

## Somalia workshop podcast: 'Kenya's Somalia invasion: local indications, regional implications'

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### 'Kenya's Somalia invasion: local indications, regional implications'

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This presentation explored the reasons for Kenya's decision to intervene militarily in Somalia in January 2012 and subsequently to join AMISOM. The presentation highlighted the impacts of conflict in Somalia on Kenya, particularly growing refugee flows into Dadaab, fears for continued depression of international tourism to Kenya following kidnappings blamed on Somali groups, and the domestic context of a popular anti-Somali sentiment within Kenyan society.

David's presentation outlined Kenya's particular interests in Kismayo and the competition between Ethiopia and Kenya for influence in this strategic port beyond the current conflict. The presentation also reflects on the broader implications of Kenya's intervention for African inter-state relations, following a trend of other 'competitive authoritarian' states who have intervened across borders (e.g. Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia).

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