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Scholars and practitioners alike have known for long that peacebuilding is about payoffs and expected gains for key stakeholders rather than mere goodwill. Although conflict research has spent considerable efforts on discerning “greed” or “grievance” as conflict drivers, it has so far not adequately addressed the political economy of peace processes. Peace processes are at times seen as an open competition of well-meant ideas in public discourse. This reasoning is in part responsible for the glaring gap between ambition and reality in peace processes.

The conference aims to bring together analysts and practitioners who are experts in conflict regions and have insider knowledge on bargaining. At the conference, we are planning to discuss the political economy of expectations, the logics of participation and consequences for setting priorities and for sequencing in peacebuilding processes. The overarching question is: Which incentives could make a difference during negotiations?

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