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HOW DOES PARTICIPATION IN PEACE OPERATIONS SHAPE NATIONAL ARMED FORCES?

IS IT ALL BAD NEWS?

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Programme

Time	Activity and topic	Speaker
13:30-13:40	Opening	Prof Michelle Nel, Stellenbosch Univ
13:40-14:00	On Peace Support Operations and their impact on national armed forces	Prof Nina Wilen, Egmont Institute Belgium
14:00-14:20	A view on the SAHEL and Southern Africa	Prof Thomas Mandrup, RDDC Denmark & Stellenbosch Univ
14:20-14:40	A view on South Africa: The SANDF	Prof Abel Esterhuysen, Stellenbosch Univ
14:40-15:00	Discussant and comments	Prof T. Murithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
15:00 – 15:30	Q&A	Prof M. Nel, Stellenbosch Univ
15:30	Closing	Prof F. Vrey SIGLA Stellenbosch Univ

Chair: Lt Col (Professor) Michelle Nel, BLC, LLB (Pret) and LLM, LLD (Unisa), is Vice Dean of Social Impact and Personnel and an associate professor in Criminal and Military law at the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University. She joined the Defence Legal Services Division in 1996 as a prosecutor and was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Mercantile and Public Law (Mil) of the Faculty of Military Science of Stellenbosch University in 2002. She was admitted as advocate to the High Court in 2005 and completed her Doctor of Laws in 2012. She serves as part-time researcher in the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa's (SIGLA) maritime governance hub. Her areas of research include International Law, Human Rights, Military Law and Maritime Security.

Speaker: Professor Nina Wilen is Director of the Africa Programme at the Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations and Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at Lund University, as well as a Research Leader at IOB at the University of Antwerp. For more information see [Nina Wilén - Egmont Institute](#).

Speaker: Professor Thomas Mandrup is from the Faculty of the Royal Danish Defence College in Copenhagen, Denmark and also and Extraordinary Associate professor with Stellenbosch University, South Africa. For more information see [here](#).

Speaker: Professor Abel Esterhuysen lectures in the Strategic Studies Department of the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University. He is a rated scientist of the South African National Research Foundation and specialises in defence matters with a focus on South Africa and Africa. For more information see [here](#).

Discussant: Professor Tim Murithi is Head of Peacebuilding Interventions, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, based in Cape Town. He is also an Extraordinary Professor with Stellenbosch University. For more information see [here](#).

Closing remarks: Professor Francois Vreij is an Emeritus Professor with Stellenbosch University and functions as the Research Coordinator for SIGLA, Stellenbosch University. For more information see [SIGLA Home](#).