

EUROPEAN ACTORS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF REGIONAL SECURITY GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA

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**A reassessment of relations between European and
African regionalisms (ARREAR)**



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DATE

28-29 April 2022

VENUE

Institut d'études européennes,
Avenue F. Roosevelt 39, Université libre de Bruxelles

COORDINATORS

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The aim of this event is to facilitate a debate about the dynamics of regional security governance in different parts of Africa in a context of the evolving multi-faceted relationship between European and African actors. These actors include national governments, the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU), African subregional security organisations and ad hoc coalitions. Following the AU-EU summit in February 2022 and against a backdrop of an escalating unease about European engagements in conflicts on the African continent, the event brings together academics, policy makers and political observers to explore the challenges and opportunities for regional security cooperation.

DAY 1 | 28 APRIL

13:30 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:30	Introduction and welcome
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Panel 1: Interventionism in the Sahel</p> <p>Moderator: Elisa Lopez Lucia</p> <p>Gordon CUMMINGS, Professor, University of Cardiff <i>Understanding the Public Response: A Strategic Narrative Perspective on France's Sahelian Operations</i></p> <p>Tony CHAFER, Professor, University of Portsmouth <i>The (dis)utility of force: examining the failure of the French-led intervention in Mali</i></p> <p>Delina GOXHO, Researcher, Scuola Normale Superiore <i>Remote Warfare in the tri-border area: what do we make of post-Barkhane Sahel?</i></p> <p>Edoardo BALDARO, Researcher, Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies & ULB <i>Spaces of (in-)security and intervention: spatial competition and the politics of regional organisations in the Sahel</i></p>
16:00 - 16:30	Tea break
16:30 - 18:30	<p>Panel 2: Panel of the West Africa Peace and Security Network - peace and security issues in West Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Tony Chafer</p> <p>Ed STODDARD, Reader in International Security, University of Portsmouth <i>Competitive Control and the Islamic State West Africa Province</i></p> <p>Laura BERLINGOZZI, Postdoctoral researcher, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies <i>Trick or treat? Gendered norms and embedding strategies of jihadist insurgencies in the Sahel</i></p> <p>Jens HERPOLSHEIMER, Researcher, University of Leipzig <i>Ordering space in West Africa: regional and inter-regional practices</i></p> <p>Simone SCHNABEL, Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt <i>The 'syndicates of heads of state' on the ground: Local perceptions of the African Union and ECOWAS and their interventions in Burkina Faso in 2014/2015</i></p> <p>Habibu Yaya BAPPAH, ECOWAS Commission <i>EU-ECOWAS security relations: a critical analysis</i></p>
20:00	Dinner (by invitation)

DAY 2 | 29 APRIL

13:30 - 14:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Registration (tea and coffee available)
09:30 - 11:00	<p>Panel 3: Multilateral cooperation in the field of maritime security</p> <p>Moderator: Frank Mattheis</p> <p>Katja LINDSKOV JACOBSEN, Senior Researcher, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen</p> <p>Sophie QUINTIN, Researcher, Centre for Blue Governance, University of Portsmouth <i>Exploring maritime security agency in West Africa. The case of Senegal</i></p> <p>Rear Admiral (Rtd) Momar DIAGNE, Former Chief of the Senegalese Navy, <i>Maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea</i></p> <p>Captain Jose MESQUITA ONOFRE, Military Counsellor, Portuguese Representation to NATO</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Tea break
11:30 - 13:00	<p>Panel 4: The limits of pragmatic approaches in regional security governance</p> <p>Moderator: Amandine Gnanguênon</p> <p>Olawale ISMAIL, Senior Lecturer, African Leadership Centre, King's College London</p> <p>Roel van der VELDE, Researcher, Cardiff University</p> <p>Malte BROSIG, Professor, University of the Witwatersrand</p> <p>Linnéa GELOT, Senior Lecturer, Swedish Defence University</p>
13:00	Closure, vote of thanks and light lunch