

# Expert Workshop on “Resource Sector Reform and Human Security”

Landau, 18-19 July 2019



# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION



Poor governance of natural resources is increasingly acknowledged as a risk to sustainable peace and development. Where natural resource extraction and trade has played a significant role in maintaining levels of violence, peacebuilding and state-building strategies are often to ensure that the governance of natural resources is legal, transparent and beneficial to lasting peace. However, these measures rarely take into account the socio-political and socio-economic consequences of natural resource governance on the wellbeing of individuals and communities involved in and affected by natural resource extraction.

The **expert workshop** 'Natural Resource Sector Reform and Human Security' hence seeks to address the question of how changes in natural resource governance impact those most affected by resource policies and resource extraction, both artisanal/small-scale and industrial/large-scale. A special focus of the workshop will be the introduction of an analytical lens of human security in order to investigate the impacts of natural resource governance on people's security, livelihoods and wellbeing. With its seven dimensions (economic, food, environmental, health, personal, community, political) a human security approach allows for a comprehensive analysis of the intended and unintended impacts of reforms in natural resource sectors.



The workshop brings together scholars with related but diverse foci on (inter-)national **forest and mineral governance** in order to discuss the implications of natural resource governance on human security. The workshop will provide a forum to facilitate academic exchange on current research related to natural resource governance, human security and peacebuilding. Participants are given the opportunity to present and discuss some aspects of their work, to exchange research interests and to identify opportunities for future collaboration.

The international expert workshop ‘Natural Resource Sector Reform and Human Security’ is linked to **two research projects**, both situated at the Peace Academy Rhineland-Palatinate of the University of Koblenz-Landau: ‘*Natural Resource Governance and Human Security in Post-Conflict Societies*’ funded by the **German Foundation for Peace Research**, and ‘*Transforming Conflict-Economies: Natural Resource Sector Reform and Human Security*’, funded by the **Gerda Henkel Foundation**.

Both projects investigate the human security impact of reform interventions that target natural resource governance. A particular focus lies on societies that have experienced armed violence sustained mainly by proceeds from the extraction and trade in primary commodities, and where these same resources continue to play a major role in the national economy and peacebuilding prospects after the cessation of hostilities. The two cases chosen for the projects are diamond sector governance in Sierra Leone and Liberia as well as forest sector governance in Liberia.

## THURSDAY, 18 July 2019

09:30	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
09:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction Round</b>
10:15 - 11:45	<b>A Human Security Perspective for (Conflict) Resource Governance</b>
	<b>Sascha Werthes, Christina Ankenbrand &amp; Jan Grabek:</b> From a Human Security Perspective: The Security-Development Nexus in Resource-Rich Developing Countries <i>Including Exploratory Session:</i> Observations from the Field: Human (In-)Security in the Context of Natural Resource Governance
	<b>Janpeter Schilling:</b> A Local to Global Perspective on Resource Governance and Conflict
11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Sustaining Ecosystem Services and Managing Forest Use Conflicts</b>
	<b>Maxi Domke:</b> Balancing Conservation and Livelihood for Rural Stabilization: Challenges and Potentials Based on Cases from the Global South
	<b>Mirjam Ros-Tonen:</b> Governing Insecurities in Ghana's Forested Landscapes
13:00	<b>Joint Lunch (&amp; Group Foto)</b>
14:15 - 15:15	<b>Destabilizing Effects of International Interests in Forests</b>
	<b>Jude Kimengsi:</b> Institutional Arrangements, Conflict and Sustainable Transboundary Natural Resource Management Regimes in Central Africa
	<b>Yue Zhao:</b> Wood Flows Under Political Crisis – A Case Study of Rosewood Exports from Madagascar to China
15:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30 - 17:15	<b>Mechanizing and Formalizing Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM): Human Security Challenges</b>
	<b>Film by Roy Maconachie:</b> Voices From the Mine: Artisanal Diamonds and Resource Governance in Sierra Leone
	<b>Roy Maconachie &amp; Felix Conteh:</b> Reconceptualizing Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Sierra Leone: Changing Labour Relations, Mechanization and Implications for Human Security
	<b>Filipe Calvão &amp; Catherine McDonald:</b> Formalization, Flexibility, and Freedom: Human Security and ASM Work in Angola and DRC
17:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
17:30 - 18:15	<b>Summing up the Day</b> Reflections and Q&A Session
19:00	<b>Joint Dinner</b>

## FRIDAY, 19 July 2019

9:30 - 10:30	<b>Governmental and Corporate Strategies to Prevent and Overcome Resource Conflicts</b>
	<b>Susanne Mulbah:</b> Evaluation of a Social License to Operate (SLO) and Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) from a Local Perspective
	<b>Lena Partzsch:</b> Public Supply Chain-Related Laws: The Case of 'Conflict' Resources and the DR Congo
10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 - 12:15	<b>Human Security Impacts of Natural Resource Extraction after Armed Conflict</b>
	<b>Michael Beevers:</b> Transforming 'Conflict Resources' into 'Peace Resources': Lessons for Human Security from Liberia and Sierra Leone
	<b>Jan Grabek:</b> Human Security as Benchmark of Post-Conflict Forest Sector Reform Processes and External Intervention: The Case of Peacebuilding in Liberia
	<b>Christina Ankenbrand:</b> Natural Resource Governance and Human Security in Post-Conflict Societies: Diamond Sector Reform in Liberia and Sierra Leone
12:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Working Group Session</b> Exchange of Further Research Interests and Ideas for Collaboration
13:30 - 14:00	<b>Wrap-up</b> Showcase of Open Issues, Research Questions and Ideas for Collaboration
14:00	<b>Joint Lunch</b>

Thursday, 18 July **A Human Security Perspective for  
10:15 – 11:45 (Conflict) Resource Governance**

**From a Human Security Perspective: The Security-Development Nexus in Resource-Rich Developing Countries** [10:15 – 11:15]

*Including* Exploratory Session: Observations from the Field: Human (In-)Security in the Context of Natural Resource Governance

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‘Bad’ governance of natural resources is not only acknowledged as being linked to human insecurity and civil conflict but also has become part of the general debate on the security-development nexus. This acknowledgment has sparked reform measures as part of post-conflict peacebuilding strategies and development agendas. For example, Liberia’s and Sierra Leone’s ‘conflict resources’ timber and diamonds have motivated the international community to enact temporary trade bans and international trade regulation efforts. At the same time, the two countries were compelled to and aided in enacting a variety of regulatory and legal reforms targeting their respective resource sectors.

A widely held assumption is that these transformative efforts were and are motivated by the anticipation of adverse effects of ‘bad’ natural resource governance (the resource curse), which could lead to a re-occurrence of violent conflict. However, studies evaluating the success of reform strategies predominantly focus on the administrative performance and observable outcomes at the macro-level, potentially neglecting impacts on the individual and collective (human) security of affected communities.

The warm-up presentation will review some of the findings and implications of the discourse on the security-development nexus and introduce the audience to the idea of using an analytical human security perspective as a way to cluster and assess field observations on (conflict) resource governance.

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It is argued that current approaches of resource sector reforms in developing and (post-)conflict societies fall substantially short of positively influencing human security for communities affected by or engaged in resource extraction. In fact, current reform modes as part of peacebuilding or good governance efforts highlight that the governance transition processes can be flawed and might even generate and reanimate political instability and increased levels of human insecurity, which these reforms were to overcome in the first place.

**Keywords:** Human security, natural resources, governance, conflict, peace, peacebuilding



### **A Local to Global Perspective on Resource Governance and Conflict with a Case Study from North Kenya [11:15 – 11:45]**

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In this presentation we try to advance the debate on natural resource governance and conflict by bringing together three different strands of literature with the aim of developing a local to global framework. First, we review and identify research gaps in the literatures on (1) the resource curse, (2) environmental security and (3) the large-scale acquisition of land and natural resources. Second, we address the previously identified research gaps by developing a local to global research perspective and a corresponding analytical framework. Third, we apply the framework to a case study in north Kenya to explore the benefits and externalities of oil and wind exploitation for the local communities. In the final section of the presentation, we highlight some policy implications.

**Keywords:** Conflict, resource governance, local, global, resource curse, environmental security, land grabbing, Kenya, oil, wind

Thursday, 18 July    **Sustaining Ecosystem Services and  
12:00 – 13:00    Managing Forest Use Conflicts**

**Balancing Conservation and Livelihood for Rural Stabilization:  
Challenges and Potentials based on Cases from the Global South**  
[12:00 – 12:30]

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Climate hazards, population growth and mismanagement of natural resources accelerate the problem of environmental degradation leading to food insecurity and social conflicts. To break the circle, actions are required that leads to positive ecological as well as socio-economic outcomes. Building on the socio-ecological co-evolution model, this contribution demonstrates how different management approaches under various environmental and socio-economic contexts can achieve or derail conservation agenda and socio-economic needs of the forest-dependent rural communities.

In the first part, the Ethiopian case of area closures as protected area mechanism is presented. As common pool resource activity, area closures ideally lead to environmental rehabilitation under community participation. Based on secondary literature review and empirical data, socio-economic, social and political factors are assessed that support but also hinder efficient and sustainable area closure management in Ethiopia. Findings show that under different management and livelihood settings the performances of area closures vary. Benefits for livelihood support and community empowerment are sparse. The governance of area closures is not clearly determined due to fragmented institutional settings, impeding information flow and a holistic implementation. The risk for continuous degradation and land use conflict potential persists.

In the second part, the presentation explores conceptual linkages and potentials between natural resources and socio-economic needs from three additional case studies on community-based natural resource management from Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia. It sheds light on how sustainable management of natural resources can improve well-being of rural people by securing a sustainable flow of

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ecosystem services including products and services. It elucidates the importance of collective action in natural resource conflict management, favoring policy conditions and strengthening social institutions and multi stakeholder dialogue by fostering trust, social cohesion and equity at local level.

In conclusion, we argue that integrating co-evolutionary perspectives through the lens of tropical forestry and natural resource management into the development and conflict discourse is essential in understanding pathways towards rural stabilization and resource conflict transformation. We call for further multidisciplinary investigations and empirical evidence to ground the proposed conceptual assertion.

**Keywords:** Social-ecological co-evolution model, common pool resources, community-based management, multiple case study design, sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia



### **Governing Insecurities in Ghana's Forested Landscapes** [12:30 - 13:00]

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Ghana's forested landscapes are under increasing pressure due to illegal chainsaw logging, expansion of tree crops such as cocoa and oil palm, small-scale mining and climate change. This leads to a number of 'insecurities' related to conflicts over contested resource claims, livelihoods, tenure and food provision. This paper reviews the four major threats to Ghana's forested landscapes and asks how the resulting 'insecurities' can best be governed. Results show a fragmented governance response, with policies and measures being implemented from sectorial silos. The paper proposes an integrated landscape approach as a form of negotiated governance among the stakeholders involved to address the conservation-development trade-offs and insecurity challenges. This requires stakeholders to identify and work from a common concern entry point to achieve sustainable and inclusive development at landscape level. The proposed solution requires flexibility and the will of governance actors to work beyond existing jurisdictions.

**Keywords:** forested landscapes, insecurities, governance, integrated landscape approaches, Ghana

Thursday, 18 July    **Destabilizing Effects of International  
14:15 – 15:15    Interests in Forests**

**Institutional Arrangements, Conflict and Sustainable Transboundary  
Natural Resource Management Regimes in Central Africa**

[14:15 – 14:45]

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The Central African Region, home to the Congo Basin Forest ecosystem, is replete with several natural resources (e.g. forests, wildlife, minerals and land), which serve as a point of attraction for diverse and conflicting actors, institutions and practices. Institutional conflicts linked to political interests, resource access rights, conservation agenda, and the need to secure livelihoods for the poor are common. This has necessitated the establishment of transboundary natural resource management regimes. A classical example is the Tri-National Dja-Odzala-Minkébé (TRIDOM), a transboundary arrangement which covers Cameroon, Congo and Gabon. Despite its landscape management orientation, country-specific and inter-state institutional mechanisms regulating access to, and the use of natural resources are overlapping. This represents a (potential) conflict source and contributes to stalling progress towards the sustainable management of the biodiversity rich TRIDOM Landscape. Through a review of institutional reports, complemented by key informant interviews (state, civil society and community actors), we diagnose resource interests and use conflicts for diverse actors (state, community, traditional institutions, bridging organizations), and their links to gaps in institutional arrangements. We further analyze case-specific conflict manifestations and their implications for peace, human security, and sustainable natural resource management in the Landscape. We conclude that efforts to improve the access, use and management of transboundary resources in the TRIDOM needs to begin by: (i) clarifying actual and potential conflicts emanating from diverse stakeholders and their interests, (ii) identifying state-specific and inter-state institutional conflicts, (iii) investigating pathways to craft future institutions to improve

transboundary resource management and guarantee sustainable peace in the TRIDOM landscape. These interconnected issues require urgent scientific and policy attention.

**Keywords:** TRIDOM, transboundary resources, conflicts, peace and human security, management regimes, Central Africa

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**Wood Flows Under Political Crisis – A Case Study of Rosewood Exports from Madagascar to China [14:45 – 15:15]**

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The collapse of Madagascar's biodiversity – that includes unique endemic species - has been led by rapid and uncontrolled forestland conversion dynamics. More specifically, the development of agricultural expansion exacerbated by population growth is identified as the major driver of forest loss. However, the informal and overexploitation of rosewood has become a prime example of how illegal logging can accelerate the destruction of forest ecosystems while increasing social inequalities (unbalanced benefit-sharing, cronyism, elite capture, rent seeking, etc.) in a country like Madagascar embedded in recurring political crises. During the post-Ravalomanana political crisis, the situation of illegal logging and related illicit trade were particularly alarming. Evidence revealed that 625 containers of rosewood were shipped mostly to the Chinese market in 2009. Building on these facts, the aim of this research is to scrutinize how does a political crisis context affect wood trade and export from Madagascar? We use a combined qualitative and quantitative methodology that includes expert interviews, literature review and timber trade statistical analysis. The findings show that 1) under the political crisis in 2009, the major destination of Madagascar's timber suddenly shifted from France to China; 2) the illegal logging system of rosewood species in Madagascar mainly benefited Malagasy political elites, local dealers and Chinese tropical wood market operators. The gap in timber legality's definition in forest or trade legislations between producer and customer countries can drive deforestation and illegal logging in producer countries, especially in those in the tropics like Madagascar with poor state bureaucracies and rule of the law systems.

**Keywords:** illegal logging, China-Africa, politics, wood trade, globalisation, inequality

Thursday, 18 July  
15:30 – 17:15

**Mechanizing and Formalizing Artisanal  
and Small Scale Mining (ASM):  
Human Security Challenges**

**Film - Voices from the Mine: Artisanal Diamonds and Resource Governance in Sierra Leone** [15:30 – 16:15]

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Diamond mining is Sierra Leone's most lucrative export industry, with annual production of up to \$US 250 million, but only a fraction of this wealth returns to the diamond fields. 'Voices from the Mine', a 33-minute documentary by Dr Roy Maconachie from the University of Bath's Centre for Development Studies, and Simon Wharf from our Computing Services' Audio Visual Unit, documents the path that artisanal diamonds follow from mine to market, offers insiders' perspectives of the challenges of formalising the sector, and explores why exploitation continues to persist at the bottom of the chain. The film touches on a variety of resource governance themes, and offers testimony from stakeholders both in Sierra Leone and Antwerp, Belgium, one of the world's oldest and most established diamond trading hubs. The film, which is based on two years of fieldwork in Kono District, Sierra Leone, was produced with funding from Humanity United.



**Reconceptualizing Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Sierra Leone: Changing Labour Relations, Mechanization and Implications for Human Security [16:15 – 16:45]**

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Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) - low-tech, labour intensive mineral extraction and processing - provides a major source of direct and indirect employment for millions of poor people across resource-rich West Africa. However, as alluvial mineral deposits have increasingly become 'worked out' in recent years, new methods of extraction are commonly being employed. In the case of Sierra Leone, ASM has become increasingly mechanized, with the use of heavy machines in the sector outpacing the development of laws and policies aimed at regulating them. Drawing on two years of field-based research undertaken in Kono District, this paper explores changing labour relations in ASM, and critically analyses the imperatives driving the mechanization of the sector, as well as their implications for human security. It argues that a wide range of factors – including dwindling alluvial diamond deposits, unreliable geological data, availability of foreign capital, weak law enforcement and short-term economic gains on the part of the government – are driving mechanization, in the process having dramatic environmental and human security challenges in mining communities. The paper contends that unless actors are able to establish a delicate balance between the need for the use of machines in the sector, and the wellbeing and security of communities whose existence depends on mining, the mechanization of ASM represents a major long-term challenge to both human security and stability.



**Formalization, Flexibility, and Freedom: Human Security and ASM Work in Angola and DRC [16:45 – 17:15]**

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The formalization of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) has long been a contentious issue in addressing poverty alleviation and human security throughout much of Sub-Saharan Africa. Historically, violence over artisanal miners at the hands of security and state forces has been a common reminder of the industry's attempt to control the 'irregularity' of ASM economies, normalizing the violence of a precarious life that is always at the threshold of what is free and unfree. Recently, however, from Angola to the Democratic Republic of Congo, the drive toward ethical mineral sourcing and due diligence mechanisms has imposed new dynamics of control to seize the potential of unregulated economies.

This paper examines two contrasting outcomes borne out of the formalization of ASM economies in Angola and DRC. In Kolwezi, DRC, government and corporate initiatives have sought to address human security through the formalization of the cobalt mining sector under the aegis of corporate-led cooperatives and flexible labor regimes. In Lunda, Angola, the 2018 state-led Operation Transparency has resumed a postcolonial trajectory of repression over unregulated economies, singled out as threatening actors by mining companies and the state. Ironically, we suggest, these contrasting dynamics have generated conditions that may work against the global aspirations of ethical and responsible mining work. First, in opposition to informal ASM, flexible labor and corporate mining become the legal condition for resource extraction. Second, extracted resources bypassing official channels are categorized as 'illegal,' further legitimizing or exacerbating the repressive action of states and private stakeholders. Examining the divergent experience of ASM work across these two regional mining economies, following decades of violence and war, holds important lessons for the study of human security.



Friday, 19 July  
9:30 – 10:30

**Governmental and Corporate Strategies to  
Prevent and Overcome Resource Conflicts**

**Evaluation of a Social License to Operate (SLO) and Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) from a Local Perspective [09:30 – 10:00]**

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The paper argues that a FPIC process ought not to be idealized to promote 'indigenization', nor should it be instrumentalized for a corporate whitewash. To manage social and political risks extractive industries apply concepts such as Social Licence to Operate (SLO) and a Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC). In the academic literature as well in practice the SLO and the FPIC are rarely addressed together, although their objectives and even normative tenor are overlapping. To address this gap in the literature the paper presents a conceptual comparison of the SLO and the FPIC concepts. Drawing from a large-scale land acquisition filed case from West Africa the paper explores the applicability of the SLO and FPIC and their utility to a company and affected communities. The findings are based on a long-term ethnographic field research and participatory observations. The analysis applies a local to global perspective and hence unbundles the roles of a state, a company, NGOs and communities. The paper makes an important contribution by providing empirical evidence to support the notion that a FPIC implementation invites heightened social performance requirements in extractive industries. Henceforth, the operationalization of FPIC needs to move beyond indigenous rights discourse and requires engagement with legal and regulatory framework, social science and political economy.

The paper is structured as follows. First the paper presents the concept of a SLO and a FPIC and provides a comparison of their guiding principles. Next the paper outlines a large-scale land acquisition case, in which the FPIC was systematically implemented and excessively documented. Lastly, the focus here is on the pre-requisites necessary to facilitate a successful engagement with local communities. A field implementation of FPIC requires legal and socio-political pre-requisites to alleviate a potential social risk, avoiding exacerbating underlying grievances, and creating new conflicts.

**Keywords:** resource governance, social license, land acquisition, free prior informed consent, extractive industries, conflict

**Public Supply Chain-Related Laws: The Case of ‘Conflict’ Resources and the DR Congo [10:00 – 10:30]**

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There is a new trend toward public supply chain-related laws. These domestic laws demand information from importers regarding the environmental and social circumstances of production in foreign countries. For example, companies face regulatory requirements regarding illegal logging in their supply chains when importing timber (products) to Australia, the EU and the United States. The EU also followed the US Dodd-Frank Act Section 1502 and introduced mandatory ‘due diligence’ checks on importers of tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold (3T&G) to stop the financing of armed groups through the trade of these minerals, in particular, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Based on literature review, document analysis and semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders, I discuss this ‘return of the state’ against the backdrop of three power dynamics in global supply chains, i.e. power shifts to the private sector in the era of globalization (hypothesis 1), asymmetries between Northern consumers and Southern producers (hypothesis 2) and ‘normative’ or ‘ethical’ power in International Relations (IR) (hypothesis3). While we can observe an ongoing struggle regarding the implementation of the new public supply chains laws, there is first evidence that they might be effective in preventing conflict financing in the DRC.



Friday, 19 July  
10:45 – 12:15

**Human Security Impacts of Natural  
Resource Extraction after Armed Conflict**

**Transforming ‘Conflict Resources’ into ‘Peace Resources’: Lessons  
for Human Security from Liberia and Sierra Leone [10:45 – 11:15]**

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This presentation compares the decade-long efforts to address natural resources after the armed conflicts in Liberia and Sierra Leone. It shows how international peacebuilders in both countries pursued a strategy to transform ‘conflict resources’ into “peace resources” vis-à-vis a policy agenda that emphasized securitization and marketization. Although the worst of the resource plunder is indeed over, it suggests a skewed approach to natural resource governance has recreated the conditions that historically produced contention and violence around resources and runs the risk of exacerbating tensions. It also draws attention to the ways in which narratives about the links between natural resources, armed conflict and peace framed the policy agenda and brought to the forefront certain interventions but ignored others. The presentation concludes with practical recommendations for strengthening natural resources governance for peace and human security in Liberia, Sierra Leone and beyond.



**Human Security as Benchmark of Post-Conflict Forest Sector Reform Processes and External Intervention: The Case of Peacebuilding in Liberia** [11:15 – 11:45]

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From a perspective of conflict studies, the human security concept reinforces grievance-based explanations for civil strife as caused by a nexus of adverse socio-economic circumstances and politico-economic structures. Therefore, if changing that nexus is perceived as the desired technical result of peacebuilding and development interventions, the human security concept can be used to inform and benchmark related efforts. Liberia's post-conflict recovery is a perfect example, since its civil wars typically have been connected to greed and predatory timber extraction, which in turn can be connected to decreases in human security, too. This presentation sketches a contrasting juxtaposition between socio- and politico-economic realities and the resulting significance of forests to human security in Liberia on the one hand, with post-conflict forest sector reform interventions and the structure of the international tropical timber trade on the other. The goal is to highlight serious mismatches that affect the human security bottom-line and thus prospects for sustainable peace in Liberia at a time when civil unrest is on the rise there. The presentation closes with a call for further human security guided attempts at integrating critical peacebuilding theory, structural perspectives on development, as well as studies of land systems change and socio-ecological systems for peacebuilding in heavily forested, conflict-affected and post-conflict countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Keywords:** Forest Sector Reform, Liberia, Human Security, Critical Peacebuilding, Socio-Ecological-Systems, Land Systems Change, Structural Development Perspectives, Sub-Saharan Africa



**Natural Resource Governance and Human Security in Post-Conflict Societies: Diamond Sector Reform in Liberia and Sierra Leone**  
[11:45 – 12:15]

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Peacebuilding and state-building strategies today increasingly feature reforms of natural resource sectors that strive to ensure that the management of natural resources is legal, transparent and beneficial to lasting peace and development. However, these legal and regulatory reforms are often oriented towards the state level. They rarely take into account the impacts of natural resource governance on the well-being of individual humans and communities affected by natural resource extraction. This paper investigates the effects of governance reforms in natural resource sectors through a lens of human security. A human security approach is able to take into account the intended and unintended consequences of reform programs and their impact on vulnerable populations. Based on extensive field research, this paper investigates and compares the human security implications of diamond sector reform in post-conflict Liberia and Sierra Leone. Investigating various changes in diamond sector governance in both countries, we argue that they have not had any significant impact on the human security of artisanal mineworkers or local communities in mining areas.

**Keywords:** Natural resource governance, human security, Liberia, Sierra Leone, diamonds, post-conflict, artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), large-scale mining (LSM)



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