



13th Annual Geopolitical Conference November 22, 2024

Africa at the Geopolitical Crossroads

Czech Association of Scientific and Technical Societies, Novotného lávka 200/5, Room 217

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION 08:30-09:00

09:00-09:20 **Opening Remarks**

Keynote panel 09:20-10:40 (Chair: Martin Riegl)

09:20-09:40 **West Africa stuck at crossroads: Deadlock or maze?**
Tieman Coulibaly (former Minister of Defence, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mali)

09:40-10:00 **Is Africa's Global Engagement at a Crossroads?**
Eben Barlow (Executive Outcomes, South Africa)

10:00-10:35 **Discussion**

BREAK 10:35-10:50

10:50-12:10 **Panel 1: The Sahel (Chair: Ronan Wordsworth)**

10:50-11:10 • **New twists and turns in the Sahel security conundrum: rural jihadist insurgencies, military coups, urban neo-patriotism and the turn to Russia**
Morten Bøås (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway)

11:10-11:30 • **Experiences from Sahel**
Will Brown (European Council on Foreign Relations, UK)

11:30-11:50 • **Beyond Borders: Climate Change and the Battle for Africa's Scarce Resources**
Ivan Henrico (Stellenbosch University, South Africa), Bohumil Doboš (Charles University, Czech Republic)

11:50-12:10 **Discussion**

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12:50-14:10 Panel 3: Horn of Africa (Chair: Bohumil Doboš)

12:50-13:10 • ***Violent Extremism - State Fragility Nexus in the Greater Horn of Africa***
Yonas Adaye (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia)

13:10-13:30 • ***Ethiopia's Access to the Sea: the Geopolitical Impact***
Michelle Nel, Andries Fokkens (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

13:30-13:50 • ***Shifting tides: International engagement in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea***
Rossella Marangio (European Union Institute for Security Studies, Italy)

13:50-14:10 ***Discussion***

BREAK 14:10-14:30

14:30-15:50 Panel 4: Critical topics of African geopolitics (Chair: Juan Francisco Munoz)

14:30-14:50 • ***The Southern African Development Community (SADC)'s intervention in the insurgency in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province: Solution or placebo?***
Kebapetse Lotshwao (University of Botswana, Botswana)

14:50-15:10 • ***Navigating the Nexus: Analysing the Geopolitical and Legal Ramifications of Cyber Attacks in South Africa***
Susan Henrico, Sonja Els (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

15:10-15:30 • ***Elections and Democratic Consolidation in Africa: a case study of Ghana***
Seidu Alidu (University of Ghana, Ghana)

15:30-15:50 ***Discussion***

CLOSING REMARKS 15:50-16:00

