

The Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (shss.nova.edu)
and the Africa Conflict & Peace Network (APCN) invite you to an
interactive discussion: Monday, September 21, 2009 at 4:00 pm
Location: Room 2045 in the Maltz Building on the main campus of Nova
Southeastern University, Davie, FL 33314

Zimbabwe in Transition - Peacebuilding efforts and strategies

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(Peacebuilding practitioners visiting from Zimbabwe)

A Global Political Agreement was signed in September 2008 by the three major political parties in Zimbabwe. National healing is officially mandated by Article VII of the agreement. Zimbabwean society has been plagued through its pre and post liberation history by cycles of violence. Organized violence and torture are endemic and have impacted election processes, the effects of which have pervaded the psyche of the nation. If the resultant symptoms are not addressed, destructive social and political practices will likely remain prevalent.

What would peacebuilding strategies look like in this environment?

What impact would a process of healing have in a politically unstable environment characterized by mistrust and fear?

The discussion will examine grassroots peacebuilding initiatives in an economically depressed environment experiencing severe political tensions.

All are invited and welcome. Any further information on this event will be posted on africapeace.org, where you can also find resources about other African peace/conflict issues.

