

## **Human Security and Stabilization in Afghanistan and Beyond: New Research**

**Tuesday, June 14 from 9:30 to 11:00am**  
Johns Hopkins SAIS  
Kenny Auditorium, Nitze Building  
1740 Massachusetts Ave, NW Washington, DC

### **Forum Details:**

Former director of the Counterinsurgency Training Center in Kabul COL John Agoglia will respond to new research on the impact of humanitarian, development and stabilization approaches in Afghanistan. Christian Dennys from the UK Defence Academy will present findings on what is and is not working to foster stabilization, reintegration and human security based on his 7 years of conducting quantitative and qualitative research in Afghanistan alongside Afghan colleagues. Peter Walker, Director of the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University, will summarize four streams of research on the differing perceptions of security and “hearts and minds” campaigns in Afghanistan between Peace keeping forces, Aid workers and Afghan villagers.

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### **Moderator and Respondent**

#### **Col John Agoglia**

Vice President for Government Services, IDS International

### **Speakers**

#### **Christian Dennys**

Researcher, UK Defense Academy and Cranfield University

#### **Peter Walker**

Director of the Feinstein International Center, Tufts University

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### **Speaker Bios:**

#### **Christian Dennys**

Christian Dennys is a Researcher at the UK Defence Academy / Cranfield University on Stabilisation. He has worked in Afghanistan for much of the last seven years after completing his first degree in Arabic and Persian. Since his first foray in to Afghanistan researching the impact of the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) programme in 2004-5 he has continued to research the functions, structures and support mechanisms of a range of armed groups in Afghanistan. He was formerly an advisor to the Office of National Security Council in Kabul and has worked on reintegration policy for the British Embassy in Kabul and has carried out several research and monitoring programmes on insurgent dynamics, reintegration and human security based on thousands of interviews across a dozen provinces in Afghanistan. Previously he worked for Oxfam and Amnesty International as their leads on research and policy work in Afghanistan.

#### **Peter Walker**

Peter Walker is the Director of the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University since 2002 and Rosenberg Professor of Nutrition and Human Security since 2007. Prior to this, he spent 25 years doing field work in humanitarian crises around the world. Dr. Walker played a major role in managing the relief response to the 1984-85 famine in the Sudan and subsequently relief and development programs in Ethiopia. Joining the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1990 Dr Walker was involved in needs assessment and evaluation missions in the former Soviet states, Iran, Pakistan, Former Yugoslavia, The Horn of Africa, Namibia, Malawi, Somalia and the Great Lakes region. Walker was instrumental in championing the need to professionalize the disaster response business, developing the global Code of Conduct for disaster relief workers and steering the development of the international Sphere standards, a major NGO and UN collaborative effort to develop universal competence standards in humanitarian assistance. In 1993 Walker

founded the annual World Disasters Report which has now become a standard reference text in the humanitarian business. He is Editor of the Journal of Humanitarian Assistance and a founding member of the International Humanitarian Study Association. His recent book, with Feinstein Center Faculty member Dr Dan Maxwell, *Shaping the Humanitarian World*, provides a robust history of humanitarianism linked to an inquiry into its future as a global venture. At the Feinstein Intentional Center Walker is actively involved in research examining the future global drivers of humanitarian crises, the effectiveness of international humanitarian systems and the creation of international professional accreditation systems.

### **Moderator and Respondent Bio:**

#### **Col John Agoglia**

Col John Agoglia (Ret) is Vice President for Government Services for IDS International. John leads and oversees the current programs and operations of IDS International. John was a career officer in the US Army and retired on January 31, 2011. His recent experience has focused on all aspects of counterinsurgency, stability operations, and civil-military relations. He served as the Director of the Counterinsurgency Training Center in Kabul Afghanistan and directed the U.S. Army's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute at the U.S. Army War College. John was also assigned to serve as US Central Command's (CENTCOM) liaison officer to US Civil Ambassador in Iraq, Paul Bremer, in addition to being part of the planning group that initiated the campaign plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom and CENTCOM's earlier plans for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. John is a 1980 graduate of the US Military Academy and holds a Master's degree in military arts and sciences from the US Army School of Advance Military Studies.

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