

**INVITATION**

**8 January 2020**

Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \

**Co-creating knowledge approaches to policy relevant research**

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**By Cindy Horst**

**15 January 2020**

**12.00–13.00 hrs**

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

How can research contribute to pressing societal challenges, whilst remaining both independent and trustworthy, living up to academic standards. In her talk, Cindy Horst will present multiple ways in which collaboration between researchers and stakeholders contributes to research that is better equipped to result in societal impact. A 'co-creation of knowledge' approach starts from the premise that there are several ways in which societal transformation occurs, and that at times a processual approach to research may have greater impact than one where policymakers are simply informed of the outcomes of a research project. She will discuss these issues based on research in Europe and in Somaliland, on themes such as active citizenship and refugee protection.

[Cindy Horst](#) is Research Director and Research Professor in Migration and Refugee Studies at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Her research focuses on the migration–development nexus, including diaspora engagement with regions of origin and the transnational activities of refugees. In her research on (transnational) civic engagement, she asks questions that problematise normative ideas of 'active citizenship', exploring how people living in culturally and religiously diverse societies engage with their surroundings. Cindy Horst is especially interested in innovative research methodologies that foster a critical and ethically conscious engagement with the theme of study, through shared anthropology and multi-sited ethnography.

The talk on 15 January 2020 is taking place in the framework of 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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