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PORTLAND BUILDING (Room 1.67), UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

TACKLING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN WEST AFRICA

**29th June:**

*Tackling Security Challenges in West Africa*

12:00-12:45 – Lunch and Welcome

12:45 - 13:00 – Opening remarks from Professor Tony Chafer - University of Portsmouth.

**13:00 - 14:30 Panel One** – *Donor Responses to Insecurity in West Africa*.

Convenor - Dr Melita Lazell - University of Portsmouth.

1) Dr. Linda Darkwa, University of Ghana:

‘Donor responses as vectors of security’

2) Aoife McCullough, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute.

**14:30 - 16:00 Panel Two** – *From Religious Cult to International Jihad: the Rise Boko Haram*.

Convenor - Busra Nisa Sarac - University of Portsmouth.

1) Elizabeth Pearson, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI):

‘ISIS, Boko Haram and gender relating to FST in the two groups’

2) Dr. Caroline Varin**,** Lecturer in the University of Regent’s London:

‘Boko Haram and the War on Terror’

3) Dr. Philip Attuquayefio, University of Ghana.

‘Mercenaries Not Extremists: Public Perception of Motivation for Violent Extremism and its Implications for Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa’

16:00-16:30 – Tea and Coffee

**16:30 – 18:00 Panel Three** - *Maritime Security and Blue Economy: towards converging agendas for West Africa?*

 Convenor:  Sophie Quintin Adali - University of Portsmouth.

1) Dr. Pierre Failler, University of Portsmouth, Business School.

‘Gulf of Guinea fisheries and food security’

2) Dr Kamal Deen-Ali (Captain, Ghana Navy), Executive Director of the Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS).

‘Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: land-sea nexus’

3) H.E. Prof. Cheikh Ahmadou Dieng, Ambassador of Senegal in London.

19:30 - Dinner (Koh Thai Tapas, Southsea).

**30th June - PHD WORKSHOP**

*Jihadism and Boko Haram*

Start: 10:30am

1) Michael Nwankpa -University of Roehampton

‘Assessing the local and international dimensions of Boko Haram's Jihad’

2) Confidence Uwazuruik -University of Bournemouth

‘Reporting Boko Haram in Nigeria: journalistic practices and challenges’

3) Fernan Osorno**,** - University of Bristol

‘Radicalisation and the troubles of youth’

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch

13:00 - OPTIONAL TOUR OF PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD AND VISIT TO HMS VICTORY