



Researching in areas affected by Political Violence and Humanitarian Crises

A PhD Master Class with Dr Alex de Waal

October 14, 2011

1:00-2:30

University Place 2.217

The *Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute* invites interested PhD researchers to take part in this unique session with Dr. Alex de Waal, who will offer an informal and candid discussion on his experiences of conducting research in areas affected by violence, conflict and natural disasters. Drawing on his breadth of experience in researching war, famine and disease across several African states, Prof de Waal will explore the ethical, methodological and political issues with which researchers are confronted. The session will end with a Q&A session in which students, along with Dr. de Waal, will be able to discuss their own research issues and dilemmas with the other participants with the aim of fostering constructive feedback on their research plans.

Alex de Waal is Executive Director of the World Peace Foundation and a research professor at Tufts University. During 2009-11 he served as senior advisor to the African Union High Level Implementation Panel for Sudan and Program Director at the Social Science Research Council. His academic research has focused on issues of famine, conflict and human rights in Africa.

Space for this event is limited Please email jenny.h.peterson@manchester.ac.uk to reserve a place