International Conference

NETWORKS OF ORGANISED VIOLENCE

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at

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30  Registration
09:30 – 09:40  Welcome by Stephan Conermann (Vice President for International Affairs, University of Bonn)
09:40 – 09:50  Welcome by Conrad Schetter (Director for Research, BICC)
09:50 – 10:45  Keynote Kristian Berg Harpviken (Director, PRIO, Peace Research Institute Oslo)
10:45 – 11:00  Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30  Presentations on "New Forms of Multidimensional Warfare":
   • Teresa Koloma Beck (Centre Marc Bloch at Humboldt University Berlin) "Globalisation and Everyday Life in Internationalised Violent Conflicts"
   • Andreas Heinemann-Grüder (BICC) "Recruiting Actors of Violence: Insights from Ukraine"
   • Margit Bussmann (University of Greifswald) "The Logic of One-Sided Violence in Civil Wars"
Moderator: Sami Faltas (University of Groningen)
12:30 – 13:30  Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00  Presentations on "Networks of Military Technology":
   • Niklas Schörnig (PRIF, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt) "Unmanned Warfare and the Future of Military Interventionism"
   • Pieter Wezeman (SIPRI, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) "Military Technology Networks and Strategic Stability"
   • Max M. Mutschler (BICC) "Military Technology and Exterritorial Warfare"
   • Margit Bussmann (University of Greifswald) "The Logic of One-Sided Violence in Civil Wars"
Moderator: Simon Yazgi (United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York)
15:00 – 15:30  Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00  Presentations on "Blurring of the Front-line: Shifting Alliances and Actors":
   • Carina Schlüsing (BICC) "Actor Fragmentation and Network Constellations: The Example of Kurdish Political Actor Groups"
   • Max Gallop (University of Strathclyde Glasgow) "Anti-government Network in Civil conflicts"
   • Conrad Schetter (BICC) "Social Networks and the Tribal in Eastern Afghanistan"
Moderator: Jocelyn Mawdsley (University of Newcastle)
17:00 – 18:00  Concluding Panel: "Networks of Organised Violence: A Challenge to Generating Sustainable Peace":
   • Jocelyn Mawdsley (University of Newcastle)
   • Kristian Berg Harpviken (PRIO, Peace Research Institute Oslo)
   • Conrad Schetter (BICC)
Moderator: Owen Greene (University of Bradford)

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Current developments in organised violence and warfare can be interpreted as demonstrating a shift from the primacy of the state to the role of networks in perpetrating organised violence. Examples include the military approach of "network-centric warfare", the mobilisation of and the interrelations between militant groups (e.g. Taliban, al-Qaeda), and the intermingling of the military and civilian spheres. The aim of this academic conference is to view current dynamics of networks of organised violence from different academic angles and to discuss various methodological approaches.

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