We use cookies to ensure that we deliver the best user experience of our website. If you would like to, you can change your cookie settings at any time. Continue

Somalia workshop podcast: 'Uganda in Somalia: Five years on, still the same story?'

Posted on Thursday 30th August 2012

This podcast was part of the workshop on Somalia: Negotiating the balance between 'African Solutions' and international responses. recently hosted (11th July 2012) by the School of Government and the Institute of Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS).

'Uganda in Somalia: Five years on, still the same story?'
Dr Jonathan Fisher, Research Fellow, IDD, University of Birmingham

This presentation linked to a previously published paper by Jonathan in African Affairs (July 2012) which explored the reasons for Uganda's 2007 intervention in Somalia as part of AMISOM. Jonathan's discussion of Uganda's continued presence in the operation, however, took us beyond this question to consider if, how, and why its motives for involvement have changed five years on. Jonathan argued that while Uganda's initial reasons for joining the mission were based primarily on international considerations – particularly relations with Western donors – their reasons for remaining in AMISOM have been far more linked to regional and domestic issues including Uganda's on-going geopolitical rivalry with Kenya and President Museveni's weakening domestic position. In explaining Uganda's enduring commitment to AMISOM in terms of 'a Ugandan solution to Ugandan problems', therefore, Jonathan also sought to problematize the validity of 'African problems to African solutions' as a concept for understanding why African states take part in peacekeeping ventures.

Download: **'Uganda in Somalia: Five years on, still the same story?' (20MB, 22 minutes) (http://www.download.bham.ac.uk/idd/podcasts/2012-07-11-somalia/jonathan-fisher.mp3)**

More information about **Somalia: Negotiating the balance between 'African Solutions' and international responses (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2012/08/somalia.aspx)** including an overall summary and workshop podcasts.

© University of Birmingham 2014