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WHY DOES RULE OF LAW MATTER FOR SECURITY SECTOR EFFECTIVENESS IN AFRICA?

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is an associate professor responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's portfolio on justice, rule of law, and governance and integrating these considerations into academic programming, research, and outreach. Her work focuses on citizen security, party politics and democratization, the rule of law, and transnational organized crime. She is also a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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