

# Economics of statelessness

## Business and state formation in the Somali territories

How do people do business in a collapsed state? Does the absence of a functioning government facilitate or hinder trade and investment? And how do everyday economic activities influence state formation? This seminar brings together academics and practitioners who will debate the economics of statelessness in the Somali inhabited territories of the Horn of Africa.

The event marks the launch of the international research project 'Governing economic hubs and flows in Somali East Africa' (GOVSEA) (2014-2017) funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and hosted by Roskilde University.

15.00 Welcome and introduction (*Tobias Haggmann & Gorm Rye Olsen, RUC*)

15.10 Presentation of GOVSEA research project (*Finn Stepputat, DIIS*)

15.25 Panel discussion 'Somali economics of statelessness: past dynamics and future prospects'

*Emma Lochery*, PhD candidate, University of Oxford

*Ibrahim Mahmoud*, businessman, Kolding

*Peter Bøgh Jensen*, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Tobias Haggmann*, associate professor, RUC

Facilitation: *Jacob Rasmussen*, RUC

16.20 Questions and answers

16.45 Refreshments

*Participation is free and open to everybody. Register at: [lalini@ruc.dk](mailto:lalini@ruc.dk)*



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**Roskilde University, Klyngerum 25.1 - after entrance left**

