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ACADEMIC WEBINAR

BIOGRAPHIES

Brigadier General (Professor) Dan Kuwali serves in the Malawi Defence Force as the Chief of Legal Services and Judge Advocate General. He is an extraordinary Professor of International Law and International Relations at the University of Pretoria and Visiting Professor at Lund University, Sweden where he also earned his Masters and Doctoral degrees in International Law. He has been a Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and has served as a Legal Advisor in the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Currently, he is a Fellow and Scholar at the United States Army War College in Pennsylvania.

He is the current Chairperson of the Malawi National International Humanitarian Law Committee. He was a Plenipotentiary for the Republic of Malawi in the negotiations on the Cluster Munition Convention and the Arms Trade Treaty, where he significantly contributed to the drafting of some of the key provisions of these legal instruments. Professor Kuwali has published extensively, including several books and dozens of peer-reviewed articles. His most recent publications include the Oxford Bibliography article, "Forceful Intervention for Protection of Human Rights in Africa," and *The Palgrave Handbook on Sustainable Peace and Security in Africa*.

Dr. Émile Ouédraogo is an adjunct professor of practice at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, specializing in issues related to national security strategy development and security sector governance. Since 2007, he has worked with the Africa Center on more than 25 activities as a speaker, facilitator, and author. He also works with AFRICOM, Partners Global, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and the ECOWAS Parliament. He is a member of the African Security Sector Network and founding President of the Fondation pour la Sécurité du Citoyen of Burkina Faso.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, in 2017-18, Dr. Ouédraogo completed a six-month mission with the African Union as a security sector reform and governance expert for Madagascar. As Minister of Security of Burkina Faso from 2008 to 2011, he initiated and developed a Homeland Security Strategy and operationalized the concept of community policing and community participation in the management of security issues. After 30 years of service with the Burkina Faso Army, he retired from active duty in 2012 as a Colonel, having served in positions including Aide to the Prime Minister, Support Regiment Commanding Officer, and Chief of the Military Intelligence Division at the Army General Staff.

Dr. Ouédraogo was a parliamentarian in the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and the ECOWAS Parliament, where he sat on the Political Affairs, Peace, Defense, and Security Committees. In this capacity, he carried out informative and investigative missions in most of ECOWAS' 15 countries.

He earned a Ph.D. with honors from the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, France, on security sector reform and governance in the ECOWAS Region.

Moderator

Dr. Catherine Lena Kelly is Associate Professor of Justice and Rule of Law at the Africa Center. 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.

Previously, Dr. Kelly was an advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, where her work took her to Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. She designed and taught courses on contemporary Africa and democracy as a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. At the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, Dr. Kelly taught the West Africa course and co-taught the governance and religion modules in the Area Studies course. She has been awarded numerous fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship, a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellowship, a West Africa Research Association grant, several Harvard University grants, and two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for the Wolof language and doctoral research in Senegal. She is author of *Party Proliferation and Political Contestation in Africa: Senegal in Comparative Perspective* (2020, Palgrave Macmillan).

Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in government from Harvard University, a Graduate Certificate in international politics (Europe, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis.