

## GUEST SPEAKER

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### POWER AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

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Professor Samatar is a renowned professor of political and international studies. He is currently a Chair and James Wallace Professor of International Studies, Founding Dean of the Kofi Annan Institute for Global Citizenship, and Editor-in-Chief of *Bildhaan: An International Journal of Somali Studies*.

#### **Abstract of the lecture**

Many countries across the continent have made notable gains in the perpetual and Sisyphean struggle for wellbeing. Still, the acute imperatives of deep and lasting transformations of the material and intellectual dimensions of the continent and its people continue to be seminal. This lecture will bring into focus the two concepts of power and development in order to meditate on the assets and liabilities of the continent. The lecture will conclude with some reflection on how to engage the future with greater confidence buttressed by stronger mutual solidarity.

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