

The unfolding political and security crisis in the Sahel and West Africa: Security-development nexus and the role of mediation

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18:30-20:30 (JST), 10:30-12:30 (GMT+1), 9:30-11:30 (GMT), Zoom

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WEBINAR INVITATION

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Currently West Africa has been in the middle of political, economic and security turmoil: Mali is again in the transition since the last coup of September 2020, while there are growing contests over the legitimacy of presidential elections in Guinea and Ivory Coast. Burkina Faso and Niger, under the serious security crisis, are preparing for upcoming elections in November and December too.

Against this backdrop, the newly established Institute for African Studies (IAS) of Meiji University invites two prominent experts to shed light on the current crisis and the future prospect of Sahel and its neighbors. Together with Japanese experts, we hope to discuss the new perspective and approach to support its stabilization process.

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Venue Online (Zoom)

Speakers Dr. Alain Antil, Africa Programme Director, IFRI, France
Mr. Eric Blanchot, Director, Promédiation, France

Commentators Prof. Yutaka Sakuma, IAS, Meiji University
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Moderator Dr. Hikaru Sato, Visiting Researcher, IAS, Meiji University

Program 18 : 30 - 18 : 35 Introduction (Dr. Hikaru Sato, IAS)

18 : 35 - 18 : 40 Opening remark (Prof. Yuichi Sasaoka, Director of IAS)

Part 1: Presentations (18:40 – 19:40)

18 : 40 - 19 : 10 Presentation (Dr. Alain Antil, IFRI)

“Mali and Security Trends in the Sahel and West Africa”

19 : 10 - 19 : 40 Presentation (Mr. Eric Blanchot, Promédiation)

“The role of mediation: track 1.5”

Part 2: Q&A, Discussion (19:40 – 20:20)

19 : 40 - 20 : 25 Comments and Q&A

Commentators: Prof. Yutaka Sakuma (IAS)

Mr. Ryuichi Kato (Vice President, JICA)

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20 : 25 - 20 : 30 Closing remark (Prof. Yuichi Sasaoka, Director of IAS)

Language English (Consecutive interpretation FR to EN available during Q&A)

Registration Send email to Institute for African Studies (africanstudies@meiji.ac.jp) and to Ms. Sayoko Uesu (s-uesu@grips.ac.jp), stating your name, title and organization by 27th Nov (closing date). An invitation email will be sent to you on 30 November. Questions and comments (only English) will be taken via Q&A function during the webinar.

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