

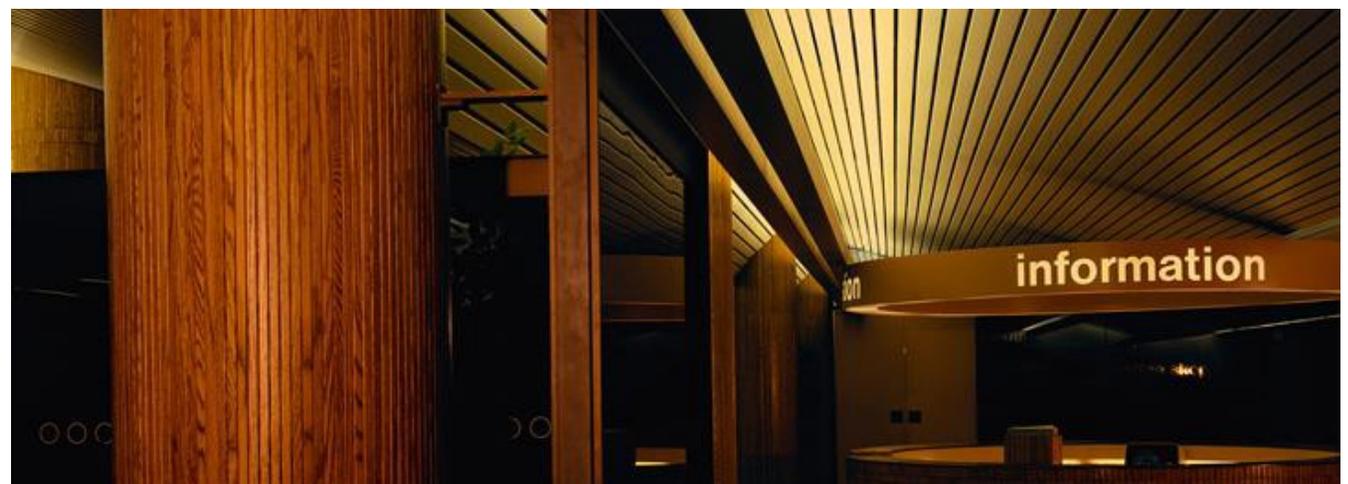
National Security, Democracy and Intelligence

Workshop Series



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Exploring, Understanding and Responding to critical National Security and Intelligence challenges





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Seminar One:

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Tshwane, 10-12 July 2017

As part of its 2017 Workshop Series on key issues in the National Security-Intelligence domain with an exploration of the phenomenon of Social Dissent, and the threat of Regime Change in South Africa.

The emergence of the student protest movement in 2015, initially in the form of the #RhodesMustFall movement, and the subsequent national #FeesMustFall student protests, presents the security community with specific and novel challenges. Are these movements merely a continuation of the well-established tradition of South African protest politics, or does it represent a qualitatively different socio-political phenomenon altogether?

In this workshop we will explore the emergence of this movement, its impact of the South Africa political scene, and the geopolitical context in which it emerges. As the original social compact upon which our constitutional democracy is based comes under pressure, both from the domestic and global politico-economic dynamics we currently experience and a strategic environment that places us in a confrontation with the current hegemonic

project, we ask whether these new and potentially qualitatively different forms of Social Dissent can be instrumentalised to undermine the National Security and Integrity of the South African state.

The workshop will investigate the linkages between Social Dissent on the one hand, and the practice of Non-linear Hybrid Warfare (NLHW) on the other. To what extent are there attempts to exploit and/or incite anti-state protests to conduct a political-information campaign aimed at affecting unconstitutional political change in South Africa. We consider this in the context of regime-change theory, contemporary hybrid warfare, geo-politics and social movement theory.

We will further explore responses to both Social Dissent in the South African context, and regime change strategy. What are the capabilities required to enhance state resilience, ensure social cohesion and undermine foreign intervention in South African political processes? We conclude by exploring Analytic Approaches that can be used to gain insight into these phenomena.

Falsehood flies and truth comes limping after it, so that when men come to be undeceived, it is too late; the jest is over, and the tale hath had its effect – Jonathan Swift, 1710

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Day 1 -

- The new Mode of War and Non-Linear Hybrid Warfare (NLHW): shaping and changing regimes by other means
- Computation, Artificial Intelligence and Memetics
- Case Study: The surprise attack on Qatar

Day 2 -

- Lecture on Social Dissent, the Meaning of the #MustFall Movement, and Implications for National Security.
- Strategic Responses, Resilience development and Capabilities required to respond to NLHW and regime change.

Day 3 -

- Intelligence and Analytic approaches to illuminate and enhance responses to NLHW and regime change.
- Information integrity in the context of hybrid warfare.

FACILITATORS

DAVID AFRICA - Executive Director

David worked in South African counter-terrorism intelligence, and subsequently headed intelligence units in the United Nations in Baghdad and for an international NGO based in London. He also served as adjunct faculty on the international Program on Terrorism and Security Studies in Germany, and published in the field. David is the Executive Director of ACSIP and manages our flagship Intelligence Analysis training courses, where he teaches analytic methods and Strategic Landscape Analysis.

ANDRE ZAIMAN - Director: Research and Innovation

Andre has worked in the intelligence and National Security arena since the mid-1980s, first within the liberation movement and subsequently in a number of government positions including in the Presidential Support Unit (PSU), South African Secret Service (SASS), and the National Intelligence Coordinating Committee (NICOC). He specializes in Complexity, Cognition, Geo-Strategy and Strategic Intelligence Analysis. He is co-founder of ACSIP, where he heads our Research and Innovation Lab.



Registration and Fees

The workshop will be hosted in Tshwane from 10 to 12 July 2017. The fee of R12,000 includes the course reader, stationery and teas.

Interested participants are advised to register by 10 July 2017.

For further information please contact the ACSIP organiser Ms. Raziya Parker at info@intelpraxis.org with reference NLHW 02-2017.

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