

INTERVENING IN AFRICA

INTERROGATING INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS IN WEST AFRICA

An International Symposium and Workshop



March 30 & 31, 2007

J.W. Jones Room, Woodruff Library, Emory University

International interventions in Africa's wars emphasize humanitarian objectives such as alleviating suffering, stopping violence, and promoting security, stability, and reconstruction. Yet these projects attract controversy concerning their motives, means, and actual results. Do humanitarian interventions reduce or ultimately exacerbate conflict? How should African cycles of violence be ameliorated and prevented? How can peace-keeping and state-building be more effective? What kinds of justice can be provided in post-conflict Africa?

This conference considers these questions for the highly volatile region of West Africa that includes Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Ivory Coast. Our aim is to increase understanding of how interventions work and do not work, and how they may be improved.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Ibrahim Abdullah
Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone

Jeanette Carter
University of Liberia

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Carnegie Corporation of New York

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Human Rights Watch

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Tufts University

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University of Washington, Seattle

Muctarr Jalloh
War Wounded Camp, Sierra Leone

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Newcastle University

Vivek Maru
Human rights advocate

Mike McGovern
Yale University

Ambassador Joseph H. Melrose
Ursinus College

William Reno
Northwestern University

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Liberians United for Reconciliation
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Bruce Knauft
ICIS & Anthropology

Pamela Scully
Women's Studies & African Studies

CONVENERS

Martha Carey
Institute of Liberal Arts

Jean-Herve Jezequel
History

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 30

Welcome – 8:30am-9:00am

Panel I: Stopping the Violence – 9:00am-11:45am

Panel II: Rebuilding the State – 1:00pm-3:30pm

**Roundtable: Siege of the City; Freetown and Monrovia – 4:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday, March 31

Panel III: Providing Justice – 9:00am-11:45am

**Roundtable: Can we/should we improve intervention? – 1:00pm-3:00pm

Film Screening – "Liberia: Uncivil War" – 3:30pm-5:30pm

**If you are interested in attending the Roundtable, please email alinton@emory.edu



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