



# Plural Security in the City

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## Thank you for joining us!

The University of Amsterdam, the Conflict Research Unit of Clingendael Institute, and the Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law are co-hosting a knowledge event on the potential for constructive local engagement of plural security provision at city level. The event will enable academics, policymakers and practitioners to share experiences and discuss policy-relevant insights on innovatively meeting the challenge to effective urban governance posed by non-state security providers.

### Context

More than 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by state fragility and violent conflict. Urbanization is rapidly transforming these countries: while only 33% of the population in such states lived in cities in 2000, that figure will soar to 56% by 2050. In the cities of the Global South, violence is an increasingly important obstacle to the achievement of development progress. An array of non-state coercive actors offer local populations a form of order, especially (but not exclusively) where the state is absent, or its presence deleterious to citizen security. Across the Global South, but in fragile and conflict-affected states particularly, these non-state actors are the primary providers of security for most people in most circumstances.

Some non-state actors are characterized by a level of legitimacy, local ownership, effectiveness, proximity, and cost-effectiveness that renders them a feasible alternative to state security provision; many are prone to human rights violations, perverse interface with the state, and inversion of security outcomes. Generally, they are unlikely to deliver long-term positive security outcomes for citizens. The state remains an important instrument for advancing security as a public good. This is especially true of local government: it is closer to citizens, more inclined toward non-coercive policy responses to insecurity, and benefits from economies of scale in achieving collective action and resource mobilization.

Yet, interest in the capacity of non-state actors to deliver citizen security has grown among policymakers and academics frustrated by the failure of fragile and conflict-affected states to establish an effective monopoly of legitimate violence. This event brings together experts to discuss a variety of empirical cases and explore the current frontier of knowledge and practice on plural security provision in the city.

### Objectives

The knowledge event will offer academics, practitioners and policy makers a platform to present and discuss empirical cases of plural security provision at the city level, raising the visibility of the topic as a key issue for security in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. By provoking debate and allowing for divergence, the event will explore the current frontier of knowledge and practice on plural security provision in the city.



## Program

Session 1: Panel Presentations & Discussion		
09:30 -10:00	Reception	
10:00 -10:15	Welcoming remarks	Anna Gouwenberg   Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law Rivke Jaffe   UvA
10:15 -10:40	Opening keynote: security provision in fragile and conflict-affected states	Etannibi Alemika   University of Jos
10:40 -11:50	Panel presentations: original site-specific research, and reflections on previous research through the lens of plural security provision	Bruce Baker   Coventry University Alice Hills   Durham University Juan Salgado Ibarra   CIDE Rivke Jaffe   UvA
11:50 -12:45	Moderated discussion	Etannibi Alemika and session 1 panelists
12:45 -14:00	Lunch	
Session 2: Open Roundtable Discussions		
14:00 -14:15	Introduction to afternoon session	Megan Price   Conflict Research Unit, Clingendael Institute
14:15 -16:00	Ignite talks by guest experts at each table after which participants can circulate between table discussions	Gregory Sloane-Seale   Ministry of National Security, Trinidad & Tobago Bianca Jinga   UK Department for International Development Peter Albrecht   Danish Institute for International Studies
16:00 -16:35	Plenary reconvenes, tables report back	Session 2 guest experts
16:35 -16:45	Closing keynote: key points for the day with regard to implications for policy	Gert Kampman   Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
16:45 -17:00	Announcement & closing reflections	Megan Price   Conflict Research Unit, Clingendael Institute
17:00	Informal drinks	

## Contributing experts

**Peter Albrecht** is Senior Analyst at the Danish Institute for International Studies, working as practitioner and academic. Before his current position, he was a security sector development adviser to the UN Mission in Somalia, consultant for the International Security Sector Advisory Team in Sierra Leone, technical adviser on community policing to the Access to Security and Justice Programme in Sierra Leone, Governance, and Conflict Adviser in the UK's Stabilization Unit and Senior Program Officer in International Alert. His main areas of research include studies around the state, authority and order-making in hybrid contexts as well as security sector reform and state-building.



**Etannibi Alemika** is professor of Criminology and Sociology of Law at the University of Jos, Nigeria. He earned his BSc. and MSc. in Sociology at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria); and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Criminology at the Centre for Studies in Criminology and Criminal Law, Department of Social Systems Sciences, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia (USA). His areas of interest are policing, organized crime, security sector reform and governance, conflict studies, and criminal justice policy and reform.

**Bruce Baker** is professor of African Security at Coventry University, UK. His research and publications cover African policing, security and justice reform, local justice and governance. His last book, *Security in Post-conflict Africa: The Role of Non-State Policing* (CRC Press 2009) won the American Society of Criminology's Prize for Best Book in Comparative and International Criminology 2010. He has undertaken research and consultancies in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, Seychelles, Liberia, South Sudan, Comoros, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Afghanistan.



**Alice Hills** joined Durham University as professor of Conflict Studies in 2013. Before joining Durham she was professor of conflict and security at the University of Leeds, where her research and teaching focused on security governance in fragile states, counter-insurgency in cities, and the relationship between security and development. The core of her research is to develop a comparative framework for analyzing why police forces evolve as they do, and what explains their interaction with governments, militaries and societies in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Rivke Jaffe** is associate professor at the Centre for Urban Studies and the Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam. She has conducted anthropological fieldwork in Jamaica and Curacao on environmentalism, urban space and the politics of difference, and has recently completed a research project on the governance role of criminal organizations in Jamaica. Rivke is currently leading a major research program on public-private security assemblages in Kingston, Jerusalem, Miami, Nairobi and Recife, studying how urban governance changes through hybrid forms of security provision.





**Bianca Jinga** is governance adviser on National Defense and Security with the Department for International Development's Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department (UK). Her latest country posting was in Afghanistan as Deputy Head of the Governance Reform Group. Her previous assignments include *inter alia* working as Political Adviser to the NATO Senior Civilian representative to Afghanistan, Reporting Officer with the EU Integrated Rule of Law mission in Kosovo, and Political Affairs Officer with the UN Mission in Kosovo. Previous expertise covers security sector reform in Eastern Europe and democratization in South Caucasus.

**Gert Kampman** is Deputy Director & Head Human Security Cluster at the Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid Department at The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been working for the Ministry of Foreign affairs in various positions since 1989, including as Deputy Head of Mission at The Netherlands Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, and Deputy Civil Representative at the Dutch Task Force Uruzgan in Afghanistan.



**Juan Salgado Ibarra** is professor at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics' (CIDE) Legal Studies Department. He obtained a PhD on police reform at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and holds an LLM in Human Rights from the University of Essex, UK. Juan Salgado has coordinated human rights, non-violent conflict resolution and public security research projects in Mexico, Europe and Africa. His main research lines are the assessment of police reform initiatives; police accountability; civilian oversight of law enforcement; budgeting for public security; the role of police officers in small-scale drug trafficking and rights-based approaches to police reform.

**Gregory Pelham Sloane-Seale** has coordinated the Citizen Security Program at the Ministry of National Security of Trinidad & Tobago since 2006. This program has as one of its main objectives the reduction in levels of crime and violence in specific "high needs" communities. Gregory has been working with and on behalf of "at risk" youth at community level for over 26 years. Gregory held various positions at the Trinidad & Tobago YMCA. He has also worked throughout the Caribbean region partnering with UNICEF's Xchange Project which focused on reducing youth related crime and violence. Over the years he has been on many multi-sectoral committees and Civil Society Boards with a focus on children, youth, gender and community issues.





## Background

The **University of Amsterdam's SECURCIT research group** is based in the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies and the program group Governance and Inclusive Development. SECURCIT's research, funded by the European Research Council and the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, studies how citizenship is being reconfigured through hybrid forms of security governance, focusing on public-private 'security assemblages'.

The **Conflict Research Unit (CRU)** is a specialized team within the Clingendael Institute, based in The Hague. CRU directs its efforts toward conducting applied, policy-oriented research and developing practical tools that assist national and multilateral governmental and non-governmental organizations in their engagement in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

The **Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law ('the Platform')** is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It convenes an international network of the most qualified practitioners, policy-makers, academics and private sector representatives in discussing issues of security and rule of law in fragile and conflict-affected states. It promotes knowledge exchange and identifies, defines and answers pressing research questions with the aim of underpinning Dutch development policy and its implementation; thereby contributing to its effectiveness. The Secretariat of the Platform is run jointly by The Hague Institute for Global Justice and the Conflict Research Unit.



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