The Somali Modern Nation-State’s Rise, Failure, and Reconstruction

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Somalia is an example of a complete collapse of a nation state. Many scholars have argued that Somalia embodies one of postcolonial Africa's worst mismatches between modern state structures and indigenous customs and institutions. This conference brings together scholars to discuss the rise and fall of Somalia, as well as options for the state’s reconstruction.

Convened by Rahma Abdulkadir Research Fellow in Residence of Social Research and Public Policy, NYUAD

9:00-9:30 AM
Coffee & Registration

9:30-10:00 AM
Opening Remarks
Ivan Szelenyi NYUAD
Ken Menkhaus Davidson College

10:00-11:30 AM
SESSION I: State Reconstructions After Communal Violence
Session Chair: Tobias Hagmann University of California Berkeley, University of Zurich
Lidwien Kapteijns Wellesley College
Gunther Schlee Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Fowsia Abdulkadir Carleton University

11:30 AM-12:00 PM
Break and Refreshments

12:00-1:30 PM
SESSION II: State Failure & Rebuilding: Revisiting the Regional Question
Session Chair: Lidwien Kapteijns Wellesley College
Faisal Roble Institute for Horn Africa for Social Studies and Affairs
Tobias Hagmann University of California Berkeley, University of Zurich
Mohammed M. Seid Lawyer and Human Rights Researcher

1:30-2:30 PM
Lunch

2:30-4:00 PM
SESSION III: Clan Borders Post State Collapse in Somalia
Session Chair: Faisal Roble Institute for Horn Africa for Social Studies and Affairs
Benjamin Powell Suffolk University
Markus V. Hoehne Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Abdurahman M. Abdullahi Independent Researcher specializing in Modern Islamic History

6:30-8:30 PM
Distinguished Lecture: A Bottom-Up Approach to the Rebuilding of Somalia: The Azania Case
Intercontinental Hotel Auditorium, Abu Dhabi

Mohamed Abdi Gandhi President of Azania, Somalia

Moderated by
Ken Menkhaus Davidson College

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