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John McCauley, Associate Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland
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M. Felix Tshisekedi, DRC Opposition leader “Rassemblement des Forces Politiques et Sociale”
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Gwen Ngwenya, Chief Operating Officer at the South African Institute of Race Relations
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Samuel Hickey, Professor of Politics and Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester
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Ivor Chipkin, Founding Director of the Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)
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Olivier Walther, Associate Professor of African Studies at the University of Florida
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**Brian Min**, Associate Professor and Research Associate at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan  
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“Assessing Trump’s Africa Policy, One Year Later: What are the Implications for Chinese Policy in Africa?”  
**Jijun Ran**, Fulbright Scholar with the SAIS African Studies Program  
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**Lee Ann Fujii**, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto  
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- **Daniel Eizenga**, University of Florida  
- **Paul Lubeck**, Johns Hopkins-SAIS  
- **David Throup**, George Washington University and JHU-SAIS  
- **Peter Lewis**, Johns Hopkins-SAIS  
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- **Ena Dion**, United States Institute of Peace  
- **Kamissa Camara**, PartnersGlobal  
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- **Leonardo Villalon**, University of Florida  
- **Roland Marchal**, Science Po and CNRS  
- **Matt Page**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
- **Y. Z. Ya’u**, Centre for Information Technology and Development (Kano)

"The Enigma of Boko Haram: Indigenous Islamist Movement or Global Jihadist Threat?“  
**Alex Thurston**, Assistant Professor of African Studies at Georgetown University  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

**Soji Adelaja**, John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy, Michigan State University  
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“The Disintegration of the Military Integration Process in South Sudan, 2006-2013”  
**Lesley Ann Warner**, PhD Candidate in War Studies at Kings College London  
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**Nicholas Wolpe**,  
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“Women and the War on Boko Haram”  
**Hilary Matfess**, Yale University  
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