

**INVITATION**  
**19 June 2019**

**Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \**  
**Local ceasefires in Syria as strangle contracts:**  
**Destruction, displacement and citizenship**

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**13:00–14:00 hrs**

**at BICC, Pfarrer-Byns-Str. 1, 53121 Bonn**

Ceasefires have long been considered at best humanitarian and positive or at worst benign. In her talk, Marika Sosnowski will use examples of local ceasefires from the Syrian civil war to suggest that in many cases, ceasefires are actually highly coercive tools, more akin to a strangle contract than any type of negotiated agreement. Looking at ceasefires more critically allows us to better understand some of the myriad consequences of ceasefires in practice, including forced displacement and the renegotiation of citizenship rights. It also has ramifications for future conflict resolution attempts and post-conflict planning in Syria and other civil war environments.

Marika Sosnowski is an admitted lawyer and researcher at the University of Melbourne. Her work looks primarily at ceasefires and how they influence local dynamics, with a focus on the Syrian civil war.

The talk on 25 June 2019 is organized in BICC's Brown Bag Lecture Series "Displacement and Development" which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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