Colonial legacies, postcolonial 'selfhood' and (un)doing development in Eastern Africa

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The aim of this panel is to revisit the impact of colonialism on the postcolonial politics and development in Eastern Africa. The recent debate triggered by Bruce Gilley's case for colonialism published in the *Third World Quarterly*, and other related publications demand an intellectual engagement with the histories of colonialism, and its impact on postcolonial trajectories of development. That, colonialism inspired development in societies that embraced its modernity project and modes of governance has been extensively critiqued. This new political moment calls for a direct engagement with colonialism's legacy and the postcolonial condition of 'selfhood' and 'nation-statehood'. We would like to focus on Eastern Africa, and the Great Lakes regions that have experienced the violence of colonialism and multiple postcolonial anxieties that have resulted in some of the most brutal conflicts and need for transitional justice. Societies in this region, as repositories of rich cultural heritage and traditional wisdom, have demonstrated tenacity and political will to shape their destinies and to establish enduring relationships between citizens and the state and among different communities. We believe that the key to understanding the legacies of colonialism and of postcolonial 'selfhood'/ 'nation-statehood' is to engage with the multiple ways of (un)doing development. We hope that this panel will capture new and innovative research, using a variety of methodologies and epistemological positions, to demonstrate the contested terrain of development, its different dimensions and its relationship to colonial and postcolonial politics and society.

We welcome papers on any of the following themes:

- Colonialism and (un)development
- Postcolonial state building, citizenship and development
- Conflict, violence and development
- Transitional justice, peace and development
- Time and geographies of development
- International humanitarian assistance and development
- The development-security nexus
- Gender and development
- The East African Community, regionalism and development
- Indigenous/cultural development models and practices
- Critique of development