

Third Global Transitions Conference, Hamburg 7-8th December 2017

Envisioning Peace | Transforming Conflict

Approximation to a Multilevel and Pluralist Approach

Preliminary Program

Venue: Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

December 7

Welcome (9.30)

Prof. Amrita Narlikar, GIGA President

Introduction (10-10.30)

Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach – No One Size fits All – a Global Approach to Peace

Coffee

Panel I: Concepts of Peace and Conflict Transformation (11-12.30)

What is our understanding of peace and conflict transformation? What are the advantages and disadvantages of narrow and broad concepts? Is peace a utopia, a continuum, or an incremental process? Is there an overlap between peace and other concepts such as harmony, justice, equality, development?

- **Prof. Paul F. Diehl**, University of Texas, Dallas
Peace: A Conceptual Survey
- **Prof. Anika Oettler**, Philipps University Marburg
Making Peace Work for All? Inclusivity in Current Trends in Research on Conflict Transformation
- **Prof. Marie Joelle Zahar**, Montreal University
Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding, Sustaining Peace: Beyond the ‘Alphabet Soup’

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Nadine Ansorg**, University of Kent

Lunch

Panel II: A Comparative Area Approach (14-15.30)

What are the core concepts relevant to envision peace and transform conflict across different cultural and historical regions? How are they related to social and political processes such as development, democratization, human rights, or participation?

- **Prof. Sorpong Peou**, Ryerson University, Toronto Canada
Ways of War and Peace from the East-Asian Experience
- **Dr. Emmanuel Kwesi Aning**, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Accra, Ghana.
Understanding hybrid forms of peace and conflict transformation in Ghana and Liberia
- **Dr. André Bank**, GIGA
In lieu of 'Peace:' Imagining Conflict Transformation in the Middle East.

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach**, GIGA

Coffee

Panel III: Indicators and Measures (16-17.30)

How can we identify or even measure important factors or patterns of peace and conflict transformation? Can we find common ground for comparative research across historical, cultural, and regional contexts?

- **Camilla Schippa**, Director Global Outreach Institute Economics and Peace, Sydney
Positive peace: a leading transitions indicator
- **Prof. Erik Melander**, University of Uppsala
Measuring Peace Across Time and Space
- **Dr. Almut Wieland-Karimi**, ZIF, Berlin
Navigating Towards Peace – What Practitioners Are Looking For.

Moderator and Discussant: **Prof. Michael Brzoska**, Hamburg University

Dinner

December 8

Panel IV: Conditions (9-10.30)

What are the main properties and qualities for securing or establishing peace and transforming conflict in a constructive way? What are the central actors, institutions, processes that need to be included theoretically as well as on the ground? What role is there for violence control, justice, and resources, topics that are very prominent in the debates on peace and conflict transformation.

- **Prof. Angelika Rettberg**, Universidad de los Andes
Beyond the Resource Curse: Variation in the Relationship Between Resources, Conflict, Crime, and Peace
- **Prof. Keith Krause**, Geneva International Graduate School
Violence Reduction in Different Contexts: Synergies or Silos?
- **Prof. Chandra Lekha Sriram**, University of East London
Beyond Transitional Justice: Peace, Governance and the Rule of Law

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Julia Strasheim**, Bundeskanzler Helmut Schmidt Stiftung

Coffee

Panel V: Building Peace and Transforming Conflict (11-12.30)

External actors support peace processes and conflict termination in many ways. They intervene to stop the killing, serve as mediators, monitor agreements, and finance reconstruction and peace-building. But what contribution can external actors make. how do they relate to developments on the ground? How can top-down and bottom-up processes be related? How can they support processes towards broader concepts of peace and conflict transformation?

- **Prof. Caroline Hartzell**, Gettysburg College
Can Power Sharing Help Foster Political Trust?
- **Matthias Stiefel**, Founder and Vice-Chair Interpeace, Geneva
Local approaches for peace and conflict transformation - the experience of Interpeace
- **Michael von der Schulenburg**, United Nations (retired)
Collective Security and the Search for Peace in Intrastate Armed Conflicts

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Christian von Soest**, GIGA

Wrap up and the way forward (12.30-13.00)

Lunch