

INVITATION TO POLICY DIALOGUE DAY 2017

"From Knowledge to Action: Current Insights on Democracy, Governance and Armed Conflict"



Wednesday 10 May 2017, 10.00-17:00
(Wallenberg Conference Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden)

Keynote speaker:

Dr. Richard Youngs (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)

Introduction:

Dr. Pam Fredman, Vice-Chancellor (University of Gothenburg)

What are most important global changes in democracy, conflict and governance today, and what are their implications for promoting human development?

Is democracy in decline? If so, as we believe, in which areas are the most common declines? What do the latest findings say about current trends in armed conflicts? How has the nature and scope of conflict changed, and can we still expect that democratic institutions can help prevent it? Is corruption a source of "bad democracy" or the other way around, an outcome? Can you have "good government" without democracy? And how important is the state to human development outcomes? Has the state and democracy lost its meaning for citizens today? How do we best promote democracy, human rights, quality of government, and peace in today's changing environment?

The Policy Dialogue Day seeks to bridge the gap between analysis and practice. It will cover topics related to the most recent findings in the areas of democracy, conflicts, corruption, and local governance. This annual Policy Day continues to serve as a dialogue platform for practitioners and policy-makers, and academics.

Agenda

09.30	Registration & Coffee
10.00-10.30	Introduction & Keynotes
10.30-10.50	TBD – World Bank Report
10.50-10.55	Break
10.55-11.40	Scholars present findings in four tracks: Democracy. Topic 1 Governance. Topic 2 Local Development. Topic 3 Armed Conflict. Topic 4
11.40-11.45	Break
11.45-12.30	Sessions continue Democracy. Topic 5 Governance. Topic 6 Local Development. Topic 7 Armed Conflict. Topic 8
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Practitioners turn the tables: Democracy. Speakers: Per Nordlund (SIDA), Jerzy Pomianowski (EED) Governance. Speakers: TBD Local Development. Speakers: Endre Stiansen (UNDP), Varja Lipovsek (Twaweza) Armed Conflict. Speakers: TBD
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.00	Plenary session, reflections by Richard Youngs, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
16.00-17.00	Reception

Organizers

V-Dem is a new approach to conceptualizing and measuring democracy. Website: <https://www.v-dem.net/en/>

The QoG Institute conduct and promote research on the causes, consequences and nature of Good Governance and the Quality of Government. Website: <http://qog.pol.gu.se>

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