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**New Thinking on West African Security Challenges**

University of Portsmouth, 17-18 May 2018

The West Africa Peace and Security Network is holding a 2-day workshop at the University of Portsmouth addressing new thinking on security challenges in West Africa. The workshop organisers would welcome any paper that offers fresh perspectives on security in the region. We would, however, particularly welcome contributions on the following themes:

* Non-traditional approaches to security
* Foreign powers and West African Security
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* Political economy of conflict & security in West Africa
* Linkages between security and development/good governance in the region
* Non-military crisis management in West Africa
* The African Union/ECOWAS's repertoire of mechanisms for addressing peace and security on the continent

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