Women and Power in Post-Conflict Africa:
Accounting for Unexpected Byproducts of Civil War

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The talk is based on a recently published book by Aili Tripp (Women and Power in Post-Conflict Africa, Cambridge University Press), which looks at gender-related consequences of the decline of major conflict in 16 countries in Africa over the past 20 years. She explains why post-conflict countries in Africa have significantly higher rates of women’s political representation compared with countries that have not undergone major conflict. She also looks at why these countries tend to have been more open to passing legislation and making constitutional changes relating to women's rights. Tripp shows how and why the post conflict countries have adopted a distinct trajectory compared with non-post-conflict countries, recognizing that from the point of view of activists, this trajectory is still too slow and fraught. The talk is based on comparative research across Africa as well as extensive fieldwork in Uganda, Liberia, and Angola.

Coffee, tea and sweets will be served.

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