

## Resource Governance in African Mining - Natural Resource Investments in Africa

Tuesday 29 April 2014, 9.30-11.40

DIIS, Danish Institute for International Studies  
Main auditorium  
Gl. Kalkbrænderi Vej 51A  
2100 Copenhagen

### Background

The DIIS seminar series on the Political Economy of Natural Resource Investments explores the impact of natural resources on economics, politics, development, foreign aid, conflict, and geopolitics in Africa. The seminars seek to highlight the global-local dimension of natural resource extraction and governance in Africa. They also consider how new resource-rich countries, particularly in East Africa, can harness this wealth towards broad economic development and poverty reduction to avoid the negative economic and political consequences of the "resource curse" experienced elsewhere on the continent.

Increased investment in the mining sector in Africa is often presented as a key strategy to leverage growth, development and poverty reduction on the continent. Massive investment has taken place. This seminar sheds light on the actual outcomes. Two scholars present their recent publications on resource governance and African mining.

Bonnie Campbell, in her new edited book, [Modes of Governance and Revenue Flows in African Mining](#) focuses on the disappointing results of investment in crucial areas such as sustainable economic and social development. These outcomes are most frequently attributed to dysfunctional internal governance processes, mismanagement and corruption. Much attention has been given in recent years to the issue of "the poor resource governance" in mineral rich countries. In her presentation Bonnie Campbell aims to achieve a better understanding of these issues by proposing a renewal of approaches.

[France Bourgouin](#), is the co-editor of the new book, [Resource Governance and Developmental States in the Global South](#), which explores the mining reforms of the last three decades across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The book challenges the long held views about the ways natural resources shape political and economic outcomes. Through an examination of the specific features of the resource sector and its particular dynamics of policy change, the book's authors point to the range of development options for the Global South that move beyond adopting unregulated, open extractive markets.

### Speakers

[Bonnie Campbell](#), Professor, University of Quebec  
[France Bourgouin](#), Advisory Services Manager, BSR  
[Lars Buur](#), Associate Professor, ISG/RUC and affiliated Senior Researcher, DIIS

9.30-9.35	Introduction <a href="#">Lars Buur</a> , Associate Professor, ISG/RUC and affiliated Senior Researcher, DIIS
9.35-10.15	Modes of Governance and Revenue Flows in African Mining <a href="#">Bonnie Campbell</a> , Professor, University of Quebec

- 10.15-10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30-11.10 From 'Good Governance' to the Contextual Politics of Extractive Regime Change  
[France Bourgoiuin](#), Advisory Services Manager, BSR
- 11.10-11.40 Discussion

Chair

[Lars Buur](#), Associate Professor, ISG/RUC and affiliated Senior Researcher, DIIS

Practical information

The seminar will be in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our online registration form no later than Monday, 28 April 2014 at 12.00 noon.

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