



Bonn Center for Conversion amongst top 50 think tanks worldwide

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The University of Pennsylvania's [Global "Go-To Think Tanks"-Report](#) 2010 lists BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) amongst the 50 leading think tanks worldwide (non-US). The ranking is based on an analysis of 6,480 think tanks from 169 countries. 250 experts from around the world, across the political spectrum and from every discipline and sector helped nominate and select public policy research centers of excellence for 2010.

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"The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania in its Global Go-To Think Tanks-Report 2010 lists BICC on 50th position of the fifty leading non-US think tanks. For the first time in its 16-year existence, BICC is ranked in this international setting," Peter J. Croll, BICC Director, proudly states.

With a total of 191 think tanks, Germany is in fifth position of the countries with the largest number of such centers. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) identifies the work of such think tanks as "[a] bridge between knowledge and power."

On the basis of applied research, BICC offers consultancy, policy advice and training. "In our core research on global armaments and disarmament, security, migration, natural resources and conflicts and, last but not least, conversion, we will continue to develop our profile as international think tank further," Peter J. Croll is convinced.

"We are proud to have such a small but excellent center in North Rhine-Westphalia," NRW Science Minister Svenja Schulze commented.

As an independent, non-profit organization BICC is dedicated to promoting and facilitating peace and development. BICC was founded in 1994 with the support of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) as a non-profit limited liability company (GmbH) and has since been supported by the Land.