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**Research and Program Activities**

**Rick Hooper Distinguished Fellowship for International Peace and Security**

The establishment of a new fellowship at IPI was announced on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Funded by a generous donor, the fellowship is in honor of Richard M. Hooper, UN diplomat and Middle East expert who died at age 40 on August 19, 2003, in the terrorist bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. The first recipient of this fellowship is Walter Kemp, Director for Europe and Central Asia at IPI's Vienna office.

**Recent Publications**

**[Termites at Work: Transnational Organized Crime and State Erosion in Kenya](#)** *Policy Paper by Peter Gastrow*

For many developing countries and fragile states, transnational criminal networks constitute a direct threat to the state and have the potential to undermine its very foundations. This policy report examines whether Kenya faces such a threat and is the result of a year-long study undertaken by Peter Gastrow, IPI's Director of Programs. His detailed research findings will also be published in a forthcoming comprehensive report.

**[The UN Security Council and Conflict Prevention: A Primer](#)** *Policy Paper by Paul Romita*

In the wake of increased attention to conflict prevention in the UN system in recent years, this report provides a primer on the UN Security Council's conflict-prevention activities and suggests ideas for improving its work in this area.

**[Know Your Enemy: An Overview of Organized Crime Threat Assessments](#)** *Issue Brief by Mark Shaw*

As part of IPI's Peace without Crime project, this issue brief considers the history of organized crime threat assessments, the process in which they have been produced and used, and their application to postconflict and fragile states.

**Recent Events**

**[Working Lunch with 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Tawakkol Karman](#)**

*October 21, 2011 – Working Lunch (closed)*

Tawakkol Karman of Yemen spoke candidly with senior UN officials and member state representatives at IPI about the popular uprisings in the Arab world, and particularly the volatile situation in Yemen.

### **The State vs. Organized Crime in Kenya: A Reality Check**

*October 4, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event (Nairobi, Kenya)*

Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga spoke at a policy forum on the issue of transnational organized crime. The event in Nairobi, co-organized by IPI and the Africa Centre for Open Governance, was held to launch Peter Gastrow's report, *Termites at Work*, on transnational organized crime in Kenya.

### **Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World**

*October 4, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Award-winning journalist Robin Wright discussed the changing Islamic world and her new book, *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World*, at IPI's Beyond the Headlines event.

### **Lifblood: How to Change the World One Dead Mosquito at a Time**

*October 11, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Launch of a book by Alex Perry, *Time* Magazine's Africa bureau chief, featuring the central figure in the book, Ray Chambers, a Wall Street multimillionaire and civic philanthropist who led a two-year campaign to eradicate malaria and is now Ban Ki-moon's Special Envoy for Malaria.

### **Welcome Reception for New UN and Permanent Mission Staff Members**

*October 13, 2011 – Evening Reception*

IPI held a reception in honor of the new staff members at the permanent missions, UN Secretariat, and UN agencies with whom IPI works closely.

### **Protection of Children in Armed Conflicts: Complementary Approaches to Engaging Nonstate Armed Groups**

*October 13, 2011 – Expert Roundtable (closed)*

Co-organized with Geneva Call, experienced practitioners discussed different approaches to engaging nonstate armed groups on the protection of children from the effects of armed conflict.

### **Strengthening Regional Security Cooperation and Capacity in South Asia: What Role for Civil Society in Countering Terrorism?**

*October 17 and 18, 2011 – Expert Roundtable (closed)*

A workshop co-organized with the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation explored the potential for greater engagement of civil society in preventing and combating terrorism in South Asia.

### **Roundtable in Kuala Lumpur on the Southeast Asian Contribution to UN Peacekeeping**

*October 17 and 18, 2011 – Expert Roundtable (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)*

Part of the *Being a Peacekeeper Series*, an IPI joint initiative with the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, this regional roundtable was also co-organized with the Asia-Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence (Australia) and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia.

### **Transnational Organized Crime: Considering Options for Enhancing International Law-Enforcement Cooperation**

*October 19 and 20, 2011 – Expert Roundtable (closed)*

An off-the-record roundtable discussion addressed issues relating to the future of international law-enforcement cooperation and transnational organized crime.

### **Environmental Migrants: Climate Change and Human Migration**

*October 24, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Speakers discussed future challenges of migration and displacement posed by environmental change. The event was sponsored by the governments of Portugal and Germany and feeds into both states' efforts to address the effects of climate change within the Security Council.

### **Mitigating Vulnerabilities of Women and Children in Armed Conflicts in Africa**

*October 24 and 25, 2011 – Expert Roundtable (Dakar, Senegal)*

IPI, in partnership with the African Union Peace and Security Department and Femmes Africa Solidarité, held a two-day expert meeting in Dakar on the African Union Panel of the Wise report, "Mitigating Vulnerabilities of

Women and Children in Armed Conflicts,” with the aim of formulating recommendations for African leaders.

### **Implications of the Arab Uprisings for the OSCE–Mediterranean Dialogue**

*October 25 – Workshop (IPI Vienna)*

This workshop looked at the implications of the Arab uprisings for the OSCE–Mediterranean dialogue and discussed new possibilities for partnership.

### **Accountability and Fact-Finding Mechanisms for Violations of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law: The Role of the Security Council – Past and Future**

*November 1, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Co-organized with the Permanent Mission of Portugal, the workshop coincides with the November 9<sup>th</sup> Security Council open debate on the Protection of Civilians.

### **Transition Compacts: Lessons from UN Experiences**

*November 2, 2011 – Seminar (roundtable)*

Seminar organized by the International Peace Institute in collaboration with the United Nations and the OECD International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF). IPI presented its study on UN experiences with the first generation of compacts, based on case studies of the UN's role in the development and implementation of compacts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Liberia, Sierra Leone, the DRC, and Timor-Leste.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Palestinian Refugees in the Arab Spring: A Forgotten Constituency?**

*November 4, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Filippo Grandi, Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), will share his experiences and discuss the challenges ahead for Palestinian refugees in the wake of the Arab Spring. (Click [here](#) to view invitation)

### **Crowdsourcing and Conflict Prevention**

*November 9, 2011 – Expert Roundtable*

The discussion will center on the use of crowdsourcing for collaborative conflict prevention, and will examine how such systems can strengthen national and local infrastructures for peace.

### **Report Launch of *Interagency Coordination in the Event of a Terrorist Attack Using Chemical or Biological Weapons***

*November 10, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

IPI and the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Poland, are launching a CTITF report on mitigating and responding to a possible nuclear or radiological terrorist attack. (Click [here](#) to view invitation)

### **UN Peacekeeping in Africa: From the Suez Crisis to the Sudan Conflicts**

*November 10, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Launch of a new book by Adekeye Adebajo, Executive Director for Centre for Conflict Resolution in Cape Town, which reviews fifteen UN peacekeeping operations in Africa, examining domestic, regional, and external factors that shaped their outcomes. (Click [here](#) to view invitation)

### **Tunisia and Egypt: The Way Forward**

*November 16, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Novelists Khaled al-Khamissi from Egypt and Kamel Riahi from Tunisia have been active participants in the Arab Spring uprisings and will apply their literary lenses to provide unique insights into the historical events unfolding in their countries.

### **Conversation with Ahmed Maher on the Egyptian Uprising**

*November 17, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

Ahead of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> elections in Egypt, IPI is hosting prominent Egyptian youth activist Ahmed Maher for a conversation on the current political situation and the aspirations of young people in this revolution of expectations. Maher, the founder of the April 6 Youth Movement, has been playing a leading role in the political mobilization of youth through the deployment of new technologies and social networking platforms.

## **Fighting Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: International Cooperation and Challenges Ahead**

*November 18, 2011 – Public-Affairs Event*

The Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) will have its semiannual meeting in New York, which will be chaired by the Netherlands, to discuss various aspects of tackling piracy. (Click [here](#) to view invitation)

### The Global Observatory

#### **Analysis**

[Rock the Casbah: Rage, Rebellion, and the Counter-Jihad](#), by Marie O'Reilly

[Zambia's Presidential Election: A Referendum on China's Investment](#), by Mireille Affa'a-Mindzie

[Rights of Terrorist Victims May Become Bigger UN Focus](#), by Ann Wright

[New Report Shows Kenya's Institutions Undermined by Crime](#), by Jill Stoddard

[Yemen at a Dangerous Political Impasse](#), by Abdullah Alsaïdi

[Survey Shows 60% of Haitians Support Troubled Peacekeeping Mission](#), by Grant Gordon and Lauren Young

[The Turkish Model—An Unfinished Foreign Policy Paradigm](#), by Joshua W. Walker

[Nobel Peace Prize: Aspirations is the New Trend](#), by Francesco Mancini

[Africa at Center of Council's Debate on Security Sector Reform](#), by Arthur Boutellis

[Liberia's Presidential Elections: Shoring Up a Fragile Peace](#), by Marie O'Reilly

[Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy](#), by Till Papenfuss

[Arab Writers Beyond Censorship](#), by Jose Vericat

#### **Interviews**

[Interview with Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate](#), by Nur Laiq

[Interview with Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP](#), by Vanessa Wyeth

[Interview with Ali Dayan Hasan, Pakistan Director, Human Rights Watch](#), by Ann Wright

[Interview with Dr. Sarah Cliffe, World Development Report](#), by Rachel Locke

[Interview with Joseph Chamie: Population and the Seven Billionth Person Milestone](#), by Francesco Mancini

[Interview with Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury](#), by Francesco Mancini

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