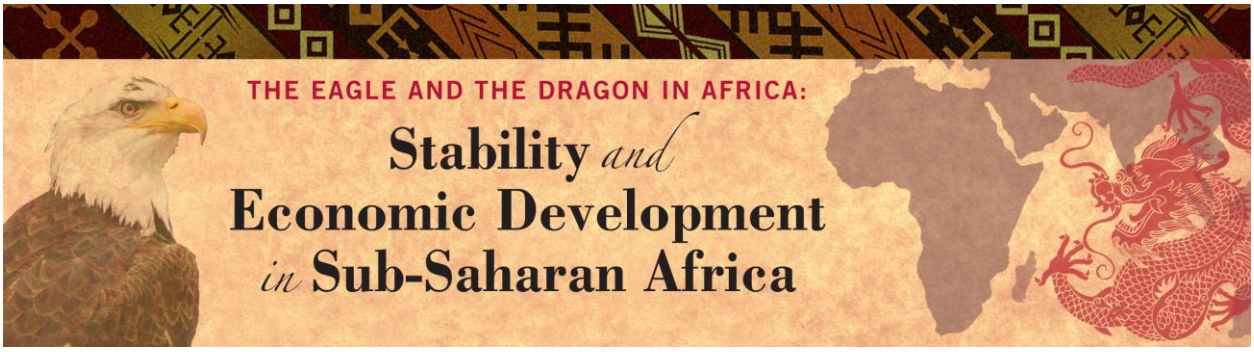

The Eagle & the Dragon in Africa: Stability and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

Virginia Military Institute – Center for Leadership and Ethics – Marshall Hall - Lexington, Virginia

Thursday, 3 November & Friday, 4 November 2011

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11:30 am Registration and Buffet Lunch

1:00 pm **Opening Session**

- **Welcoming Remarks**
  General J. H. Binford Peay III, U.S. Army (Retired), Superintendent, Virginia Military Institute
- *Keynote Remarks*
  - **Ambassador Vicki Huddleston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa in the Office of the Secretary of Defense**
  - **Todd Moss, Ph.D., Vice President for Programs and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development**

2:25 pm *Panel One:* **Africa's Interest: What the U.S. and China mean for Africa's Development**

Chair: Donald L. Sparks, Ph. D., Professor of International Economics, School of Business Administration, The Citadel

- Her Excellency Sheila Siwela, the Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the U.S.
- Soji Adelaja, Ph. D., Professor, Land Policy, Director of the Land Policy Institute, Michigan State University
- *Discussant: Narcisse Tiky, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Residence, University of Connecticut at Storrs and Research Associate, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University*

4:00 pm *Panel Two:* **U.S. and Chinese Interest in Africa: Competitors or Collaborators?**

Chair: Charles Horner, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

- Raymond Gilpin, Ph. D., Associate Vice President, Sustainable Economies Centers of Innovation, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Howard Sanborn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, International Studies and Political Science, Virginia Military Institute
- Yun Sun, Visiting Fellow, Center for Northeast Asia Policy Studies, Brookings Institution
- *Discussant: Ambassador Priscilla A. Clapp (Retired)*

5:30 – 7:30pm **Reception – Cultural Music and Marketplace from Sub-Saharan Africa** *(extra registration)*
Mamadou Diabate, kora master musician, 2009 Grammy Award Winner

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7:45 pm *Keynote Remarks*
Major General Donald Christopher Leins, Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs (Africa), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5

Friday, 4 November

8:00 am Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am *Panel Three:* **U.S. Approaches to Sustainable Development in Africa**
Chair: Paul Hebert, Ph. D., Winner of the Jonathan M. Daniels Humanitarian Award, VMI 2011

- Christopher LaMonica, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Comparative Politics, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- Lieutenant Colonel Nancy Jean-Louis, U.S. Army , U.S. Africa Command Military Representative, USAID
- *Discussant: Aaron Tesfaye, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, William Patterson University*

10:00 am *Panel Four:* **War & Peace in Africa**
Chair: Ambassador Louis J. Nigro, Jr., (Retired), Ph. D., Former U.S. Ambassador to Chad, 2007-2010

- Reuben Brigety, Ph. D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, U.S. Department of State
- Colonel James Hentz, Ph. D., Professor and Chair, Department of International Studies, Virginia Military Institute
- *Discussant: Anna-Linn Persson, Senior Civilian Observer, MONUSCO / UNPOL / Joint Monitoring Teams*

11:00 am *Panel Five:* **China and U.S.: Strategic Relationships with Africa**
Chair: Hongchu Fu, Ph.D., Professor of Chinese Language & Literature, Chair, Dept. of East Asian Languages & Literatures, Washington and Lee University

- Ian Taylor, Ph.D., Professor, School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, U.K.
- Colonel Tom Sheperd, U.S. Army, Director of African Studies, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College

12:00 pm **Luncheon: Keynote Speaker**
Ambassador Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, U. S. Department of State

1:30 pm *Panel Six:* **U.S. and China in Africa: Advancing the Diplomatic Agenda**
Chair: Colonel Hentz, Virginia Military Institute

- J. Peter Pham, Ph. D., Director, Michael S. Ansari Africa Center, Atlantic Council
- David Shinn, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

2:45 pm *Panel Seven:* **Chinese Approaches to Sustainable Development in Africa**
Chair: Yoon Jung Park, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Rhodes University

- Deborah Bräutigam, Ph. D., author, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa* (Oxford University Press, 2009)
- Joseph Riley, Jefferson Scholar, University of Virginia, Class of 2013

4:30 pm Parade - VMI Corps of Cadets