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Understanding Armed Group Proliferation in the Eastern Congo

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A record of a series of public lectures that took place at Juba University in December 2014.



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An analysis of the two polities' political evolution, their competing political visions and those living in between them.



Following Mobile Money in Somaliland

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Les Banyamulenge: Insurrection et exclusion dans les montagnes du Sud-Kivu

Ce rapport examine les Banyamulenge, communauté Tutsi congolaise se trouvant au coeur des multiples conflits dans l'est de la RDC. *Also in English.*



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THE INSTITUTE

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The Rift Valley Institute (RVI) is an independent, non-profit organization, founded in Sudan in 2001 and currently working in Eastern and Central Africa. The aim of the Institute is to advance useful knowledge of the region and its diverse communities, bringing a better understanding of local realities to bear on social and political action.

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Staff and Fellows of the RVI are drawn from Eastern and Central Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas. The body of Fellows includes practitioners and researchers in human rights, government, history, anthropology, political science, development economics, conservation, news media and law. There are RVI offices in Kenya, South Sudan, Hargeysa, the US and the UK. The Institute is registered as a charity in the UK (Charity No. 1144401).

Funders and partners

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The Rift Valley Forum for Research, Policy and Local Knowledge

The Forum is a venue for critical examination of political, economic and social issues in Eastern and Central Africa where researchers, practitioners, officials and activists—from the region and beyond—meet on equal terms. It is supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The Usalama Project / *Projet Usalama*

This field-based research project aims to examine armed groups in the eastern DRC. Conducted together with Congolese NGOs, the project promotes research, public information and peace education. Its second phase is part of the Political Settlements Research Programme funded by DFID (www.politicalsettlements.org).

Contested Borderlands

Peoples living on international borders in Eastern and Central Africa have long-established links with each other, complicated by war and changing boundaries. The Contested Borderlands series examines the historical and contemporary features of these communities.

Research Capacity Building

The project, conducted in partnership with the University of Hargeysa and Puntland State University, aims to train Somali researchers and generate research on the Somali regions and their communities that will inform development policy.



South Sudan Customary Authorities

The project supports ongoing research with chiefs, exploring their history, role and relationships with communities and the state.

Hargeysa Cultural Centre

Opened in 2014 by RVI's partner, the Redsea Cultural Foundation, the Centre promotes culture as a pillar of reconciliation, recovery and development, where artists, young and old, from throughout the Horn of Africa can engage with Somali culture and society.



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Sudan Open Archive (SOA)

SOA (www.sudanarchive.net) is a database of historical and contemporary books and documents, created with the assistance of Sudanese institutional partners and support from UNICEF, UNEP and others. It is also available as an external hard drive.

National Archive of South Sudan

Documents that were scattered and suffered serious damage during the North-South civil war are being reordered and digitized under the direction of the South Sudanese Ministry of Culture.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

RVI offers in-depth courses on the countries and subregions of Eastern and Central Africa.

Annual field courses

The courses are designed for aid workers, peacekeepers, researchers, business executives and diplomats. Taught by scholars and activists from the region and leading international specialists, they offer a dawn-to-dusk programme of lectures, seminars and panel discussions.

Great Lakes Course, June 2016

The Great Lakes Course will be held from 11 to 17 June 2016. The course examines past and current developments in Rwanda, Burundi and the DRC. The Directors of Studies will be Jason Stearns and Yolande Bouka. The course is in English and French, with simultaneous translation.

Sudan and South Sudan Course, June-July 2016

The RVI Sudan and South Sudan Course covers all areas of Sudan, South Sudan, and the borderlands between them. The course will be held from 25 June to 1 July. The Directors of Studies will be Douglas H. Johnson and Guma Komey.

Horn of Africa Course, July 2016

The course covers Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Northern Kenya. The 2016 course will take place from 9 to 15 July. The Directors of Studies will be Laura Hammond and Michael Woldemariam.

Customized training courses

The RVI also offers bespoke training courses in Nairobi, London and elsewhere. It has organised in-depth induction courses for a range of international organisations including the UK FCO, UNDP, UNICEF and DFID.