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Dr. Lina Benabdallah is an Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University. Her research focuses on international relations theory, foreign policy, critical theories of power, politics of the past, and knowledge production and hegemony in South-South relations.

Her most recent book, *Shaping the Future of Power: Knowledge Production and Network-Building in China-Africa Relations* (July 2020), probes the type of power mechanisms that project, diffuse, and circulate China-Africa relations. The crux of the argument is that it is necessary to take into account the processes of knowledge production, social capital formation, networks, and skills transfers in Chinese foreign policy towards African states to fully understand how power permeates these encounters.

Her scholarship has been published in *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Journal of International Relations* and

Development, African Studies Quarterly, and Rising Powers Quarterly among others. My research was featured and/or quoted in Foreign Policy, Washington Post, Aljazeera, The Guardian, Le Monde, The Economist, BBC, The New York Times, CNN, Voice of America, Sputnik International, Mail & Guardian, The Diplomat, The South China Morning Post, The New Republic, SupChina, The Strait Times, etc. as well as in Africa is a Country where I am a Contributing Editor.

In addition to her scholarly research and teaching, she regularly participate in workshops, roundtables, and consultation briefings that aim to bridge the gap between academic scholarship and public-facing and foreign policy making outlets. Starting September 2022, she will join the editorial team of PS: Political Science and Politics as a co-editor along with Betina Cutaia Wilkinson, Justin Esarey, and Peter M. Siavelis.

She is now working on a new book which studies current Chinese government-issued discourses and narratives about the New Silk Road being a continuation of Sino-centric 15th Century Indian Ocean exchanges. The project investigates the degree to which Chinese foreign policy is successful (or not) in impacting local elites and citizens' perceptions of China in countries with New Silk Road projects.

Ms. Chidi Blyden is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs. Ms. Blyden is an expert and socio-cultural advisor on Africa's conflicts, security, and development issues. She comes to the role with policy, national security, and practitioner experience from her career in government, academia, and non-profit sectors. Her work focuses on the impact of culture in developing policy and community-centric approaches to security challenges in African nations, underscoring the role of women and youth in peace and security.

Ms. Blyden served in the Obama Administration as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs from 2013-2017. She managed several functional and regional responsibilities including U.S.- Africa defense policy for East and Central Africa, served as the Africa Peacekeeping Advisor to the Stability and Humanitarian Affairs office, and was the department's lead on the President's Africa Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP) initiative. She has received several awards for her time in public service, including the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.

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Prior to working with the Malian government, Camara held leadership positions in Washington, D.C. with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and PartnersGlobal. At NED, Camara co-founded and co-chaired the Sahel Strategy Forum. She also spearheaded a multi-million-dollar program supporting civil society initiatives in West and Central Africa, with a particular focus on the Sahel.

From 2015 until 2018, she was the Sahel and sub-Saharan Africa instructor at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute where she trained U.S. diplomats before their postings in the region

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Prior to joining the Africa Center, Dr. Eizenga was a postdoctoral fellow with the Centre FrancoPaix at the Université du Québec à Montréal and a research associate with the Sahel Research Group based at the University of Florida. He has presented his research to and collaborated with several academic and government institutions in both the United States and Canada, including the Canadian Forces College, the Joint Special Operations University, Special Operations Command Africa, the Royal Military College in St. Jean, Québec, the George C. Marshall Center, the United States Institute of Peace, and Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio in Monterey. He also contributes regularly to academic conferences.

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As an expert on democratization in Africa, Dr. Fomunyoh makes frequent guest appearances on major radio and television networks including CNN, BBC, NewsHour, National Public Radio, Voice of America, and Radio France Internationale, and provides interviews for major national and international newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, Le Monde and The International Herald Tribune. He has published a number of articles in academic journals on African politics and democratization.

Dr. Fomunyoh has traveled extensively in Africa, Europe and North America, and is bilingual in English and French. He holds a Licence en Droit from Yaoundé University in Cameroon, a master's degree (LL.M.) in international law from Harvard Law School, and a Ph.D. in political science from Boston University. Dr. Fomunyoh is an adjunct faculty at the African Center for Strategic Studies and a former adjunct professor of African politics and government at Georgetown University. He also is the founder of a nonprofit organization interested in supporting democracy and humanitarian causes in Cameroon.

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She currently leads a research team exploring the gendered dimensions of maritime (in)security in the Gulf of Guinea (GOG) and in light of the effects of the global Covid-19 pandemic across the region's maritime domain and security. This project responds to research and knowledge gaps around the gendered construction and experiences of maritime security. It aims to generate a multi-level understanding of the gendered dimensions of maritime insecurity in the GoG. This research explores gender considerations in relation to the region's maritime security architecture and unpacks the gendered implications of the current Covid-19 pandemic on experiences of maritime insecurity and ocean optimism across the GoG.

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