LOCAL POWERBROKERS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUILDING, 15TH FLOOR
ROOM 1501

11.00am-1.00pm Security Forces and Militias

Chair: Jesse Dillon Savage, Columbia University

Will Reno, Northwestern University, “The Impact of Statelessness on Militia organization and Behavior: Evidence from Somalia”

Sarah Zukerman-Daly, Stanford University, ”Demilitarization and Remilitarization of Illegal Armed Groups?“

Kimberly Marten, Barnard College and Columbia University, “Warlords and State-Building: Some Hypotheses, with Applications to Palestinian Security Forces”

2.30pm-4.30pm States and Powerbrokers

Chair: Tanisha Fazal, Columbia University

Jesse Driscoll, University of California, San Diego, “City Politics Without Proper Nouns? Research Challenges in Contemporary Somalia”

Paul Kenny, Trinity College Dublin, ”The Origins of Patronage Democracy: State Building amid Centrifugal Pressures“

Dipali Mukhopadhyay, Columbia University, ”Strongman Governance in the Afghan Provinces“

Jesse Dillon Savage, Columbia University, “Patrons and Proxies: Local Power-brokers and International Actors“

This event is part of the “Corruption and Patronage” core project. The project examines these issues both within Eurasian societies and comparatively, and asks a provocative question: do corruption and patron/client favoritism always impede progress, or instead are they a way to get things done in societies that lack well institutionalized legal systems?