.html

**Session 4**

30 April

**Topic:** African Standby Force (ASF) and AMISOM; Panel of the Wise & PANWISE

**Literature:**


See: http://amisom-au.org/


**Session 5**

7 May

**Topic:** Continental Early Warning System (CEWS); Mediation – Case study Guinea

**Literature:**


**Session 6**

14 May

**Topic:** Political economy of APSA – Peace Fund, African Peace Facility etc.; APSA and AGA: The coordination and harmonization agenda

**Chair:** Patrick Berg, East Africa expert, Heinrich Böll Foundation (f. Addis Ababa, now Berlin)
Session 7

21 May

Topic: Election-related violence – Case studies Kenya, Zimbabwe and Cote d’Ivoire; Unconstitutional changes of government (Niger, Madagascar)

Literature:


Session 8

28 May

Topic: Complex challenges: The AU and the Arab spring; Complex Challenges: The AU and international Jihaddism

Chair: Dr João Gomes Porto, Lisbon