Psychopathy is still a poorly understood concept. It is not specifically included in the D.S.M, but is nevertheless generally held to be an extreme form of Antisocial Personality Disorder. But how appropriate is the view that psychopathy is an extension of Antisocial Personality Disorder particularly when one considers the growing evidence of a) differences in the neurobiology of a psychopath and that of the so-called “normal individual” and, b) children born to a parent with psychopathic traits are “predisposed” to exhibit similar behaviours even when raised in a stable environment by foster parents.

Joseph Koney, the infamous War Lord, has publicly boasted that is able to go on fighting forever because Africa has unlimited children that he can use as soldiers. He has also boasted that he is creating a new race.

Professor Woods will draw on the results of recent neurobiological studies and his experiences working in African war zones (child soldiers vs Koney’s children) as well as with specialist police groups throughout the world to consider the possibility that psychopathy may be an evolutionary (devolutionary?) process.