This is the third seminar in an ESRC-funded series of events exploring contemporary UK Africa Policy. Discussions of African security are shaped by two key developments: broadening and deepening of understandings of security and the rise of non-state actors and non-traditional security threats on international policy agendas. This seminar will explore how narratives on African security and stability underpin justifications for, and shape substance of, UK Africa relations under Labour (1997-2010) and the coalition. Key questions are: why has the UK become a leading advocate of engagement with African security issues; what international responses are advocated; how have UK government systems evolved to engage with complex security challenges in Africa, and what assumptions underpin UK efforts in this area?

Speakers:

Richard Moncrieff (FCO) – Knox Chitiyo (Chatham House) David M. Anderson (Warwick) - Eka Ikpe (Kings College London) - Zoe Marks (Edinburgh) - Jonathan Fisher (Birmingham) – Saferworld (speaker TBC)

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Programme

Venue: Wolfson Research Exchange 1 and 2, Library, University of Warwick

10.30 – 11.00 Registration and coffee
11.00 – 12.30 Panel 1 – UK-Africa Security relationships: Labour Legacy and Contemporary Drivers
Richard Moncrieff (Africa Research Group, Foreign & Commonwealth Office)
Knox Chitiyo (Chatham House)

12.30 – 1.15 Lunch

1.15 – 2.45 Panel 2 – West Africa
Eka Ikpe (King’s College London)
Zoe Marks (University of Edinburgh)

2.45 – 3.00 Coffee

3.00 – 4.30 Panel 3 – East Africa
IGAD and African “ownership” of security
Jonathan Fisher (University of Birmingham)
The UK’s Kenya conundrum
David M. Anderson (University of Warwick)

Workshop organisers: David M. Anderson (Warwick) Danielle Beswick (Birmingham)