

TECHNOLOGY, MOBILE PHONES AND PEACEMAKING IN AFRICA with Professor Paul Jackson

Tuesday 20th November 8 pm Lindisfarne House, 4 Barbourne Terrace, Worcester WR1 3JS

Mobile phones are a blessing and a curse. Instant communication for good or evil purposes. This presentation will look at unexpected benefits.



Mobile phones change the way work is done in conflict-affected countries. Mobile phone technology has changed the way millions of people work across the Global South and has opened up new avenues of research, monitoring of violence and reporting of peace-making as well as the better known economic aspects. Drawing on extensive field experience in Africa, this talk will look at the development of the

technology, including potential use of mobiles for research in areas otherwise impossible to reach.

Professor Jackson is Professor of African Politics in the International Development Department at Birmingham University. He is a political economist specialising in conflict and post-conflict reconstruction and is a Project Leader in Sustainable Redevelopment for the British Academy. He has published widely on African issues and is actively involved in government and international groups for conflict prevention and resolution. Paul is associated with Bromyard Road Methodist Church in Worcester.

All welcome - entry and refreshments free (coffee and cake) - optional donation - free parking.

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