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Locations

28 November 2018

Plenary Sessions

Wolfgang Paul Saal (ground floor)

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Plenary Sessions

room Schumpeter (1st floor)

Three Thematic Breakout Groups

Integration:

Conflict and cohesion

room Schumpeter (1st floor)

Reliance on aid:

Dependency, vulnerability and agency

room Curtius (1st floor)

Translocality:

Livelihoods and legal status

room Martini (1st floor)



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BREAKING CYCLES OF DISPLACEMENT

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- 11:00–11:30** Registration
- 11:30–11:50** Welcome by Conrad Schetter
Director for Research BICC
- 11:50–12:00** Welcome by Elke Löbel
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ
- 12:00–12:45** Keynote by Karen Jacobsen
Tufts University, Somerville
- 12:45–13:45** Lunch break
- 13:45–14:45** Panel Discussion:
“Displacement dynamics and the features of protractedness: Towards a new conceptualization of protracted displacement”
- Markus Rudolf
BICC
 - Elisabeth Pelster
UN Refugee Agency UNHCR
 - Elizabeth Rushing
Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
 - Elke Löbel
BMZ
- Moderator: Katerina Kratzmann
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ
- 14:45–15:00** Coffee break
- 15:00–16:30** Presentations on
“Peace processes and displacement”
- Gerard Mc Hugh
Conflict Dynamics International, Cambridge
“Internal displacement in peace processes and agreements”
 - Esther Meininghaus
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Katja Mielke
BICC
“Refugees and ‘diaspora’ actors in peace processes—Syria and Afghanistan”
 - Christian Völkel
GIZ
“The Colombian peace process and its implications for internal displacement”
- Moderator: Per Byman
Norwegian Refugee Council

- 16:30–18:00** Presentations on
“Prerequisites for sustainable local integration”
- Supang Chantavanich
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
“The Case of Burmese in Thailand”
 - Heidrun Bohnet
Université de Genève
“Refugee integration in south-eastern Turkey”
 - Clara Schmitz-Pranghe
BICC
“Uganda—A role model for refugee integration?”
- Moderator: Amrei Meier
German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP, Berlin

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- 09:00–10:30** Presentations on
“Constraining and conducive conditions for sustainable reintegration”
- Elke Grawert
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“Reintegration processes in Liberia and Sierra Leone”
 - Marieke van Houte
Erasmus University Rotterdam
“Constraining and conducive conditions for ‘sustainable reintegration’ in Afghanistan”
- Moderator: Jörn Grävingholt
German Development Institute, Bonn
- 10:30–11:00** Synthesis and introduction to the break-out session
- Ruth Vollmer
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- 11:00–11:15** Coffee break

- 11:15–12:15** Three Thematic Break-out Groups
“Coping strategies of displaced persons”
- “Reliance on aid: Dependency, vulnerability and agency”*
Moderator: Michael Kühn
Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Berlin
- “Integration: Conflict and cohesion”*
Moderator: Simone Christ
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- “Translocality: Livelihoods and legal status”*
Moderator: Benjamin Etzold
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- 12:15–13:15** Lunch break
- 13:15–14:45** Presentation of the results of the group discussions
Moderator: Markus Rudolf
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- 14:45–15:00** Coffee break
- 15:00–16:30** Concluding Panel
Cycles of violence and displacement: Prevention of and solutions to protracted displacement
- Elizabeth Ferris
Georgetown University
 - Bernhard Braune
BMZ
 - Lorenza Rossi
International Organization for Migration
 - Karin Sorensen
Danish Refugee Council
 - Elisabeth Pelster
UNHRC
 - Markus Rudolf
BICC
- Moderator: Conrad Schetter
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Protracted situations of displacement are increasing both in numbers and persistence. They pose a considerable challenge to development and humanitarian aid in the affected regions. Self-reliance approaches are regarded as a possible way forward—most prominently in the Global Compact on Refugees. The local conditions for implementing such approaches as well as the perspectives and strategies of those affected have, nevertheless, often been ignored. The conference addresses this shortcoming by presenting and assessing innovative understandings of the characteristics and specifics of such situations. Solutions to protracted displacement will be discussed from a bottom-up perspective drawing on extensive empirical research. Case studies will include East and West Africa, South America, the Middle and the Far East. The panelists will analyze characteristics and differences of protracted displacement, discuss challenges of (re-)integration and the interrelation of peace processes and displacement dynamics. They will also explore how academic analyses relate to specific humanitarian and developmental approaches.

The conference aims to present and discuss the findings of the four-year-long comparative research project “Protected rather than protracted—Strengthening Refugees and Peace” funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). This project scrutinizes opportunities for finding solutions to protracted displacement and investigates in how far the participation of displaced persons in peace processes influences the sustainability of their (re-)integration.