Comparing Institutions for Sustainable Peace: The Challenges of Security and Justice in Postwar Societies

A workshop held on Monday, 18 November 2013, Room 116, Main Building, SOAS, University of London

Co-hosted by the Institutions for Sustainable Peace project, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and the SOAS Department of Politics and International Studies

09:30 Welcome words – Nadine Ansorg and Phil Clark

09:45 to 11:00 First Panel – Potentials and pitfalls of comparative studies

Chair: Phil Clark

Sabine Kurtenbach, GIGA Hamburg: Peace, violence and security – The challenges of comparing complex phenomena

Jacob Summer, Uppsala University: Where to Begin? A Comparative Study and discussion of Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up Perspectives in Media Capacity Design in Post-Conflict Liberia and South Africa

Senija Causevic, SOAS: Structural Violence and Heritage codification: Normalisation of Social Relationships in Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:00 to 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 to 12:45 Second Panel – Transitional justice and institution-building

Chair: Nadine Ansorg

Stefan Wolff and Christalla Yakinthou, University of Birmingham: Designing robust and just political settlements: the relationship between, and effects of, transitional justice and power sharing

Elisabeth Bunselmeyer, GIGA Hamburg: Transitional Justice and Institution-Building in Postwar Societies. An analytical framework

Phil Clark, SOAS: Villagers Dealing with Village-Level Violence: Comparing Community-Based Transitional Justice Processes in the African Great Lakes

12:45 to 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 to 15:15 Third Panel – Police reform and security governance

Chair: Sabine Kurtenbach

Franzisca Zanker, GIGA Hamburg: Mixed Messages: Efforts at Community Policing in Post-War Liberia

Nadine Ansorg, Felix Haaß, and Julia Strasheim, GIGA Hamburg: Characteristics of Intrastate War and Provisions of Post-War Policing in Peace Agreements

Jana Krause, King’s College London: Militia Leaders into ‘Peace Activists’: Networks of Violence and Informal Security Governance after Communal War in Indonesia (Ambon) and Nigeria (Jos)

15:15 to 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 to 16:45 Fourth Panel – The role of international actors

Chair: Susanne Buckley-Zistel (tbc)

Sebastian Ziaja, University of Essex: Fuel or water to the fire? Democracy aid and political instability in Africa, 1990-2009

Dan Plesch, SOAS: The creation of sustainable peace by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), and the United Nations War Crimes Commission

16:45 Concluding remarks and way forward

17:00 End of workshop