



Conflict Research Group Public Lectures Series

THE LONG EMERGENCY?

Causes, aspects and perspectives of the Horn of Africa crisis.

This summer, images of drought, famine and people queuing for food aid in the Horn of Africa have reappeared on television screens and in newspapers worldwide. Across large parts of the region, livestock are dying in huge numbers because they cannot get water and pasture. The international community and celebrities launch aid appeals in a crisis that is compounded by conflict in Somalia and the presence of terror groups supposedly linked to Al-Qaeda. But are this crisis in the Horn of Africa, and the local as well as international response to it, something new? What are the causes, and what is really at stake? Through a series of four public lectures by scholars, journalists and aid professionals with substantial experience in the region, the Conflict Research Group proposes to look beyond the headlines and emotions.

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Programme

Thursday, 13 October 2011

'Here we go again...' Framing and explaining the Horn of Africa 'crisis'

Simon Levine, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute

Auditorium E (Faculteit Politieke en Sociale Wetenschappen),
Universiteitsstraat 8 (blue gate)

Tuesday, 25 October 2011

The crisis caravan: what's wrong with humanitarian aid?
An examination with regard to Somalia and the Horn of Africa

Linda Polman, journalist on conflict and development issues for
NRC Handelsblad, The Guardian, Volkskrant and The Times

Filmzaal Plateau (complex Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid), Paddenhoek 3

Thursday, 10 November 2011

Looking beyond relief. Food security and food sovereignty in
the complex emergencies of the Horn of Africa

Luca Alinovi, Food and Agriculture Organisation in Somalia

Auditorium D (Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid), Universiteitsstraat 2-4

Tuesday, 22 November 2011

Security, development and the geopolitics of humanitarian disaster in
Eastern Africa

David Anderson, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford

Auditorium D (Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid), Universiteitsstraat 2-4

All lectures start at 19:00 and take place at Ghent University.
The lectures are in English. The entrance is free.

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