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On the occasion of the official annual Auschwitz Day, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of inviting you to a public seminar on:

From Africa to Auschwitz and After  
Friday, 29 January 2010, 14.00-16.00  
Danish Institute for International Studies  
Main Auditorium  
Strandgade 71, ground floor, 1401 Copenhagen K

#### Background

In 1951, Hannah Arendt postulated that European imperialism played a crucial role in the development of totalitarian and genocidal policies in Europe. This seminar sheds light on recent research into how German colonialization in German South West Africa, now Namibia, and genocide committed against the local Herero and Nama people provided practices, ideas and rhetoric that later influenced Nazi leaders, who carried out genocide in Europe. The seminar will also focus on how concepts of memory after Auschwitz also should be expanded to include issues of remembrance in relation to the genocide in South West Africa.

Benjamin Madley got his PhD in history from Yale University (2009) and his Master's degree from Oxford University (1995). He has authored several articles on colonialism, genocide, and the Holocaust including "Patterns of Frontier Genocide, 1803-1910", "From Africa to Auschwitz" and "From Terror to Genocide: Britain's Tasmanian Penal Colony and Australia's History Wars". He was also involved in the making of a BBC documentary entitled "Namibia: Genocide in the Second Reich". He is now turning his dissertation "American Genocide: The California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873" into a book manuscript.

Henning Melber is Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Uppsala. He is Vice-President of the International Network of Genocide Scholars, and managing co-editor of Africa Spectrum. He is a German born scholar-activist who spent much of his life in Namibia, Southern Africa. He has his PhD in Political Science and his Habilitation in Development Studies, both from the University of Bremen. Prior to his appointment at the Foundation, he was Research Director at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala. He has published widely in the area of African Studies, on racism and on solidarity as well as liberation movements.

#### Programme

More details about the seminar are available on our [website](#).

#### Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our online registration form no later than Thursday, 28 January 2010 at 12.00 noon.

Please await confirmation by e-mail from DIIS for participation.

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