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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

**Workshop "Transregional Crossroads of Social Interaction: The Shifting Meaning of Regional Belonging in South and Central Asia", Berlin (21 March 2014)/
Workshop "Transregionale Scheidewege sozialer Interaktion: Veränderungen in der Bedeutung von regionaler Zugehörigkeit in Süd- und Zentralasien", Berlin (21. März 2014)**

Conrad Schetter will discuss the papers of the participants in the 1st round of the workshop "Interventions and Regional Spaces" which is organized by Crossroads Asia and will take place at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin.

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http://crossroads-asia.de/fileadmin/user_upload/news/Flyer_Workshop_210314.pdf

**Panel Discussion "Elections in Afghanistan" within the Afghanistan Week 2014 at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo (19 March 2014)/
Podiumsdiskussion „Wahlen in Afghanistan“ innerhalb der Afghanistan-Woche 2014 am Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo (19. März 2014)**

As a panelist, Conrad Schetter will discuss the conditions and the outcome of the Afghan elections on 5 April together with other experts. The event is organized by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), the Norwegian Afghanistan Committee and Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) as part of the Afghanistan Week 2014.

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<http://www.prio.no/Events/Event/?x=8229>

**Visit at the Center for Peace and Development Studies and Human Rights, University of Al-Fashir, North Darfur (11 March 2014)/
Besuch des Center for Development Studies and Human Rights, Universität Al-Fashir, Nord-Darfur (11. März 2014)**

On 11 March, Wolf-Christian Paes and Nikhil Acharya visited the Center for Peace and Development Studies and Human Rights at the University of Al-Fashir in North Darfur. The aim of the meeting was to explore opportunities for cooperation in research and training. In particular, BICC and the Center are planning to organize a three-day workshop on research methodologies in order to build local capacities for research in the field of peace and conflict studies.

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**Expert Talk "How can development succeed in the context of investments in natural resources?", Berlin (10 March 2014)/
Fachgespräch „Wie kann Entwicklung im Kontext von Rohstoffinvestitionen gelingen?“, Berlin (10. März 2014)**

On 10 March 2014, Lena Guesnet presented the study "Compensation Matters. Securing community interests in large-scale investments" at an expert talk on "How can development succeed in the context of investments in natural resources?" organized by BICC, Brot für die Welt and the Working Group Chad in Berlin.

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http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2014/Einladung_Communities_in_focus.pdf

**Roundtrip with delegation from the German Embassy and GIZ, West Darfur (8–10 March 2014)/
Rundreise mit Delegation der Deutschen Botschaft und GIZ, West-Darfur (8.- 10. März 2014)**

From 8 to 10 March, Wolf-Christian Paes and Nikhil Acharya accompanied a delegation from the German Embassy and the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) during their visit to West Darfur. The aim of the visit was to identify project opportunities for GIZ to support the Darfur Peace Process, using funds pledged by the German Government during a donors' conference in Doha in 2013. The program included meetings with the Wali (Governor) of West Darfur, different ministers, traditional leaders as well as international organizations. The delegation also visited the BICC-supported civilian arms registration project in West Darfur.

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**Expert Meeting on the future of the South Sudanese Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Programme, Nairobi, Kenya (4–5 March 2014)/
Expertentreffen zum südsudanesischen Abrüstung-, Demobilisierung- und Reintegrationsprogramm, Nairobi, Kenia (4. – 5. März 2014)**

On 4 and 5 March 2014, Wolf-Christian Paes and Luuk van de Vondervoort met with the leadership of the South Sudanese National DDR Commission (NDDRC) and the Transitional DDR Program (TDRP) of the World Bank in Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss the future of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Programme following the outbreak of widespread violent conflict in South Sudan in December 2013. All parties agreed that Security Sector Reform should be a key element of international efforts to stabilize the country once a political agreement has been agreed upon. NDDRC, TDRP and BICC discussed different scenarios for a comprehensive program to reduce the size of the security forces based on the lessons learned from earlier programs.

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**Presentation on the Implementation of the Nairobi Protocol, Hargeisa, Somaliland (26 February–2 March 2014)/
Vortrag zur Umsetzung des Nairobi Protokolls, Hargeisa, Somaliland (26. February – 2. März 2014)**

At the invitation of the Somaliland authorities and Danish Demining Group (DDG), Luuk van de Vondervoort visited Hargeisa to give a presentation on the implementation of the Nairobi Protocol for the Prevention, Control, and Reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa. The presentation was part of a meeting of the Small Arms and Light Weapons Technical Committee. During subsequent meetings there were fruitful discussions on how Somaliland can align its current legislation with the requirement of the Nairobi Protocol, and what steps need to be taken to make sure implementation of the new legislation will be a success.

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**Book Presentation: "Loya Jirga—Afghan Myth, Council of Elders and Constitutional Body",
Bonn (19 February 2014)/
Buchvorstellung: „Loya Jirga - Afghanischer Mythos, Ratsversammlung und Verfassungsorgan“, Bonn (19. Februar 2014)**

Das Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (ZEF), das BMBF-finanzierte Kompetenznetzwerk Crossroads Asia, das Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr (ZMBSBw) und der Hombach Verlag luden am 19. Februar zur Präsentation des Buches von Benjamin Buchholz ein. Conrad Schetter, Wissenschaftlicher Direktor des BICC, führte in die Thematik ein und stellte das Buch vor.

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http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2014/Einladung_Buchholz_Loya_Jirga.pdf

Study Day "Chances of the United Nations for conflict resolution and conflict prevention", Bonn (17 February 2014)/

Studentag "Möglichkeiten der Vereinten Nationen zur Konfliktlösung und Konfliktverhinderung", Bonn (17. Februar 2014)

Auf der Tagung der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland am 17. Februar hielt Conrad Schetter einen Vortrag zum Thema „Aktuelle Herausforderungen für das internationale Konfliktmanagement“.

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http://www.ev-akademie-rheinland.de/admin/files/pdf/06_14_Druckversion.pdf

**Lecture "Vulnerable victims: Redress through reparative justice", Bonn (13 February 2014)/
Vorlesung "Schutzbedürftige Opfer: Entschädigung durch Wiedergutmachung", Bonn (13. Februar 2014)**

The Center for Development Research (ZEF), the United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) organized a joint seminar series on Risk and Uncertainty for Sustainable Development. The next lecture of the seminar series will be held by Ruben Carranza, Director of the Reparative Justice Program at the International Center for Transitional Justice (in English). He will speak about achievements and dilemma faced by reparative justice.

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<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/vulnerable-victims-redress-through-reparative-justice-401/>

PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

3 March 2014 / 3. März 2014

Commentary: The new German foreign policy: Responsibility and interests (in English)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/commentary-the-new-german-foreign-policy-responsibility-and-interests-400/>

Kommentar: Die neue deutsche Außenpolitik: Verantwortung und Interessen (in German)

http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2014/Kommentar_Conrad_Schetter_060214.pdf

26 February 2014 / 27. Februar 2014

Forging Two Nations. Insights on Sudan and South Sudan (in English)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/forging-two-nations-insights-on-sudan-and-south-sudan-402/>

BICC IN THE MEDIA / BICC IN DEN MEDIEN

Welt-Sichten 2014/03, pp. 8-9: Interview with Wolf-Christian Paes, "Krankenhäuser und Schulen allein reichen nicht" (in German)

<http://welt-sichten.org/artikel/20910/krankenhaeuser-und-schulen-allein-reichen-nicht>

26 February 2014 / 26. Februar 2014

Detektor.fm : Interview with Jan Grebe, "Hermesdeckungen: Bürgt der Staat für den Krieg?" (in German)

<http://detektor.fm/politik/hermesdeckungen-buergt-der-staat-fuer-den-krieg/>

24 February 2014 / 24. Februar 2014

Mintpress News: Cameroon Becomes Vortex For Arms Trafficking In Troubled Region (in English)

<http://www.mintpressnews.com/cameroon-becomes-vortex-for-arms-trafficking-in-troubled-region/180302/>

17 February 2014 / 17. Februar 2014

Finanznachrichten.de: Arabische Revolution erschöpft sich (in German)

<http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2014-02/29440189-arabische-revolution-erschoepft-sich-mittlerweile-herrscht-ernuechterung-der-arabische-fruehling-hat-vor-drei-jahren-begonnen-und-465.htm>

15 February 2014 / 15. Februar 2014

Voice of Russia: 'US facing unexpected willingness of Afghan Government to go their own way' (in English)

http://voiceofrussia.com/2014_02_15/262852225/

14 February 2014 / 14. Februar 2014

Voice of Russia: Afghanistan – 25 years after Soviet pullout (in English)

http://voiceofrussia.com/radio_broadcast/25298789/262789378/

5 February 2014 / 5. Februar 2014

SWR 2 Aktuell: Interview with Conrad Schetter on the German Bundeswehr in Afghanistan (mp3, in German)

http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/Media/2014/20140205Swr2_Aktuell_Hauck_Schetter.mp3