

SEMINAR SERIES



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own packed lunch

The Clash of Corporate Responsibility and Asian Oil Security: India's National Oil Company in Sudan

SYNOPSIS

The 1990s witnessed a surge in international campaigning for corporations to improve their social and environmental impacts. The operations of extractives companies in resource-rich but impoverished, conflict-affected countries often came under fire. In Sudan, while western oil companies were leaving in face of activist campaigns condemning their activities due to the detrimental influence oil development on a long-standing civil war, Asian national oil companies were expanding their presence. Less under the spotlight and driven by the ever-rising demands for natural resources, such companies appear to be less amenable to civil society pressures. Has Asian oil security become a counter-weight to the corporate responsibility agenda? This seminar tackles this question by exploring the case of India's national oil company's presence in Sudan.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Luke Patey is a project researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies in Copenhagen. His research focuses on the rise of Asian national oil companies from China, India, and Malaysia, as well as the influence of oil development on civil war and the peace process in Sudan. His work has been published in *African Affairs*, the *Journal of Modern African Studies*, and *Third World Quarterly*.

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