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The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on:

The Political Economy of Peace and Conflict in South Sudan
Friday, 20 September 2013, 09.00-12.00
Danish Institute for International Studies
Main Auditorium
Østbanegade 117, ground floor, 2100 Copenhagen Ø

Background

In July 2011, after decades of conflict, South Sudan became the world's newest state. Negotiations to end the war began already in May 2002 and culminated with the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) on 9 January 2005. Following independence, there was a disturbing upsurge in domestic internal violence as armed groups re-emerged to challenge the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) dominance. Additionally, the CPA was inconclusive, and serious issues still need to be discussed and solved with Khartoum. The most acute issues include the future of the contested sub-region of Abiey and other disputed border locations, oil management, citizenship issues and allegations of proxy force manipulation. Overall, the tasks confronting the new state are profound: rationalizing the institutions of governance, forming agreements regarding state-society relationships in the fractious aftermath of decades of war.

This open seminar focuses on the political economy of peace and conflict in South Sudan. South Sudan can be regarded, we claim, as a laboratory and fertile ground for liberal interventionism, state-building and peace-keeping that merits further academic scrutiny. The seminar explores the continuities and discontinuities that characterize a (post-) conflict environment. Certain aspects of pre-war configurations persist throughout armed conflict, others changed drastically. Furthermore it explores the rationalities of governing (in) security, violence and everyday forms of practice and local agency in South Sudan.

Speakers

[Anouk Rigterink](#), Doctoral Researcher, London School of Economics

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[Teohna Williams](#), SSR Advisor, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

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[Finn Stepputat](#), Senior Researcher, DIIS

[Mark Duffield](#), Emeritus Professor, Bristol University

Programme

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

Practical Information

The seminar is part of the Defence and Security Studies at the Danish Institute for International Studies.

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, 19 September 2013 at 12.00 noon.

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

Sincerely,

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