

Draft Programme: International Conference on Mediation

University of Pretoria, 2 – 4 June 2015

2 June 2015

08:30 – 10:30: Opening and welcome

Chair: Maxi Schoeman (Head, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria) (TBC)

Welcoming address: Chair of the Board of CMA and Dean of Faculty (TBC)

Key-note address:

Prof WI Zartman (Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Organization and Conflict Resolution, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC)

The lengths and limits of mediation

Discussant: Laurie Nathan (Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa)

10:30 – 11:00: Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 **Panel 1. Unpacking mediation complexity**

Chair: Henning Melber (Dag Hammarskjold Foundation)

Laurie Nathan (Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa, University of Pretoria)
International mediation as the management of complexity

Joao Honwana (Director, Africa II, UN DPA)
Mediation complexity: a practitioner's viewpoint

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Theuns Eloff (former Administrator of the Multi-Party Negotiation Process in South Africa)
Managing South Africa's complex negotiations

Discussant: Isak Svensson (University of Uppsala)

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel 2. The religious and cultural dimensions of mediation complexity**

Chair: Sara Hellmüller (swisspeace)

Isak Svensson (University of Uppsala)
Mediating jihadist conflicts

Maira Siman (GSUM, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)
Conflict resolution and mediation practices in South America

Vladimir Kmec (University of Cambridge)
Religion in mediation: Balkans, Northern Ireland and Mali

Discussant: William I Zartman (TBC)

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08:30 – 10:30: **Panel 3. A normative framework for mediation**

Chair: Maira Siman (GSUM)

John Packer (Director, **Human Rights Research and Education Centre**, University of Ottawa)
The nature and role of norms in international mediation

Sara Hellmüller (swisspeace)
The role of norms in international mediation

Claudia Fuentes (Instituto de Relações Internacionais, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)
Human rights and conflict resolution in South America

Henning Melber (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation)
Dag Hammarskjöld and conflict mediation

Discussant: David Lanz (OSCE Mediation Support Team, Vienna)

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11:00 – 13:00 **Panel 4. Competition and cooperation in international mediation**

Chair: Joao Honwana (Director, Africa II, UN DPA)

David Lanz (OSCE Mediation Support Team, Vienna)

Navigating a crowded field: insights on competition and cooperation in international mediation

Holger Osterrieder (European External Action Service, and former Deputy Ambassador of the German Embassy in Mali)

Multiple mediators facing a multi-dimensional conflict. A case-study of Mali

Aleu Garang (IGAD Mediation Support Unit)

The impact of external actors on the prospects of a mediated settlement in South Sudan

Discussant: Tim Murithi (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and CMA Associate)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Parallel sessions

Panel 5a. Mediation in action

Chair: Chris Saunders (UCT) (TBC)

James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute; editor of *African Security*).

The nature of war in Africa

David Francis (University of Bradford)

Mediating interests in civil war peace settlements in Africa

Joao Ndlovu (SADC Liaison Office at the African Union)

Expertise vis-à-vis political leverage in mediation. The SADC experience

Discussant: Laura James (University of Cambridge) (TBC)

Panel 5b. The UN as mediator

Chair: Maxi Schoeman (TBC)

Tetsuro Iji (Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan)

The UN as mediator

Tim Murithi (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, and CMA Associate)

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Elodie Convergne (Sciences Po Paris) (TBC)

Normative mediation and the complexity of conflicts: The UN's quest for identity in a disordered world.

Discussant: John Packer (Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa)

19:00 – 20:30 **Panel 6. Making mediation research more useful to mediators**
A facilitated discussion.

Facilitator: Andries Odendaal (Associate, Centre for Mediation in Africa)

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08:30 – 10:30 **Panel 7. Aspects of mediation complexity**

Chair: David Francis

Franziska Zanker (German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)
Legitimate representation in mediation processes

Thania Paffenholz and Nick Ross (Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, the Graduate Institute Geneva)
Inclusive mediation strategies

Laura James (University of Cambridge)
Dynamics of parties' decision making viewed through an 'images of the enemy' framework. Case-study of Sudan and South Sudan.

Discussant: Aleu Garang (IGAD Mediation Support Unit)

10:30 – 11:00 Tea / coffee

11:00 – 13:00 Parallel sessions

Panel 8a. Case studies: Namibia, Lesotho and Zimbabwe

Chair: Holger Osterrieder (European External Action Service)

Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town)
Managing complexity in mediation: the Namibian case

Gabriel Malebang (University of Botswana)
The SADC-Lesotho mediation

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Discussant: Andries Odendaal (Associate, Centre for Mediation in Africa)

Panel 8b. Student Panel

(A panel of student presentations)

Chair: James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute)

Michael Addaney (University of Pretoria)
The ECOWAS mediation in Mali

Julius Bio (University of Bradford)
The role of insider mediators in Sierra Leone

Eric Niyitunga (University of Johannesburg)
The African Union and international mediation

David Achero (University of Pretoria)
The role of Jakaya Kikwete in the mediation of the Kenyan post-election conflict, 2008.

Discussant: Laurie Nathan (Centre for Mediation in Africa)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00: **Concluding session**

Facilitator: Laurie Nathan

An open discussion on key insights gained; and prospective research projects.

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