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Areas of interest

- African regional security
 - International peacekeeping
 - Peace building and the politics of post-war reconstruction
 - Women, Peace and Security
 - Youth, security and development
 - Security Sector Governance in Africa
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Educational and Professional Background

'Funmi Olonisakin, BSc (Ife), PhD (London), has been Director of the Conflict, Security and Development Group at King's College London, since 2003. Prior to this, she worked at the United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG/ CAAC), as Adviser on Africa. She has held research and visiting positions at the University of Lagos (Nigeria) and the Institute of Strategic Studies, University of Pretoria (South Africa). Funmi Olonisakin is an Associate Fellow of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and West African Regional Coordinator of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN). She is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces, (DCAF) and of the Advisory Board of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Training for Peace (TfP) Programme. She is also a Trustee of the Centre for Democracy and Development (UK and Nigeria), which she co-founded.

Current Research projects and “knowledge transfer” programmes

'Funmi Olonisakin has developed several research projects and established important linkages between CSDG research and key international and regional institutions including ECOWAS, African Union and the United Nations as key end-users of CSDG research. She recently completed a study of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, in collaboration with the International Peacekeeping Academy. She is Lead Investigator (with Professor James Gow) of a research project on *Militancy and Violence in West Africa*, funded by a grant from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). She also leads the

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research project, which is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Funmi Olonisakin initiated the

Peace and Security Fellowship Programme for African Women,¹

which was launched at King's College London in 2006 with support from the Sigrid Rausing Trust; and established the King's College London/ ECOWAS Mentoring Fellowships, designed to provide expert support to African regional organisations in 2007 also funded by DFID. Since 2003, 'Funmi Olonisakin has coordinated a CSDG programme on post-conflict reconstruction in Liberia, including a Training Seminar series for the Liberian National Legislature on Security Sector Governance, in partnership with the African Security Sector Network and the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).

Select Publications:

Books/ Monographs:²

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- 'Economic Fragility and Political Fluidity: Explaining Natural Resources and Conflicts' in Adekeye Adebajo and Chandra Sriram (eds.), *Managing Armed Conflicts in the 21st Century*

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- 'Arresting the Tide of Mercenaries in Africa: Prospects for Regional Control', in J.'K. Fayemi and Abdel-Fatau Musah (eds.), *Mercenaries and African Conflicts*, Pluto Press, 1999

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