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Global Think Tank Ranking 2014 \ BICC amongst leading think tanks worldwide in two categories

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In 2014, BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) is again ranked amongst the leading think tanks worldwide. On 22 January 2015 the Global Go To Think Tank Index (GGTTI) of the University of Pennsylvania listed the peace and conflict research institute in Bonn again amongst the Top 150 (US and non-US) and Top 100 (non-US) think tanks.

Amongst the Top 150, there are 12 German institutes while nine institutes can be found amongst the Top 100. BICC is the only German institute that specialises in peace and conflict research. **"The world seems to have turned upside down. The violence in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, or Afghanistan presents complex challenges to international politics. With our problem-oriented and empirical research we want to contribute with innovative approaches to solutions and thus responsibly shape politics,"** stresses **Conrad Schetter**, Director for Research at the Center.

In a four-step procedure 6,618 think tanks worldwide were taken into consideration. One of the ranking criteria was the ability to produce high quality, rigorous, policy oriented research that is accessible to policymakers, media and the public.

"In a world filled with tweets and sound bites that are often superficial and politically charged, it is critical to know where to turn for sound policy proposals that address the our complex policy issues," says **James McGann**, Director of the University of Pennsylvania's Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program. **"This independent Index is designed to help identify and recognize the leading centers of excellence in public policy research around the world."**