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New Politics of Africa Discussed in UNH International Seminar

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Julius O. Ihonvbere, program officer for the Governance and Civil Society Unit of The Ford Foundation's Peace and Social Justice Program, will discuss the dismantling of Africa as a political state Wednesday, April 3, at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theatre I, at the University of New Hampshire.

Ihonvbere's seminar, "Dismantling the Leviathan: Constitutionalism, Civil Society, and the New Politics in Africa," is the last in this year's New Hampshire International Seminar series, "Civil Society and Social Change in the Age of Globalization." The seminars are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

The recipient of the first Mario Zamora Memorial Award from the Association of Third World Studies, Ihonvbere also represents the association at the United Nations. An activist scholar, he is the current vice-chair of the United Democratic Front of Nigeria, a coalition of prodemocracy, nationality and human rights groups in North America and Europe.

In addition, Ihonvbere was professor of government at the University of Texas in Austin and also taught at the universities of Ife and Port Harcourt in Nigeria and Toronto in Canada. His most recent books include "Africa and the New World Order" and "Towards a New Constitutionalism in Africa."

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