

# Youth Employment and Politics seminars

This webinar series will focus the themes of youth mobility, employment, rural livelihoods, politics, peace and security, and youth in humanitarian settings. The speakers will address both the 'histories' and 'futures' of youth by speaking to dynamics before and during the pandemic and making observations on its implication.

**23 February | 13:00 to 14:30**

## Youth mobility, security and livelihoods in West Africa and the Horn

**Speakers:** **Dr. Jesper Bjarnesen**, Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden; **Dr. Dorte Thorsen**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Dr. Adamnesh Atnafu Bogale**, Addis Ababa University.

**Discussants:** **Dr. Roy Huijsmans**, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), **Dr. Raffaele Bertini**, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

**Chair:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

**30 March | 14:00 to 15:30**

## Youth employment in Africa: Critical issues for job creation



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**Speakers:** **Dr. Phil Mader**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Dr. Louise Fox**, Brookings Institute; **Dr. Victoria Namuggala**, School of Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University, Uganda.

**Discussants:** **Azita Berar-Awad**, Graduate Institute Geneva, Chair of global research network on Youth Transitions; **Laila Bouallouch**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands.

**Chair:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

**13 April | 14:00 to 15:30**

## Youth politics: what to make of critical voices throughout the pandemic

**Speakers:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Dr. Nadine Sika**, American University, Cairo and **Prof. Emma Murphy**, Durham University. **Discussants:** **Dr. Danielle Resnick**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); **Rafiu Lawal**, UNOY lead for Central and West Africa, Nigeria.

**Chair:** **Dr. Dorte Thorsen**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

**7 May | 14:00 to 15:30**

## The battle of youth continues: Shifting the policy narrative from security to peace

**Speakers:** **Ali Altiok**, InterPeace and independent youth researcher; **Dr. Sofya Shabab**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Dr. Salvador Forquilha** (IESE). **Discussants:** **Cecile Mazzacurati**; UNFPA and Co-director of the UN YPS Coalition on youth, peace and security; **Shadi Rouhshahbaz**; United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY).

**Chair:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

**28 May | 14:00 to 15:30**

## Hard work and hazard: Youth and the rural economy in Africa



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**Speakers:** **Dr. Jim Sumberg**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Justin Flynn**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS); **Dr. Thomas Yeboah**, Bureau of Integrated Rural Development Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

**Discussants:** **Prof. Ben White**, Institute of Social Studies (ISS); **Dr. Allesandra Garbero**, Senior Economist, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). **Chair:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

**June (date and time TBC)**

## The need to respond to youth agency in humanitarian settings

**Speakers:** **Dr. Claudia Seymour**, Graduate Institute, Geneva; **Dr. Philip Proudfoot**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS). **Discussants:** **Malika Lyer**, The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP).

**Chair:** **Dr. Marjoke Oosterom**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

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