



**NOREF-FORD FOUNDATION-SAIIA Seminar on  
Human Rights, Emerging Powers and International Governance:  
Civil Society Actors and Transnational Advocacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Day 1 venue: SAIIA Hall, Jan Smuts House, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg**

**Day 2 venue: Boardroom, Ford Foundation, 1, 9th Street, Rosebank, Johannesburg**

**DRAFT programme**

<b>Day 1: Monday 12 May 2014</b>		
14:30-15:00	<b>Arrival and registration</b>	
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Welcoming Remarks:</b> Framing the discussion	Steven Gruzd, SAIIA Louis Bickford, Ford Foundation Mariano Aguirre, NOREF
15:30 – 18:00	<b>Opening Public Panel - Human Rights, Emerging Powers and International Governance: Civil Society Actors and Transnational Advocacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>  Objective: to provide an overview of the current situation with regard to human rights and peacebuilding and the role played by emerging powers. <i>How</i> and <i>when does</i> human rights interface with foreign policy debates? Is human rights even a factor? When is it a factor, how much weight is being attached to human rights within the foreign policy arena?	Panel members:  The discussion will include an exploration of how human rights issues are being addressed or not being addressed by emerging powers (what is working and what is not working)  Moderator: Steven Gruzd, SAIIA  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camila Asano, Conectas Brazil</li> <li>• Ted Piccone, Brookings Institution</li> <li>• Varun Sahni, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> <li>• Nicole Fritz, Southern Africa Litigation Centre</li> </ul>
18:00-19:00	<b>Reception</b>	

<b>Day 2: Tuesday 13 May 2014</b>		
	<p><b>NOTE ON FORMAT:</b> This is intended to be a highly participatory discussion, so there are no formal panels or presentations. In lieu of panels, each session will have a few "conversation-starters" who will be expected to give very short (5-minute) introductory remarks intended to provoke discussion. Conversation-starters should of course resist the temptation to provide a comprehensive presentation or a summary of the field, but rather consider launching 2-3 concise points for discussion and debate. Moderators should focus on keeping the conversation moving.</p>	
08:30-09:00	<b>Arrival and coffee</b>	
9:00-9:10	<b>Welcome to Ford Office: Achmat Dangor, Forde Foundation representative</b>	
09:10-11:00	<p><b>Session 1 -- Global Trends</b></p> <p>This discussion will focus on global trends as seen from different perspectives. The basic questions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are we witnessing significant global changes in terms of civil society advocacy for human rights/peacebuilding in foreign policy arenas?</li> <li>2. What are the implications of these changes, from your perspective? What are the challenges and opportunities?</li> </ol> <p>The panel will include perspectives of Government, international NGOs, Bilateral agencies, the UN, etc.</p>	<p>Moderator: Nicolette Naylor</p> <p>Conversation starters (5 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welile Nhlapo, DIRCO</li> <li>• Philippe Dam, Human Rights Watch</li> <li>• Mariano Aguirre, NOREF</li> <li>• Piers Pigou, International Crisis Group</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	<b>Tea</b>	
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Session 2 -- Diving deeper: Examples from the field</b></p> <p>This discussion will examine the current state of foreign policies of emerging powers, with reference to human rights, conflict, and peacebuilding, in very specific cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Africa</li> <li>• Latin American states</li> <li>• Sri Lanka</li> <li>• BRICS</li> </ul> <p>Objective: What has been the role of NGOs (national, regional, international) and other civil society actors (universities, think-tanks, research centres) in pressuring or assisting governments in terms of their foreign policy engagements? How do we define "success" in this arena? What are the challenges and gaps?</p>	<p>Moderator: Janet Love</p> <p>Conversation starters (5 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sivu Maqungo, ISS</li> <li>• Santiago Canton, Robert F. Kennedy Center</li> <li>• Monica Herz, BRICs Policy Centre</li> <li>• Ram Manikkalingam, Dialogue Advisory Group</li> <li>• Varun Sahni, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00-16:00	<p><b>Session 3: The way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can civil society/NGOs (national, regional, international) and universities/think-tanks play a constructive role in strengthening foreign policy responses to human rights crises and conflict?</li> <li>• How can transnational advocacy strategies contribute? When are they appropriate and useful?</li> <li>• Where do we hope to see change in the future in terms of improved human rights and peacebuilding outcomes in the medium and long term?</li> </ul>	<p>Conversation starters (5 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mzukisi Qobo, University of Pretoria</li> <li>• Patrick Bond, Centre for Civil Society</li> <li>• Camila Asano, Conectas Brazil</li> <li>• Deprose Muchena,</li> </ul>

	Objective: To consider practical strategies for engagement with foreign policy. What role can/should NGOs play? Universities? Think-tanks? Where are the challenges and gaps in emerging international governance regimes? What civil society strategies are most appropriate to respond to these challenges and gaps?	Amnesty International <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Taylor, FAFO Institute of Applied Studies</li> </ul>
16:00-16:30	<b>Closing remarks – an informal close up in dialogue among the 3 organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariano Aguirre, NOREF</li> <li>• Louis Bickford, Ford Foundation</li> <li>• Steven Gruzd, SAIIA</li> </ul>