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Somalia at Crossroads: Foreign Intervention, Humanitarian Crisis, and Aspirations for Statehood

Friday-Saturday, January 27-28, 2012

Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Rd.

Denney Hall, 164 W 17th Ave.

Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

The Ohio State University - Columbus, OH

Keynote presentation: Deborah Malac and Abukar Arman

"U.S. Involvement in Somalia: A Policy of Tacit Engagement or Disengagement?"

7 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies

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Overview

This two-day conference will bring together some of the brightest minds in Somali affairs with the aim of deepening public discourse and understanding of the complex situation in Somalia and developing strong, pragmatic, and principled policy recommendations for, post-transition political development in Somalia. Issues discussed include the national roadmap, piracy, humanitarian crisis, frontline state



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military interventions, Diaspora remittance challenges and community development issues.

Besides the keynote speakers at the Mershon Center, presentations at Hagerty Hall and Denney Hall include:

- "Foreign Intervention, Humanitarian Crisis and the Quest for Political Stability in Somalia"
- "U.S. Engagement in Somalia: Dual Track Policy Aims and Implications"
- Debunking the Roadmap: A Tool for Statehood or Death-knell for Disintegration?"
- "Natural vs. Man-made: The Politics of Famine in the Horn"

Speakers

Deborah Malac, Director, Office of East African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Abukar Arman, Somalia's Special Envoy to the United States

[Ahmed I. Samatar](#), Macalester College

[Michael Weinstein](#), Purdue University

Abdinur Sheikh Mohamed, Former Somalia Minister of Education

Abdirahman Abdullahi Baadiyow, Independent Scholar

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