**Youth, Conflict & Governance in Africa**

**Draft Program & Participants**

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**Friday February 28 – Open lectures and public event**

3.30: Panel 1: “Re-defining a new political imaginary through social media in Africa”

Presenter: Philip Thigo, Social Development Network, Nairobi, Kenya

http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/english/2013/03/kenyan-activist-says-un-must-engage-with-youth-through-social-media/

Discussant: Merlyna Lim, Arizona State University, http://www.public.asu.edu/~mlim4/about.html

5.15: Panel 2: “Youth Protest Movements and Governance in Africa”

Presenter: Alcinda Honwana, Open University, UK http://dpp.open.ac.uk/people/alcinda-honwana

Discussant: Brian Barber, Center for the Study of Youth in Political Conflict, US http://csypc.utk.edu

6.30: Reception & dinner

**Saturday March 1 –** **Moderated panels**

9.00: Session 1: Framing the issues

Presenters: Alex de Waal and Catherine Panter-Brick

10.30: Session 3: Political community and political change

Francis Nyamnjoh, University of Cape Town, SA http://www.socanth.uct.ac.za/people/academic-staff/professor-francis-b-nyamnjoh

Herman Wasserman, Rhodes University, US http://www.ru.ac.za/jms/staff/mediastudies/hermanwasserman/

12.00: Lunch

1.00: Session 2: Urbanization, employment and livelihoods

Marc Sommers, Boston University, US http://www.wilsoncenter.org/staff/marc-sommers-0

Jenny Aker, Fletcher School, Tufts University, US

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3.00: Session 5: Youth, communication and political violence

Mirjam de Bruijn, U Leiden, Netherlands http://www.hum.leiden.edu/history/staff/bruijnmede.html

Anwar Dafaala, Founder of TEDx Khartoum http://www.tedxamsterdam.com/surprise-guest-anwar-dafa-alla/

4.30: Concluding session

Co-chairs: Catherine Panter-Brick and Alex de Waal

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Cyril Obi, Africa Peacebuilding Network http://www.ssrc.org/programs/apn/

Tatiana Carayannis, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, US http://www.ssrc.org/staff/carayannis-tatiana/

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Isaac Mbiti, Center for Global Development, http://alusainc.wordpress.com/2013/03/18/isaac-mbiti-dallas-texas/