

Sandhurst Trends in International Conflict Symposium 2
'Fragile States: Challenges and Responses'
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
Wednesday 7 February 2018

0900-1000: **Keynote Address**

'Challenges of State-building and State-consolidation in the Contemporary World'

Prof David Chandler (University of Westminster)

Chair: Dr Martin Smith (Defence & International Affairs RMAS)

1015-1130: **Panel One – Key Challenges**

1. *'Building States to Build Peace Revisited: Empirical Insights from Peace Negotiations in Fragile States'*

Dr Jan Pospisil (University of Edinburgh)

2. *'Why do international approaches to fragile, failing and failed states remain selective?'*

Jacob Thomas-Llewellyn (Centre for Army Leadership, RMAS)

Chair: Dr An Jacobs ((Defence & International Affairs RMAS)

1130-1200: **Tea/Coffee**

1200-1315: **Panel Two – Challenges & Responses**

1. *'Somalia and its Neighbours: AMISOM and the Regional Construction of a Failed State'*

Dr Jonathan Fisher (University of Birmingham)

2. *'The Rise of Strong Militaries in Africa: Defying the Odds?'*

Maj Franky Matissek (US Air Force/Northwestern University, Illinois)

3. *'Foreign Interventions and the Process of State Failure: Libyan Case Study 2011'*

Islam Goher (Cairo University/City College New York)

Chair: Sean McKnight (Director of Studies RMAS)

1315-1415: **Lunch**

1415-1530: **Panel Three – Practitioners' Perspectives**

1. *'Building Stability – the DfID Perspective'*

Josie Stewart (Governance Adviser, Department for International Development)

2. *'Upstream Capacity Building – a Military Perspective'*

Maj Alex Davis (HQ Specialised Infantry Group, 1st (UK) Division)

3. *'Failed States, the Erosion of the Rule of Law and the Consequences for Assisting States'*

Lt Col Grant Davies (Army Legal Services)

Chair: Lt Col Jane Hunter (SO1 Education RMAS)

1530-1600: **Tea/Coffee**

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1600-1715: **Panel Four – Statebuilding and External Interventions**

1. *'For Better or Worse? Third-Party Intervention and Patterns of Civilian Victimization in Civil Conflicts'*

Vanessa Meier (University of Oxford)

2. *'Pre-emptive Proxy Wars as Key to State Survival'*

Dr Vladimir Rauta (Staffordshire University)

3. *'The Successes and Failures of a "Fragile States=Safe Havens" Approach to Countering Terrorist Networks'*

Emily Knowles & Abigail Watson (Remote Control Project, Oxford Research Group)

Chair: Dr Aelius Parchami (Defence & International Affairs RMAS)

1715-1730: **Future Developments in the Sandhurst Trends Series**

Ms Kirstin Howgate (Howgate Military Publishing)