Artificial Intelligence Strategy in the Security Domain Development Seminar

BIOGRAPHIES

Leadership

Daniel Hampton is the Acting Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, located at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Prior to this appointment, he held the position of Chief of Staff, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Professor of Practice, Security Studies within the Africa Center. During the course of a 30-year military career, Colonel (retired) Hampton held several postings on the African continent to include the United States Senior Defense Official to the Republic of South Africa and U.S. Defense Attaché to the countries of Malawi, Lesotho, Eswatini, and Zimbabwe. He also served as a policy adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Horn of Africa region. From June 2009 to June 2010, as part of the NATO Training Mission, Colonel Hampton commanded Regional Support Command-South in Kandahar, Afghanistan. In that capacity, he was responsible for the institutional training and resourcing of all Afghan Army and Afghan Police forces in southern Afghanistan. Colonel (retired) Hampton is a graduate of the Zimbabwe Staff College and the Defense Language Institute (French). He holds a Masters in African Studies from the University of Illinois, a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a B.A. in History from Wake Forest University.

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Dr. Nate Allen is an Associate Professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies oversees academic programming on cyber issues and peace operations. Dr. Allen's expertise includes cyber issues, emerging technology, civil-military relations, and regional security

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Panelist

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Dr. Chinasa T. Okolo is a Fellow at The Brookings Institution and a recent Computer Science Ph.D. graduate from Cornell University. Her research focuses on AI governance for the Global Majority, datafication and algorithmic marginalization, and the socioeconomic impact of data work. Dr. Okolo has been recognized as one of the world's most influential people in AI by *TIME*, honored in the inaugural *Forbes* 30 Under 30 AI list, and advises numerous multilateral institutions, national governments, corporations, and nonprofits. In addition to her work at Brookings, Dr. Okolo serves as a Drafting Member of the Nigerian National AI Strategy, a Consulting Expert to the African Union AI Continental Strategy, and an Expert Contributing Writer to the International Scientific Report on the Safety of Advanced AI. Her research has been covered widely in media outlets and published at top-tier venues in human-computer interaction and sociotechnical computing.

Mr. Baudouin Akoh is an experienced Political Affairs and Security Specialist with over 15 years of expertise in international peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and strategic advisory roles. He has worked extensively in volatile environments, specializing in disarmament, humanitarian security, and multilateral diplomacy. Currently serving as the National Liaison and Security Officer for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Cameroon, Baudouin plays a crucial role in stakeholder engagement, conflict analysis, and security risk management, advising senior leadership on critical security trends. His experience extends to the United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS), where he has acted as a designated interim Field Security Associate, leading security assessments and civil-military coordination efforts in conflict-affected regions. A seasoned mediator, Baudouin has been actively involved in international disarmament discussions, peacebuilding initiatives, and policy formulation. His expertise includes AI Guided Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), Small Arms Control (SAC), counterterrorism strategies, and integrated mission planning, with certifications from top institutions like the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), United Nations Institute for Training and

Research (UNITAR), and International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC). He is also an accomplished author, contributing to global discussions on AI Guided Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) Diplomacy and Security Risk Management, Arms control, gender in peacebuilding, and international diplomacy. Fluent in English and French, Baudouin's career reflects a deep commitment to sustainable security solutions, multilateral cooperation, and conflict transformation.

Abdul-Hakeem B. D. Ajijola, widely known as AhA, has established himself as a beacon in the global cybersecurity realm through his strategic vision and pioneering initiatives aimed at enhancing digital security and policy frameworks worldwide. His exceptional career, marked by significant contributions to the cybersecurity landscape across the Global South, underscores his commitment to promoting a secure, inclusive, and sustainable technological future. His roles include, chairing the African Union Cyber Security Expert Group and advocating for Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies, have been instrumental in steering digital transformation and economic growth in emerging economies. Additionally, his efforts to launch an African Cybersecurity Economic sub-sector underscore his dedication to cultivating the next generation of tech professionals. AhA's influence extends beyond regional initiatives, as evidenced by his top ranking on the IFSEC 2020 Global Cybersecurity Professionals' Influencers and Thought Leaders list and his leadership at Consultancy Support Services (CS2) Ltd., where he has played a critical role in revising national cybersecurity policies and strategies. His academic pursuits, with an emphasis on Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy at Harvard University, along with specialized certifications in key cybersecurity areas, provide a solid foundation for his expertise. Central to AhA's philosophy is the conviction that cybersecurity is crucial for ensuring national security, economic vitality, and societal well-being. His leadership roles and recognitions, including pioneering positions within international cybersecurity organizations, further solidify his stature as a leader committed to fostering global cybersecurity resilience and advancing digital inclusivity.

Dr. Samuel Segun is a Senior Research Fellow at the Global Center on AI Governance and a Research Fellow at the African Observatory on Responsible AI and the AI Ethics Group at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research, University of Pretoria. He served as AI Innovation & Technology Consultant for the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, leading the development of a Toolkit on Responsible AI Innovation in Law Enforcement, an INTERPOL-led project. Dr. Segun is also Lead Consultant for Arkenstone Advisory and technical reviewer for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research's Guidelines for the Development of a National Strategy on AI in Security and Defence. He is an Instructor for the Artificial Intelligence (AI), Ethics and Policy in Africa Certificate Program at the University of Cape Town. Dr. Segun has published over 15 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals and conferences on AI safety, data and computational ethics, algorithmic audit, responsible AI, and technology policy. He is the editor of the following works, AI Ethics & Governance in Africa, Selected Issues in the Ethics of AI, Conversations on African Philosophy of Mind, Consciousness and AI.

Dr. Kabir Adamu a distinguished expert in enterprise security risk management and intelligence as well as national security solutions, serves as the Managing Director of Beacon Security and Intelligence Limited, a renowned Abuja-based firm that specializes in providing comprehensive security risk management and intelligence solutions in Nigeria and the Sahel region. With a sound academic background, extensive experience and an impressive track record, Dr. Kabir Adamu is recognized for his exceptional skills and leadership in the field of security and intelligence. A dynamic and highly professional security and intelligence executive, Dr. Kabir Adamu has excelled in both the public and

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Dr. Joel Amegboh is an Assistant Professor for African Security Studies, responsible for overseeing the Africa Center's academic programming on National Security Strategy Development and Youth, Peace, and Security and integrating these considerations into the Center's research and outreach. Prior to joining the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Dr. Amegboh worked for several United Nations agencies and departments, including the Educational Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Mali Integrated Operational Team, located in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. At the Africa Center, his research focuses on peacebuilding paradigms in Africa, the role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, human security, the security-development-governance nexus. Dr. Amegboh holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, an M.A. in Global Development and Peace Studies, and a B.A. in International Political Economy and Diplomacy from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. He is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.

Dr. Yasmin Afina is a Researcher for the Security and Technology Programme at UNIDIR, where her research covers the intersection between international security, international law and artificial intelligence. Her research experience and interests cover nuclear weapons policy, outer space security, and wider international security and policy issues surrounding emerging technologies, including neurotechnology, quantum technologies, and cyber. Yasmin is also a PhD Researcher in law at the University of Essex. She holds an LLM from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, an LL.B. from the University of Essex, as well as a French Bachelor of Laws and Postgraduate degree (Maîtrise) in International Law from the Université Toulouse I Capitole. She previously worked as Research Fellow at Chatham House, where she led the Institute's work on AI policy, and notably testified in front of the UK House of Lords' AI in Weapon Systems Select Committee. Yasmin has published over a dozen research papers, op-eds and commentaries on technology policy (including AI, cyber, and neurotechnology) and nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and her work has been cited by a number of media outlets, including the BBC, Politico, and Al Jazeera. Yasmin speaks English, French and Indonesian.

Dr. Barbara Glover is a dedicated advocate for science, technology, and innovation in Africa. With a background in innovation and emerging technologies and extensive experience in research and policy, Dr. Glover currently serves as the Programme Manager of the African Union High-Level Panel on Emerging Technologies at the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD). In this role, she works towards harnessing scientific advancements for the sustainable development of the continent. Dr. Glover's passion lies in promoting collaborative efforts that leverage technology for positive impact across diverse sectors. Her current work builds upon experiences working since 2016 at AUDA-NEPAD in aiding African countries identify, harness and implement emerging technologies for Africa's socioeconomic development. In this role, she supports conducting research and analyzing data on topical issues such as AI, conducting evidence-based analysis of STI, drafting policy recommendations and guidelines for deploying emerging technologies, and contributing to the development and implementation of capacity building programs in science, technology, and innovation for building a culture of innovation among the youth.

Dr. Mark Duerksen is a Research Fellow at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. His research focuses on Africa's unparalleled urbanization and the security challenges and opportunities this shifting landscape presents. His current work includes analysis of Nigeria's diverse security threats as well as the growing impact of FIMI (Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference) campaigns on the continent's rapidly changing information systems. Trained as a historian, he brings deep knowledge of the underlying material, governance, social, and developmental dynamics driving current tensions and conflicts in and around the continent's cities. Dr. Duerksen's projects at the Africa Center include tracking strategic communication and demographic trends across the continent and creating analytic maps and infographics to visualize spatial patterns and historical precedents. His maps of Lagos have been recognized through various awards, and his Africa Center *Infographics* have been reproduced and shared widely. His background includes training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and writing on African art and architecture. In his 2024 book, *Waterhouses*, Dr. Duerksen traces the strategic importance of water and housing in Lagos's rise as an African megacity and its future resilience.
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Dr. Lauren Sanders is a Senior Research Fellow with the TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland in the Law and Future of War project. Lauren's current research focus is on the application of export control, arms trade and sanctions regimes relevant to the export and brokering of trusted autonomous military systems and associated technology. Her broader research and teaching interests include international criminal law, international humanitarian law and domestic counter-terrorism law. She is the editor of UQ's Law and Future of War podcast where she interviews experts in the fields of law and emerging and disruptive technology, military strategy and military affairs. She completed her initial law studies with The University of Queensland, along with a Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies. Her PhD studies were competed at the Australian National University focused on the practical application of universal jurisdiction. She holds an LLM in Legal Practice, Masters in Defence and Strategic Studies and numerous Graduate certificates in military law. Before returning to The University of Queensland, Lauren spent twenty years as an Australian Army signals officer and legal officer, and has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor and on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, a legal advisor to ADF domestic counter-terrorism operations, and an assistant Inspector-General of the ADF. She is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College, and was awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross for her work as the Command Legal Officer within Special Operations Command.
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