

Odd Bedfellows, Sierra Leonean Diamonds and Ukrainian Arms
April 18-19, 2008
Columbia University, International Affairs Building Rm. 1501

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

- 8:45 - 9:15 am **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:15 - 9:30 am **Welcome Remarks**
Catharine Theimer Nepomnyashchy
Director, Harriman Institute
- 9:30 -11:30 am **Plenary Session One:**
Illicit Arms from Eastern Europe and the Role of Soviet Influence in Africa
Stephen Weigert, Intelligence Analyst, United States Department of State
Taras Kuzio, Professor, University of Toronto, Expert on Illicit Arms in Eastern Europe, Kuchma Era
Megan Tetrick, Student, SIPA, Columbia University
- 11:30 -1:30 pm **Plenary Session Two:**
The Diamond Trade and Lightweight Arms
Ambassador John Hirsch, Columbia University
Bernadette Graves, Intelligence Analyst, United States Department of State
Jameson DeBose, Graduate Student, American University
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm **Break for Lunch, Provided by Café 2115**
Sponsored by the Harriman Institute
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **Keynote Speaker**
Ambassador Bockari Stevens
Sierra Leone Embassy
- 4:15 - 4:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
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- 9:30 -11:30 am **Plenary Session One:**
Children as Criminals of War: Reconciliation and Rehabilitation
Mike McGovern, Professor, Anthropology Dept., Yale University,
Expert on War in West Africa
Pierce Lehr, J.D. Candidate, Valparaiso University Law School
David Wright and *Marcus Flinders*, J.D. Candidates, Valparaiso
University, Law School
- 11:30 -1:30 pm **Plenary Session Two:**
War Crimes: Atrocities and Obstacles
Sorious Samura, Sierra Leonean Journalist and Filmmaker
Sara Kendall, PhD. Candidate, University of California, Berkeley
- 1:30 - 2:00 pm **Break for Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Keynote Speaker**
Stephen Rapp
Prosecutor for President Charles Taylor Trial
Special Court for Sierra Leone
- 3:45 - 4:00 pm **Closing Remarks**