

# Peacebuilding in Crisis?

## Experience and New Perspectives

International Symposium hosted by the German Foundation for Peace Research and the Centre for Democracy and Peace Research, University of Osnabrueck

January, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, University of Osnabrueck

**Abstract** The end of the Cold War was the starting point of renewed visions for a worldwide peace finding their expression in the Agenda for Peace (Boutros-Ghali) and other documents dedicated to the idea of creating a new world order. The 1990s saw a constant increase in international peace missions, predominantly led by the United Nations, whose mandates were more and more extended to implement societal and political transformations in post-conflict societies. However, in many cases these missions did not meet the high expectations and did not acquire a sufficient legitimacy

on the local level. This failure raised critical questions on the conceptual foundations, especially on the liberal blueprints, of peacebuilding practices. The International Symposium "Peacebuilding in Crisis? Experience and New Perspectives" analyzes the international state of the art of peacebuilding processes and discusses innovative approaches opening up new research perspectives on questions of building sustainable peace orders. Finally, it asks for the consequences that have to be drawn for various fields of international peace policies.

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

13.30 – 14.00

*Welcome and Introduction*

#### 14.00 – 18.00 Section 1: Peacebuilding Paradigms Revisited

14.00 – 15.15

*Key Note:*

*Paternalism in Peacebuilding: A Reconsideration*

Prof. Dr. Michael N. Barnett, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Discussion

15.15 – 15.45 *Coffee Break*

15.45 – 18.00 Panel 1

*Paper 1: From Liberal to Post-Liberal Peace*

Prof. Dr. Oliver Richmond, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, and Department of Politics, The University of Manchester

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**

**14.00 – 18.00 Section 1:  
Peacebuilding Paradigms Revisited**

*Paper 2: Peacebuilding and the Challenge of the Postcolonial International*

Prof. Dr. Vivienne Jabri, Department of War Studies, King's College London

*Paper 3: Peacebuilding: A Gendered Concept?*

Prof. Dr. Susanne Buckley-Zistel, Center for Conflict Studies, University of Marburg

Discussion

*Conference Dinner*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**9.00 – 12.30 Section 2:  
Peacebuilding in Practice: Successes,  
Failures & Unintended Consequences**

9.00 – 10.30 Panel 2, Part 1

*Paper 1: Democratization, Legitimacy and Peace: Lessons for Peacebuilding from the Practice of Democracy Promotion*

Dr. Jonas Wolff, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

*Paper 2: Transitional Justice and Reconciliation – Achievements and Shortcomings in Research and Practice*

Dr. Martina Fischer, Berghof Foundation, Berlin

Discussion

*10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 2, Part 2

*Paper 3: Peacebuilding, the Security Sector and the Rule of Law*

Prof. Dr. Keith Krause, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), The Graduate Institute Geneva

*Paper 4: Corporate Peace*

Prof. Dr. Michael Pugh, School of Social and International Studies, University of Bradford

*12.30 – 14.15 Lunch Break*

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**14.15 – 17.45 Section 3:  
Alternative Approaches and Paths to  
Peacebuilding**

14.15 – 15.45 Panel 3, Part 1

*Paper 1: What Do We Mean When We Use the Term  
,Local'?*

Prof. Dr. Roger Mac Ginty, Humanitarian and Conflict  
Response Institute, and Department of Politics, The  
University of Manchester

*Paper 2: Peacebuilding Goes Local or the 'Local' Goes  
Peacebuilding?*

Dr. Thania Paffenholz, Centre on Conflict, Development  
and Peacebuilding (CCDP), The Graduate Institute  
Geneva

Discussion

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.45 Panel 3, Part 2

*Paper 3: 'Local' vs. 'Imported' Institutions*

Prof. Dr. Andreas Mehler, Institute for African Affairs,  
German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg

*Paper 4: Hybridity, Relational Sensibility and the Local:  
On the Limits of Post-Liberal Peacebuilding*

Prof. Dr. Tobias Debiel, Institute for Development and  
Peace, University of Duisburg-Essen

Discussion

*Dinner Buffet*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**9.30 – 12.45 Section 4:  
The Way Forward: How to Reframe  
Peacebuilding?**

9.30 - 10.00

*Key Note:*

*The Future of Peacebuilding*

Prof. Dr. David Chandler, Centre for the Study of  
Democracy, University of Westminster, London

10.00 - 11.00

*Roundtable Discussion*

- Prof. Dr. Michael Barnett, George Washington University
- Prof. Dr. Keith Krause, The Graduate Institute Geneva
- Dr. Thania Paffenholz, The Graduate Institute Geneva

*11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break*

11.30 - 12.30

Open Discussion

*12.30 - 12.45*

*Closing Remarks by the Organizers*

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