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## Global Think Tank Ranking \ Bonn peace and conflict research institute BICC is among the leading think tanks worldwide

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**Applied research and advice in topic areas such as forced displacement, violent armed conflicts or the control of arms exports are central to the work of the peace and conflict research institute BICC. With this agenda, BICC succeeded again to be among the best think tanks worldwide.**

The 2017 *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.

**“For many years now, BICC has been listed on the Global Think Tank Ranking—despite the fact that it is one of the comparatively small national and international think tanks. It is a great recognition of and motivation for our innovative work,”** Professor **Conrad Schetter**, Director for Research at BICC, welcomes the ranking. **“The fact that besides BICC, the German Development Institute (GDI) and the Center for Development Research (ZEF) are also listed multiple times in the ranking illustrates the considerable potential that the UN City of Bonn has to offer in tackling global challenges”.**

BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) 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 2017, 3,750 plus 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.