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BIOGRAPHIES

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PANELISTS

Dr. Kennedy Mkutu Agade is a Professor of International Relations, Security Studies, and Peace Studies who has taught at US International University-Africa, in Kenya, for 10 years. He has carried out extensive research in Kenya and the Greater Horn of Africa with particular focus on: pastoralist conflict, small arms, new resource conflicts, impacts of mega-development projects in pastoralist areas, terrorism, urban crime, private security companies and crime and violence prevention. Mkutu also has a strong record of publications in the areas of security, peacebuilding, conflict and pastoralism as well as effective networks with policy-makers in the region. His recent research interests include the rapidly changing future of rural Africa and resource conflicts. He is a team member in the Collaborative Research Centre's Future Rural Africa Project, a team member in the Shared Lands participatory action research programme, Co-PI for the VR-Swedish Research Links initiatives on "Shifting sands – contestations around sand extraction and trade in East and West Africa", Co-PI for the British Academy funded project "Understanding the dynamics of water scarcity and conflict in Kenya" and is a Senior Consultant in Conflict Sensitivity for the World Bank. Mkutu also spent six years managing the Crime and Violence Prevention Training, a collaboration between the Kenya School of Government and USIU-Africa, funded by the Open Society Initiative East Africa. The CVPT was a capacity-building initiative bringing together a multi-sector pool of learners from diverse state and non-state institutions. Mkutu holds a Ph.D. in international relations and security studies as well as a Diploma in research methods from the University of Bradford (UK), a Masters in Public Administration from Jacksonville State University (USA), and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from Southeastern University (Florida, USA).

Mr. Martin Ewi is Technical Coordinator of the ENACT (Enhancing Africa's Response to Transnational Organized Crime) Project at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria, South Africa. In this capacity, he conducts research and analysis; coordinates and manages the five regional organised crime observatories in Africa; monitors trends, issues recommendations, and provides training and technical assistance. Previously, he served as a senior researcher at the ISS on terrorism, counter-terrorism, radicalization, and violent extremism in Africa.

Prior to joining the ISS in 2010, Martin also served as Political Affairs Officer at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague and as the officer in charge of the African Union strategic security unit and counter-terrorism analysis.

MODERATOR

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.

Prior to joining the Africa Center, 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. Her work has been published extensively, both in book form and in policy and academic journals.

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.