



# Invitation Uitnodiging Taletšo

“The Rise and Fall (Decline) of Peacebuilding  
in Africa”

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The Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn) in conjunction with the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies invite you to a seminar on the topic

## “The Rise and Fall (Decline) of Peacebuilding in Africa”

### Presented by

Professor Gilbert Khadiagala  
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| <b>Date</b>    | Friday, 29 July 2016   |
| <b>Time</b>    | 11:30 – 12:30  |
| <b>Venue</b>   | GovInn Headquarters<br>Old College House, Hatfield Campus<br>University of Pretoria                          |
| <b>RSVP</b>    | <a href="http://goo.gl/forms/JiVslGQnI0VeMmpe2">http://goo.gl/forms/JiVslGQnI0VeMmpe2</a><br>by 26 July 2016 |
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### Overview of seminar

Peacebuilding has been with us since the 1990s when regional and international actors coalesced around programs to reverse the first spates of Africa’s civil wars. These efforts generated wide-ranging knowledge about norms and institutions around rebuilding failed states. This presentation suggests that the 25 years of experiences of peacebuilding in Africa have furnished useful lessons that remain critical to policy debates and engagements in post-conflict reconstruction. Nonetheless, the broad field of peacebuilding faces a profound crisis stemming from obstacles to rejuvenation of effective systems of governance, participation, and security in weak states. In addition, reversals in gains from previous peacebuilding bids have raised doubts about the solidity of assumptions and programs for building institutions in deeply divided societies. These setbacks have in turn highlighted concerns about the future of peacebuilding as an academic and policy enterprise.

### About the speaker

Prof. Khadiagala is currently the Jan Smuts Professor of International Relations and Head of the Department at the University of Witwatersrand. He was formerly an Associate Professor at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. Prof. Khadiagala is a prominent expert in peace and security issues in Sub-Saharan. He has authored many academic and policy-oriented publications on Southern Africa, the Great Lakes Region, and Eastern Africa.

### About this event

This seminar is part of a two-day workshop on the legacy of armed conflicts: Southern African and comparative perspectives, jointly organized by the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies and the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn) at the University of Pretoria.

This event brings together scholars based in Southern Africa and in other regions of the world in order to reflect on the legacy of conflicts for sustainable peace. Contributions have a particular focus on one of the three following topics:

- Peace processes and long-term peacebuilding
- Former armed actors in post-conflict societies
- Violence and trust in the aftermath of conflict

For more information about the workshop, please visit the workshop website <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/event/the-legacy-of-armed-conflicts-southern-african-and-comparative-perspectives> or contact:

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