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Research and Publications

In March the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House in London hosted the launch of Prof Nathan's book, *Community of Insecurity: SADC's Struggle for Peace and Security in Southern Africa* (Ashgate 2012). The journal *African Security Review* is preparing to publish a symposium on the book.

Prof Nathan's article entitled 'The intelligence requirement of international mediation' has been accepted for publication in *Intelligence and National Security*, the leading international journal on intelligence.

Dr Odendaal authored a chapter, 'South Africa's infrastructure for peace', in Christopher Mitchell and Landon Hancock (eds), *Local Peacebuilding and National Peace: Interaction between Grassroots and Elite Processes* (Continuum 2012).

Three papers have been accepted for publication in the Centre's working paper series and will be published in September / October:

- Rachel Gasser and David Lanz, 'A crowded field: competition between mediators and the search for peace', forthcoming, *Mediation Arguments: A Working Paper Series*, Centre for Mediation in Africa.
- Andries Odendaal, 'The promise and challenges of internal mediation in national conflict in Africa', forthcoming, *Mediation Arguments: A Working Paper Series*, Centre for Mediation in Africa.
- Franzisca Zanker, 'Legitimate representation in the mediation of power-sharing agreements', forthcoming, *Mediation Arguments: A Working Paper Series*, Centre for Mediation in Africa.

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Teaching

Prof Nathan presented for the first time a course on international mediation as part of the Honours programme offered by the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Pretoria. Twenty-two students registered for this course.

Prof Nathan presented a short course on international mediation to LLM students, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

In April Prof Nathan presented his course on Managing Intelligence Reform, which is a component of the Masters in Security Sector Management offered by Cranfield University in the United Kingdom, at the Ethiopian Defence College in Addis Ababa.

In the second semester Prof Nathan presented his annual Hons/Masters course on Understanding and Managing Conflict at the University of Cape Town.

Workshops

In April the Centre, in collaboration with the UN Mediation Support Unit, organised a consultative workshop on international mediation. The aim of the event was to contribute to the UN Secretary-General's report on effective mediation. The workshop programme and report can be viewed at <http://alturl.com/b8c6s>.

The Ministerial Committee of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation has asked the Centre to organise a mediation training workshop for officials from SADC states. The workshop is scheduled to take place in October 2012.

Facilitation and Support

In March Dr Nyathi and Dr Odendaal facilitated a national consultation in Malawi on the establishment of an infrastructure for dialogue and collaborative problem-solving.

In May Prof Nathan was a facilitator at the Workshop on Exchange of Views between States Engaged in Mediation, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Berne.

In July Prof Nathan was the facilitator of the Retreat on Challenges to Peace and Security in Southern Africa, convened by the UN Department of Political Affairs in Pretoria. He was also a resource person at the UNDP workshop on Supporting the Iraq Defence and Security Community, held in Istanbul.

In July Dr Nyathi served as resource person for a South African civil society national dialogue initiative entitled 'Finding Ways to Walk Together'.

Throughout the reporting period Dr. Nyathi continued to serve as the Senior Reconciliation and Dialogue Advisor for the Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration in Zimbabwe. His support led to the Zimbabwe Cabinet's approval of the policy document on the establishment of the National Peace and Reconciliation Council.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

During the reporting period Prof Nathan made the following conference and seminar presentations:

- 'The challenges of effective mediation in Africa', presented at Re-evaluating the African Agenda: A Decade of the African Union, 14th Annual Africa Day Conference, University of South Africa, Pretoria, 1 June.
- 'The SADC Tribunal revisited: a triumph of realpolitik', presented at the Cape Town Book Fair, 16 June.
- 'The African Union and United Nations mediation for Darfur', UCT Diplomacy Course, UN Association of South Africa - University of Cape Town, 19 July.
- 'The flaws in the General Intelligence Laws Amendment Bill', presented at the seminar on A New Intelligence Regime for South Africa?, Institute for Security Studies, Cape Town, 25 July.
- 'The disbanding of the SADC Tribunal', presented at the 2012 Biennial Conference of the South African Association of Political Studies, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, 28-31 August.

Advisory Board

In May the Advisory Board of the CMA had its first meeting. The Board comprises:

- Prof Norman Duncan, Dean of Humanities, University of Pretoria (Chairperson *ex officio*)
- Prof Maxi Schoeman, Head of the Dept of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria (*ex officio*)
- Prof Jacklyn Cock, Emeritus Professor, University of the Witwatersrand
- Prof Gilbert Khadiagala, Head of the Dept of International Relations, University of the Witwatersrand
- Amb Kingsley Makhubela, Director-General, Dept of Tourism, South African government
- Ms Maud Dlomo, Deputy Director-General, Dept of International Relations and Co-operation, South African government
- Dr Mzukisi Qobo, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria
- Prof Laurie Nathan, Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa (*ex officio*).

Other Activities

In March Prof Nathan made a submission on the General Intelligence Laws Amendment Bill to the parliamentary committee dealing with the legislation. His summary of the submission was published as 'Leave spies out of politics', *Cape Argus*, 25 April 2012 (<http://alturl.com/oy23k>).

The UN Secretary-General's 2012 report on 'Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution' refers to the CMA's efforts to build the mediation capacity of the African Union (http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/66/811).