



Speaker: **Christopher Day, Ph.D**

Topic: “Fates of Rebels: Insurgent Survival
and Demise in Africa”

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Topic Extract: Why do African rebel groups experience different fates in civil wars? Conventional approaches to insurgent organization and behavior are often preoccupied with causes and processes of warfare rather than its outcomes, and tend to focus on insurgents’ motivations for violence. I develop a comparative typology of rebel groups based on two structural factors found within their macro-political context: historical institutional relations with the state, which shapes rebel organization; and dependence on foreign regimes, which shapes the collection and use of resources. Each rebel type is associated with a contrasting fate: Survival through ongoing rebellion or a political settlement; or demise through implosion or defeat. I apply my comparative framework to insurgency movements in Uganda, Sudan, and Sierra Leone.

About This Speaker: Dr. Christopher Day is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. His research focuses on armed groups in sub-Saharan Africa. He previously worked in Africa for Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

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