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Global Think Tank Ranking \ **BICC asserts itself successfully amongst the best think tanks worldwide**

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Socially relevant topics, such as displacement or the motivation of violent actors are in the focus of the current research activities of BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion). The focus on these topics already helped the Bonn-based peace and conflict research institute in 2016 to reach top categories in the global ranking of think tanks.

The *2016 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report* of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania, lists the Center among the Top 150 (worldwide) and Top 100 (non-US). Again, BICC is the only peace and conflict research centre from Germany that is listed in this ranking.

"I am extremely pleased that BICC as a rather small institute can again be found amongst the best think tanks in the world", Professor Conrad Schetter, Director for Research at BICC, comments. "It is good to see that BICC's research on violent conflicts in Ukraine, Afghanistan, South Sudan or Syria as well as its outstanding research on displacement and violence is recognized in international politics. This encourages us to continue our work of contributing to a more peaceful world".

BICC is a non-university think tank with international staff. It was founded in 1994 and is a member of the Johannes-Rau-Research Community. The Center's Director for Research holds a chair for Peace and Conflict Studies at Bonn University.

In 2016, 2,543 journalists, policymakers, researchers from universities, think tanks, as well as public and private donors, participated in this Global Go To Think Tank-Ranking. The independent Think Tank Index is intended to identify and acknowledge the leading centres of excellence in the world.

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