

# The Sahel Research Group

Center for African Studies and Department of  
Political Science, University of Florida



Presents the conference:

## The Politics of Institutional Reform in Sahelian Africa

This conference examines the question of whether the politics of creating and reforming institutions in the name of democracy have weakened or strengthened states across the African Sahel. It is composed of six paper presentations and a concluding roundtable discussion by distinguished political scientists regarding their respective countries: Mauritania, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad and Mali. The presentations highlight the politics of institutional reform in each country, analyzing their effects on the coherence of the state in the era of democratization.

### Participants:

- Mahaman Tidjani-Alou, LASDEL and Université Abdou Moumouni, Niger
- Augustin Loada, CGD and Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- Ismaïla Madior Fall, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, Senegal
- Zakaria ould Ahmed Salem, Université de Nouakchott, Mauritania
- Lucien Toulou, EISA-Tchad
- Moumouni Soumano, Université de Bamako, Mali
- Leonardo A. Villalón, University of Florida

\*Translation will be provided for presentations in French.

**Thursday, February 21, 2013 Reitz Union meeting room 286**



### Schedule:

- 8:30 – Welcome and Introduction
- 8:45 – 10:00 • Mauritania and Senegal
- 10:15 – 11:30 • Burkina Faso and Niger
- 11:45 – 1:00 • Chad and Mali
- 2:30 – 4:00 • Panel Discussion:  
“Sahelian States in the Current Crisis:  
How Resilient are Institutions?”



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