



Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Africa

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Friday April 16

Opening Remarks: Ahmad Sikainga, Center for African Studies, Richard Herrmann, Mershon Center 9:00 – 9:15

Keynote Address 9:15 – 9:45

Session #1: Ethno-cultural Dimensions of Reconstruction
10:00 – 12:00

Ethiopian Federalism: Autonomy vs Control in the Somali Region

Abdi Samatar
Department of Geography
University of Minnesota

Rethinking the Nation in Post-war Reconstruction in Niger
Ousseina D. Aildou

Department of Africana Studies
Rutgers University

Ethnic Violence and Civil Society in Kenya, 1969-1992

Atieno Odhiambo
Department of History
Rice University

Discussant: Merry Merryfield, OSU School of Teaching and Learning

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

Session #2: Gender & Generation, part I 1:00 – 3:00
Post-civil war reconstruction and the "best interest of the child":

Using the CRC in the Social and Cultural Reconstruction Process

Carol Jaenson
School for International Training/UNICEF

Situating the "Education" of War-Affected Children and Youth in

Post-Conflict Reconstruction Policy
Antoinette Errante
School of Educational Policy and Leadership
The Ohio State University

The Role of Women in Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Sudan, 1972-1983

Mey Eltayeb Ahmed
University of Khartoum

Discussant: Claire Robertson, OSU Department of History

Session #3: Gender & Generation, part II 3:15 – 5:15
The Pscho-social Rehabilitation of Former Child-soldiers in Mozambique:

Successes in and Challenges to Healing

Bola Efraime Junior
Associacao Reconstruindo a Esperanca
Maputo, Mozambique

Silent Guns and Talking Drums:
War, Community Radio and Dynamics of Youth Social Healing in Sierra Leone.

Ismail Rashid
Department of History
Vassar College

Reconstructing Fragile Lives: Girls' Social Reintegration in Northern Uganda and Sierra Leone

Susan McKay
Women's and International Studies and Nursing
University of Wyoming

Discussant: Isaac Mowoe, OSU Department of African American & African Studies

Saturday, April 17th

Session #4: Demobilization and Reintegration Programs
9:30 – 11:30
The Challenge of Disarmament, Demobilization, and
Reintegration to the Reconstruction of the Congo
Tatiana Carayannis
The Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies
The CUNY Graduate Center

The politics of recognition in SA and Zimbabwe
Norma Kriger
The Mershon Center
Ohio State University

Discussant: John Quigley, Moritz School of Law

Lunch 11:45 – 12:45

Session #5: Political and Economic Basis of Reconstruction
12:45 – 2:45
Gravitating Between Pessimism of the Past and Optimism
of the Future:
Post-War Reconstruction and Development in Sudan.
Atta El-Battahani
Department of Political Science
University of Khartoum

Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Complexities in managing
the effects of
prolonged violence in African Society
Tarsis Bazana Kabwegyere
Department of Sociology
Makerere University
Ministry of Local Government
Government of Uganda

The Voice of Civil Society in the Rebuilding of Burundi
Anthony Ngosi
AFRICARE/Burundi

Discussant: Esther Gottlieb, CIRIT/OSU Office of
International Affairs

Concluding Remarks 2:45 – 3:15

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