
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

“Peace through institutions: what works under which conditions - and what does not?”

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Hamburg, 13 – 14. April 2011

Day 1 (13 April 2011)

10:30-13:30

Welcome Speech: Andreas Mehler

Part I (Session 1): The impact of major context factors influencing the effectiveness of institutional devices (Electoral rules, party regulation and Territorial state structures)

Chair: Matthias Basedau

Matthijs Bogaards: How Important is the Choice of Electoral Systems for Sustainable Peace? Theoretical reflections and Empirical Insights

Philip Roeder: Power Sharing and Territorial State Structure in Divided Societies

Benjamin Reilly: Party Regulation and the Management of Ethnic Conflict

Discussant: Christof Hartmann

General Discussion

15:00-17:00

Part I (Session 2): The impact of major context factors influencing the effectiveness of institutional devices (security sector, justice systems)

Chair: Michael Brzoska

Keith Krause: Beyond Security Sector Reform: Governance, Power and Institutions of Organized Violence in Divided Societies

Sabine Kurtenbach: Public Security through Institutions in Post-conflict Societies

Susanne Buckley-Zistel: Transitional Justice in Divided Societies – Potentials and Limits

Discussant: Matthijs Bogaards

General discussion

Day 2 (14 April 2011)

9:00-12:30

Part II (Session 3):

Getting the entire picture: complex approaches and complex outcomes of institutional engineering

Chair: Sabine Kurtenbach

Gerald Schneider: The Illusion of ‘Peace through Power Sharing’: Constitutional Choices in the Aftermath of Civil War

Havard Hegre: Institutions and the Transformation of Violence

Andreas Mehler: Constitutions for sustainable peace? A look at recent trends to overcome conflicts in divided societies by constitutional change.

Discussant: Wolfgang Merkel

General discussion

Part III (Session 4): Methodological challenges for future research

Chair: Andreas Mehler

Matthias Basedau: How do we know? Challenges for the comprehensive study of institutional options in divided societies

Hanne Fjelde: The relevance of conflict data collected within the framework of the Uppsala Conflict Data Program for the research on institutions and peace

Discussant: Havard Hegre

General discussion