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# Regional Development Issues: West African Sahel

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What is—and where is—the 'Sahel' (/sə 'hɛl/)? What development and peace-building challenges do communities face there? What initiatives are addressing these challenges? Who are the people and organizations making a difference in the region?

Drawing on over 20 years of contact with the region and ongoing research, political scientist Dr. Jon Sears will lead exploration of the 'nexus' of development and security, including: environmental impacts on livelihoods, insurgency and counter-insurgency, democratic governance and human rights, and religious and ethnic diversity.



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