In Pursuit of Peace and Security
The Role of Special Representatives of the UN Secretary-General and Their Relationship with the UN Security Council

A Seminar organized by the International Peace Institute (IPI) and the Research Project on SRSGs, Department of Political Science, Jena University, Germany at
IPI’s Trygve Lie Center for Peace, Security & Development, New York, NY

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9:00am-4:30pm

Agenda

9:00 – 9:15am Welcome and Introductory Remarks
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9:15 – 11:00am Panel 1: SRSGs as Agents of the UN’s work for peace and security
This panel will discuss the legal status, origin, and development of SRSGs as agents of the UN’s work in peace and security. Trend data from the Jena database on SRSGs will be presented and provide backdrop for discussion and introduction to the resources, opportunities, and restraints to their leadership.

11:00 – 11:30am Coffee Break

11:30am – 1:00pm Panel 2: SRSGs and their Principals
This panel will address the relationship and interaction of SRSGs with the members of the Security Council, troop-contributing countries, and other key stakeholders from member states. Findings from the IPI database on UN Security Council’s Resolutions in Civil War will illustrate trends and data of Security Council’s demands to parties involved in civil wars and the scope of mandates SRSGs have to implement.

1:00 – 2:15pm Luncheon Talk:
Being a Thematic SRSG

2:15 – 2:30pm Break
2:30 – 4:00pm  Panel 3: SRSGs and their Principles
This panel will discuss the relevance of the interplay between UN principles, challenges on the ground, and the personal convictions and strategic choices of SRSGs in carrying out their mandate. An academic comparison of different SRSGs, their respective conceptions of peace, and the implications for their work will start off the debate.

4:00 – 4:30pm  Summary