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1. OVERVIEW

The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) is the Graduate Institute's focal point for research in the areas of conflict analysis, peacebuilding, and the complex relationships between security and development. Its research portfolio is composed of projects on issues as diverse as alternative peacebuilding actors, the transformation of the international peace architecture, gangs, digital technologies, and illicit financial flows.

2022 was a challenging and interesting year for the CCDP. We were reminded about the fact that much of what we do relies on human relations and collaboration, which underlines the importance of sound management practices and systems. Concrete efforts to strengthen research practices at the Centre involved the organisation of a training on security, mental health and research practices in the field, as well as a consultative process to develop working principles for collaboration at the CCDP.

Travel to the field for research and in-person events slowly started again, and by the end of the year the activities of the Centre reached the same activity level as prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the advantages of greater outreach thanks to hybrid meeting formats and increased collaboration with local researchers around the globe.

2022 was also a proactive year in terms of fundraising, with the submission of 17 new project proposals worth just above CHF 5.8 million. Of this amount, 90% were submitted to competitive funding sources or public tenders. As this Annual Report went to press, 7 submitted proposals were accepted, while two were refused and we are still waiting for the funding decisions on 6 proposals.

At the end of 2022, the Centre counted 28 colleagues (not including the team of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform). We would like to sincerely thank Oliver Jütersonke, who left the CCDP in October to explore new horizons, for his commitment and dedication to growing the CCDP over the last 15 years and for having made the Centre to a large extent what it is today. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming Eliza Urwin, who will start as the new Head of Research in March 2023.

2. STAFF SITUATION

Below is a list of Graduate Institute faculty members, employed staff as well as research affiliates who worked with the CCDP over the past year. The Centre prides itself of being an inclusive, thriving community of creative individuals working jointly on cutting-edge projects and research activities. For all grant applications and mandates, the emphasis is on involving as many senior and junior staff as possible, including students at the Master's level. Wherever possible, research positions are openly advertised and follow a competitive, gender-sensitive recruitment process. Longer-term employees, notably those who are part of the CCDP "Core Team" (see below) undertake an annual meeting with their respective line manager, as encouraged by and following the guidelines offered by the Graduate Institute's Human Resources Department. The CCDP also encourages this practice for project staff hired for more than one year.

In 2022, 10 recruitments took place for new staff positions, in addition to the set-up of a new team for the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. In addition, the continued collaboration between the CCDP and the Department of Executive Education through the hosting of Margaux Pinaud as Academic Coordinator for the Graduate Institute's Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices, highlights the importance given to cross-fertilisation and the strengthening of ties with other Departments within the Institute. A similar collaboration with the Tech Hub is planned for 2023.

Faculty Associates

Prof. Jean-Louis Arcand
Prof. Riccardo Bocco
Prof. Filipe Calvao
Prof. Gilles Carbonnier
Prof. Alexandre Dormeier Freire
Prof. Stephanie Hofmann
Prof. Anna Leander
Prof. Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou
Prof. Alessandro Monsutti
Prof. Dennis Rodgers
Prof. Davide Rodogno
Prof. Martina Viarengo

Core Staff

Maëlys Glück, Outreach Coordinator (100%)
Zachariah Jambo, Student Researcher (37.5%) from September 2022
Dr. Oliver Jütersonke, Head of Research (100%) until October 2022
Prof. Keith Krause (Director)
Marie Lobjoy, ALCA Project Coordinator (100%) until June 2022
Augusta Nannerini, Research Assistant (PhD 50%)
Elio Panese, Student Researcher (37.5%) until September 2022
Margaux Pinaud, DPP-CFM Coordinator (40%)
Sina Zintzmeyer, Operations Coordinator (60%)

While the Core Team works to manage and support all CCDP activities, mandates and research proposals (more than 20 research projects, 35 staff positions, as well as 30 research associates and visiting fellows), each member of the team also has their own substantive expertise and engages in research projects and/or mandates. Sina Zintzmeyer continued to support Swiss organisations working on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning, Keith Krause and Augusta Nannerini worked closely with the Principles for Peace initiative and the International Commission on Inclusive Peace, and Maëlys Glück worked on different mandates with the EU and FDFA on Track 2 mediation and conflict sensitivity in Yemen and Lebanon. Zachariah Jambo supported communications and the organisation of CCDP seminars. All positions in the team are highly flexible and there are many connections between these different activities, and the wide range of CCDP projects.

Research Staff

Matthew Bamber, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “doc.ch”)
Janine Bressmer, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “doc.ch”)
Alice Daquin, Doctoral Researcher, (ERC “Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands” project)
Chiara Feliciani, Doctoral Researcher, (ERC “Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands” project)
Lene Swetzer, Doctoral Researcher (ERC “Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands” project)
Dr. Maroussia Ferry, Postdoctoral Researcher (ERC “Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands” project)
Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Senior Researcher (“From Words to Deeds”)
Pascal Bongard, Co-Investigator (“From Words to Deeds”)
Pedro Dos Santos Maia, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “Democratization” project)
Dr. Andreas Hirblinger, Senior Researcher (Ambizione “An Apomediated peace?”)
Swetha Ramachandran, Doctoral Researcher (Ambizione “An Apomediated peace?”)
Sara Kallis, Student Researcher (Ambizione “An Apomediated peace?”)
Fabian Hofmann, Student Researcher (Ambizione “An Apomediated peace?”)
Dr. Kazushige Kobayashi, Postdoctoral Researcher (SNSF “Coherence or Contestation” project)
Xinyu Yuan, Postdoctoral Researcher (SNSF “Coherence or Contestation” project)
Emilian Berutti, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “Peace by Other Means” project)
Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “Peace by Other Means” project)
Dr. Sara Hellmüller, Senior Researcher (SNSF Prima “a child of its time” project)
Bilal Salayme, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “Child of its time” Prima project)
Rosalind Tan, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “Child of its time” Prima project)
Dr. Fanny Badache, Postdoctoral Researcher (SNSF “Child of its time” Prima project)
Flavia Keller, Student Researcher (SNSF “Child of its time” Prima project)
Dr. Rahul Mehrotra, Postdoctoral Researcher and Project Coordinator (SNSF “Illicit Financial Flows” project)
Stella Peisch, Doctoral Researcher (UMAM Project)
Mirko Reul, Doctoral Researcher (SNSF “doc.ch”)
Dr. Achim Wennmann, Senior Researcher (various projects)
Gabriel Gomes Couto, Student Researcher (Achim Wennmann’s projects)
David Wood, Senior Researcher (various projects)
Caitlin Procter, Marie-Curie Researcher (REACT Project)

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Staff

Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Executive Coordinator (100%)
Annika Erickson-Pearson, Head of Community Management (100%)
Danson Gichini, Project Coordinator (100%) until June 2022
Maëlys Glück, Administration and Events Manager (40%) until April 2022
Irina Sorokina, Geneva Peace Week Project Coordinator (June-November, part-time)
Dany Diogo, Project Coordinator (100%) from July 2022
Maria Baltag, Administration and Events Manager (70%) from July 2022
Yasmeen Chaudhry, Communications Coordinator (60%) from July 2022

3. ACTIVE, ONGOING PROJECTS AT THE CCDP

In 2022, the CCDP had a broad portfolio of 23 projects encompassing fundamental research, applied research, policy work, and consultancy mandates. We believe that opportunities to learn and feed research into applied work and vice versa are particularly inspiring for innovation and mutual enrichment. Thus, many CCDP projects do not fit neatly into one specific category. In the same vein, the Centre continues to foster interaction and synergies across researchers, associates and visiting fellows through social events, online connectivity, seminars and reading groups. In this way, the academic quality of research associated with the Centre continues to grow and an inspiring, innovative research environment is established and nurtured.

The list of projects below, in alphabetical order, offers an overview of all active initiatives. For multi-year activities, only CCDP collaborators who were actively involved during the reporting period have been listed below. Core CCDP faculty and staff members contributed to the conceptualisation, implementation and reporting phases of all projects throughout the year, ensuring quality assurance and peer review, financial oversight, and dissemination activities.

3.1 Research Projects

A Child of its Time: The Impact of World Politics on Peacebuilding

“A child of its time” is a five-year project (2020-2024) funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation PRIMA Grant. The project analyses how the shift from a unipolar to a multipolar world order influences UN peace missions. In a first phase (2020), the team established a dataset on UN peace missions since the end of the Cold War to analyse how their mandates have changed. In a second phase (2021), the project analysed how conceptualisations of security, sovereignty, and institutions have changed, arguing that this constitutes the intervening mechanism between world politics and UN peacebuilding. In a third phase (2022-2023), in-depth studies of six cases were produced, namely the UN peacekeeping missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, and South Sudan, and the UN political missions in Libya, Syria, and Yemen.



In 2022, the team further refined and updated the dataset on UN Peace Mission Mandates (UNPMM) (see [link](#)). The project also finalised the analysis of 526 peace-related speeches in the UN Security Council focusing on interventions made by the P5 as well as Brazil, South Africa, and Turkey between 1991 and 2020. The speeches were coded in order to examine conceptions of security, sovereignty, and the UN's role in peacebuilding (see [link](#)). Finally, the project team started interviews with key stakeholders for the case studies, which included a research trip to New York. Insights from the three phases of this project were shared at several international conferences, such as the Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association and the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. Outreach events hosted by the ETH Zürich, the University of Oxford, Swisspeace, and the Arab League also took place. Team members gave guest lectures at the Geneva Graduate Institute's Summer Course on the UN in a Changing World, the Institute's Executive Master in International Negotiation and Policy-Making, the University of Lausanne, and the International University in Geneva. They also gave interviews for the Swiss National Radio (SRF and RTS), Swissinfo, and [sciences.lu](#). Finally, Sara Hellmüller was a visiting academic at the University of Oxford in the fall semester of 2022.

Collaborators: Sara Hellmüller, Fanny Badache, Flavia Keller, Bilal Salayme, Xiang-Yun Rosalind Tan

Funding: PRIMA Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Key Publications: Cooperation and Conflict ([link](#)), Contemporary Security Policy ([link](#)), Review of International Studies ([link](#)), Global Studies Quarterly ([link](#)), Global Policy ([link](#)), and a policy brief on Libya ([link](#)).

Action Learning for Conflict Analysis (ALCA): Promoting System-Wide Analytical Capabilities Across the Triple Nexus

Through collaboration with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), this project aimed to strengthen analytical capabilities amongst humanitarian field practitioners by demonstrating how conflict sensitivity can enhance joined-up action across the triple nexus. Via an in-depth engagement with participants' daily work and the facilitation of peer-to-peer learning, the second grant received from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) for the period July 2021 to March 2022 focused its attention on OCHA and UNHCR staff members nominated by their respective Heads of Office in the Central Sahel region (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, plus additional participants from the regional offices in Dakar).

Following the coup d'état in Burkina Faso in January 2022, the project was offered a no-cost extension until June 2022 to complete the activities foreseen: in-country visits to work with participants on concrete analytical tasks; further online exchange with the team in Geneva; and finally, an end-of-project workshop held in Istanbul in June 2022. Insights from the ALCA project were moreover presented at OCHA's Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) in Geneva, in May 2022.

Collaborators: Oliver Jütersonke, Marie Lobjoy, Sina Zintzmeyer, with contributions from Masayo Kondo, Claudia Seymour, Robert Watkins

Funding: The Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) of the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

An Apomediated Peace? The Role of Digital Technologies in International Peacebuilding

In 2022, the project "An Apomediated Peace" entered into its second year, continuing research across all work packages and further developing the individual research outputs along more specific topics, through desk research, remote data collection and interviews, as well as country-based research in Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland and South Sudan. The year saw the finalisation of important conceptual building blocks for the project, including three conceptual conference papers. The first introduced a critical reflection on digital peacebuilding that studies the co-production of peacebuilding technologies and peacebuilding with technology. The second paper introduced the idea of apomediated peacebuilding and discussed results of some of the mapping exercises conducted in 2021. The third paper presented a critique of the notion of the "digital turn" and strategies for a "post-digital" research perspective on peacebuilding. The papers were presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, the European International Studies Association (EISA) PEC, and the Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society (CRS).

In addition, work continues on a paper that compares apomediation dynamics across three case study contexts, utilising social media data, survey data and expert interviews. For all papers the team conducted remote desk research, survey research and interviews, as well as visits to Sri Lanka (January 2022), Northern Ireland (September 2022), and South Sudan (November 2022). An important new

concern in the project is how one can ethically engage with the risks that come with the use of digital technologies for peacebuilding purposes. To this end, the research team has started to conduct a review of the ethics of digital peacebuilding, and co-organised a [workshop at Geneva Peace Week](#), in collaboration with the Kofi Annan Foundation (KAF), PRIO, and Search for Common Ground. We will intensify this line of work in 2023.

The project receives continued interest from the practice and policy community. Amongst others, Andreas Hirblinger published a policy brief on the inclusive use of data for peace mediation, with the Ottawa Dialogue. He also continued engaging with practice partners in the framework of the Cybermediation Network and the Digital Track of Geneva Peace Week 2022, hosting a roundtable to discuss how to take digital peacebuilding beyond a mere concern with digital technology, including high-level representatives from the UNDP, the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of South Sudan, and Swiss civil society. In addition to the team members mentioned below, the project is working with national-level researchers in Sri Lanka and South Sudan that help with the data collection and interviews on the ground. The team also supported the finalisation of earlier research outputs. Three manuscripts are currently under peer review.

Collaborators: Andreas Hirblinger, Swetha Ramachandran, Sara Kallis, Fabian Hofmann

Funding: Ambizione Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Key Publications: Peacebuilding ([link](#)), International Studies Perspectives ([link](#)), and a policy brief on digital inclusion ([link](#)).

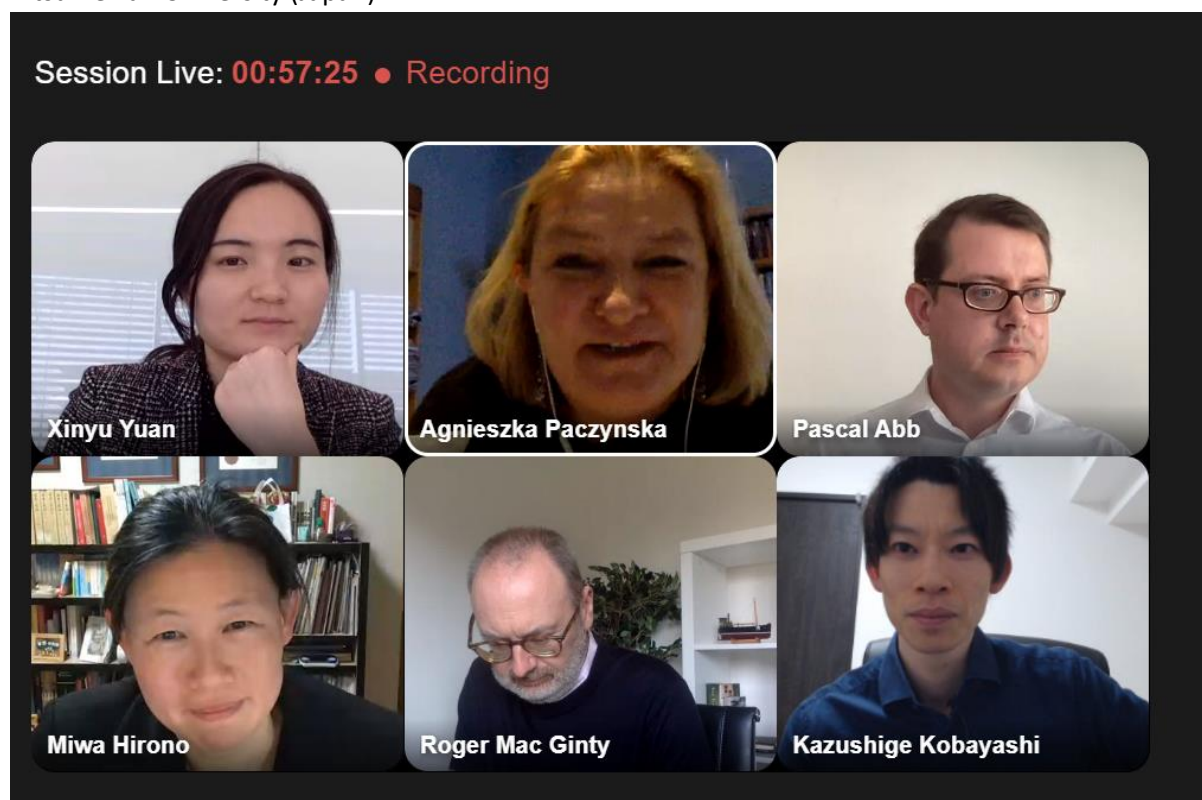


© [Kofi Annan Foundation](#), workshop: "Towards ethics-driven digital peacebuilding: How to promote the good use of technologies beyond 'do no harm'.

Coherence or Contestation: Chinese, Japanese and Russian Approaches to the Transformation of Peacebuilding Practices

Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), this project, finalised in April 2022, looked into normative transformation in the field of peacebuilding. It investigated the top-down and bottom-up diffusion of peacebuilding norms, focusing on the policies and practices of China, Japan, and Russia. In doing so, it advanced a new theoretical and methodological framework that offers an innovative contribution to contemporary scholarship on norm diffusion, the role of rising powers in global governance, and the (re)shaping of international order. A follow-on SNF project started in April 2022, which will advance the research on alternative practices of building peace.

2022 was a fruitful year for the project, which saw three major publications and three conference presentations by the research team. In 2022, the research team also participated in or organised several panels at international academic conferences, including the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in March 2022 (virtual panels “Shifts in the System of Global Governance and Peace” and “China and Peace Operations in the Changing Global Order”), the European International Studies Association (EISA) Annual Conference in September 2022 (panels “Chinese Agency in Conflict Settings: Insights from Theory and Practice” and “Practices of Comparison and the Ordering of Security Politics”). Through these panels, the project has further developed its collaborative network with high-profile researchers within and outside Europe, including researchers from the Frankfurt Peace Research Institute (Germany), Metropolitan University Prague (Czech), Webster University Geneva (Switzerland), ETH Zurich (Switzerland), Georgetown University (USA), George Mason University (USA), University of Ottawa (Canada), University of Manchester (UK), Durham University (UK), and Ritsumeikan University (Japan).



© Xinyu Yuan, 28 March 2022, Kazushige and Xinyu presenting at the ISA Annual Convention Virtual Panel "China and Peace Operations in the Changing Global Order"

Collaborators: Keith Krause, Oliver Jütersonke, Xinyu Yuan, Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Emilian Berutti, Kazushige Kobayashi

Funding: Division I grant, Swiss National Science Foundation

Key Publications: Third World Quarterly ([link](#)), Review of International Studies ([link](#)), and a book chapter on Japan-China Norm Diffusion ([link](#)).

Curbing Illicit Financial Flows from Resource-rich Developing Countries: Improving Natural Resource Governance to Finance the SDGs

Drawing on economics, law and political science, this interdisciplinary research project seeks to analyse how commodity-trade related illicit financial flows (IFFs) from resource-rich countries can be significantly reduced in order to finance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The research focuses on IFFs specifically related to trade mispricing and abusive transfer pricing that have been highlighted as major drivers of tax-base erosion from developing countries where the ratio of tax revenue-to-gross domestic product already remains critically low. The project aims to first, improve our collective knowledge of IFFs, especially flows related to trade mispricing and abusive transfer pricing; and second, devise and promote policy options to effectively reduce commodity-trade-related IFFs (SDG 16.4) in order to support resource-rich developing countries to mobilise domestic resources (SDG 17.1). The project consists of a North-South collaboration and the consortium is led by Gilles Carbonnier (Principal Investigator) and Rahul Mehrotra (Project Coordinator) at the CCDP. Other partners include the University of Ghana, the National Institute for Economic Research of Laos, the University of Bern, and ETH Zurich.

Renewed for a second phase of 3 years in 2020, this project of the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d) is broadening the evidence base by implementing regional validation of research frameworks developed in the first phase, and accelerating engagements with stakeholders at the national, regional and international level to drive policy changes. In the past year, the project has published multiple research papers, conducted workshops in Africa, participated in several international policy forums, and produced a documentary film. In January 2022, the project organised a multi-stakeholder workshop with participants from the government, private sector, civil society and academics at the University of Ghana in Accra to disseminate and debate its research findings and policy recommendations. By December 2022, the researchers will finalise the production of an international documentary film together with a senior journalist in Ghana to raise international civil society awareness on IFF magnitudes, drivers and impacts. The complete list of research papers, policy briefs and events in 2022 are available on the project website: <https://curbing-iffs.org/>.

Collaborators: Gilles Carbonnier, Rahul Mehrotra

Funding: Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development, jointly set up by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Key Publications: Global Challenges ([link](#)), Journal of International Economic Law ([link](#)), working papers on trade mispricing ([link](#)), on value chains ([link](#)), on the legalisation of illicit financial flows ([link](#)), and a policy brief on commodity exports ([link](#)).



© Maëlys Glück, Gilles Carbonnier during a recording for the r4d, Regional Science Fair in Southeast Asia on the "Role for Development Research During Global Socio-Economic Uncertainty."

Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands: Towards a Global Comparative Ethnography

This five-and-a half year project (2019-2024), funded by an ERC advanced grant, aims to develop a systematic comparative investigation of global gang dynamics, to better understand why they emerge, how they evolve over time, whether they are associated with particular urban configurations, how and why individuals join gangs, and what impact this has on their potential futures. It draws on original ethnographic research carried out in multiple locations, adopting an explicitly tripartite focus on "Gangs", "Gangsters" and "Ganglands" in order to better explore the interplay between group, individual and contextual factors. The first considers the organisational dynamics of gangs, the second focuses on individual gang members and their trajectories before, during and after their involvement in a gang, while the third reflects on the contexts within which gangs emerge and evolve. The research combines innovative collaborative ethnography in Nicaragua, South Africa, and France, a groundbreaking comparison of 32 individual gang member life histories from across Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, and unique joint ethnographic investigations into the political economy of three gang-affected cities in France (Marseille), Italy (Naples), and Spain (Algeciras).

After being significantly disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic during 2021, the GANGS project got back on track in 2022. The three GANGS project doctoral students, Alice Daquin, Chiara Feliciani, and Lene Swetzer, successfully completed their individual fieldwork in respectively Marseille, Naples, and Algeciras in February 2022, and subsequently carried out three months of collaborative fieldwork together in each of the three cities in turn through to the end of June 2022. The GANGS project postdoctoral researcher Maroussia Ferry continued her ethnographic research in a poor, stigmatised neighbourhood of Marseille, on the one hand, as collected the life histories of Georgian gangsters and their wives, on the other. For their part, GANGS project PI Dennis Rodgers and Senior Researcher Steffen Jensen (University of Aalborg) conducted six months of joint fieldwork in Marseille, exploring themes of violence, state abandonment, ethnic conflict, and more through the lens of their previous research in Managua, Nicaragua, and Cape Town, South Africa. Jointly with Marwan Mohammed of the CNRS/Centre Maurice Halbwachs at the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS), the GANGS project Marseille team also organised a two-day workshop in Marseille on « Crime, stigmatisation, et exclusion urbaine à Marseille » on 17-18 March 2022, and the whole GANGS project team participated in the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) “Anthropology of Crime and Security” conference held 17-19 May 2022 in Bologna, Italy, organising a panel on “Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands”, while Dennis Rodgers also delivered the closing conference keynote lecture, titled “Delinquent ethnography? 25 years of gang research in Nicaragua and elsewhere”.

Other project highlights of 2022 included the publication of Alice Daquin’s collaborative cartoon book and podcast series on *La Cité des Femmes*, which drew on the “cercles de paroles” that she carried out during her fieldwork; Chiara Feliciani’s presentation on “Drama, Rituals, and Feasts in Urban Contexts” at the IV Jornades Internacionals d’Antropologia del Conflict Urbà held at the Universitat de Barcelona, Spain, 30 November-2 December 2022; Maroussia Ferry’s participation in the France Culture radio programme *Esprit de justice* on 22 September, 2022, to talk about « Le mythe du bandit social »; Lene Swetzer’s organisation of the EASA “Anthropology of Crime and Security” conference held 17-19 May 2022 in Bologna as co-convenor of the EASA AnthroCrime network; Dennis Rodgers’ keynote speeches at the University of Geneva’s “Urban Violence and Collective Memory in the Americas” conference held 16-17 September 2022, and at the CEMCA-CNRS international workshop on “Los Usos del Derecho en América Latina: Democracia, ‘derecho a tener derechos’, ¿independencia de la Justicia?”, held in Guatemala City, 17-19 October 2022, and lastly Dennis’ intervention on “Entre mémoire du passé et anticipation du futur : Guerres, gangs, et vendettas au Nicaragua” at Rencontres Recherche et Création du Festival d’Avignon.

Collaborators: Dennis Rodgers, Steffen Jensen, Maroussia Ferry, Alice Daquin, Chiara Feliciani, Lene Swetzer

Funding: ERC advanced grant

Key Publications: Cahiers du Genre ([link](#)), Latin American Politics and Society ([link](#)), Critical Criminology ([link](#)), a manuscript on communal intimacy ([link](#)), a book on shades of deviance ([link](#)), a podcast on gangs and suburbs ([link](#)), and a book chapter on free movement ([link](#)).



© Dennis Rodgers, fieldwork in Marseille Cité of Félix-Pyat.

Governance processes and sustainability impacts of the extractive industries: Generating transformation knowledge in the biodiversity hotspot of Madagascar

This research project is a collaboration between the CCDP, the University of Bern, the University of Antananarivo, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Coordinated out of the University of Bern's Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) by Julie Zähringer and Peter Messerli (Wyss Academy), and involving a multidisciplinary research team in Switzerland and Madagascar, the project entails the analysis of satellite images to identify land use changes in the surroundings of large-scale extractive industries (LEIs), a social network analysis to disentangle the interactions between the different actors involved, as well as interviews and surveys with land users, cattle herders, and other local stakeholders. It thereby aims to identify ways in which the extractive industries could contribute to sustainable development in Madagascar and in other developing countries.

With Covid-19 delaying fieldwork, desk research was conducted by Jütersonke and Lobjoy in late 2021 and early 2022 on the security sector and violence dynamics in Madagascar, together with a preliminary analysis of security assemblages in mining towns identified in comparable country contexts. They also contributed to the design, testing, and administering of a large survey that was conducted in Madagascar by the CDE team in villages adjacent to the industrial mining sites studied by the project (ongoing and planned). In the second half of 2022, the project team prepared for and successfully organised a three-day multi-level stakeholder workshop in Antananarivo with representatives of civil society (NGOs as well as local community representatives from all four study sites), research, government, as well as the private sector (i.e. representatives of the companies whose investments the project has been investigating). The output of the event consisted of a joint theory of change with concrete activities outlined in order to reach the goal of LEI investments in

Madagascar, both responding to the national priorities of economic development, while at the same time benefiting local communities (including through a healthy environment). The stakeholders also agreed on formalising a platform to continue deliberations in the future.

The project received a second no-cost extension until 30 April 2023; Jütersonke is set to undertake fieldwork in March of this year in order to complete the project's deliverables.

Collaborators: Oliver Jütersonke, Marie Lobjoy

Funding: Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)

Infrastructuring Democracy: The Regulatory Politics of Digital Code, Content and Circulation

This project, funded by a grant from the SNSF Brazilian-Swiss Joint Research Program (BSJRP), is conducted in partnership with Florian Hoffman and Luis Fernandes at the Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It asks how the digital infrastructuring of democracy unfolds through regulatory and political processes, with a heuristic focus on both its transnational dimension and its specific reverberations in democracies of the Global South. By focusing on the three main aspects of digital infrastructure: codes, content, and circulation, it analyses their place in the political and regulatory processes that form one aspect of the broader infrastructuring of democracy. The project concentrates on one thematic controversy related to each aspect of infrastructure: the accountability of algorithms for code, data protection for content, and encryption for circulation.

In 2022, following conferences with the project members and key stakeholders in the tech industry, the conversations held started to be translated into academic articles. One has already been submitted to the Journal of European Public Policy's special issue on "The Regulatory Security State in Europe" and a second one is being prepared for the European Journal of International Relations.

Two fieldwork trips to Rio de Janeiro were also organised over the year. One with the participation of Anna Leander, Deval Desai and Pedro Maia during which an event on the topic "The Regulatory Politics of Platforms and the 2018 Brazilian Elections: (Re)Thinking the Place of Politics and Law vis-a-vis Social Media" was organised. Anna Leander and Pedro Maia organised a second follow-up field trip to Rio de Janeiro. The team also took the visit by Luisa Lobato to Europe as an opportunity to organise a workshop in Edinburgh followed by a second one in Geneva on the topic "The Politics of Platform Regulation and the 2018 Brazilian Elections Conceptualizing the Place of Law and Politics in Making Social Media Connections".

Collaborators: Anna Leander, Pedro Dos Santos Maia

Funding: Brazilian-Swiss Joint Research Programme (BSJRP), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Peace by Other Means? Alternative Practices of Building Peace in a Changing Global Order

The project explores alternative practices of building order and peace in conflict-affected and fragile contexts pursued by China, Japan, and Russia. It is a follow-on project of Coherence and Contestation (see above), both funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Specifically, the project examines the practices of the three donor countries in four conflict-affected and fragile settings (Burkina Faso, Madagascar, the Philippines, and Timor Leste), via multilateral or bilateral programmes. In doing so, the project probes if and how these practices challenge the “liberal” peacebuilding practices on the ground on the one hand, and how they are received by the local actors on the other hand. The project involves multiple field trips to the recipient and donor countries and uses combined research methods to answer these questions, including practice tracing, textual analysis, and semi-structured interviews with programme implementers.

In 2022, the project recruited a research team with proper sets of linguistic and analytical skills. The project is led by Keith Krause and conducted in collaboration with Kazushige Kobayashi (Associate Professor of Peace Studies, Ritsumeikan University, Japan). In 2022, three researchers joined the project: Xinyu Yuan (post-doc researcher), Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos (PhD student in International Relations and Political Science), and Emilian Berutti (PhD student in International Relations and Political Science). Throughout 2022, the team developed the conceptual framework to capture and analyse the alternative practices of building peace by China, Japan and Russia. Also, it has conducted dozens of interviews in Europe, Tokyo, China, to establish contacts for fieldwork, survey the programmatic scope of the three donor countries, and verify the feasibility of researching the selected cases. Comprehensive desk research has been conducted on the pilot case (Timor Leste), which will produce a country brief and prepare the team for the upcoming fieldwork in Dili.

The project faced two major challenges posed by geopolitical tension and the persistent Covid-related restrictions in some Asian countries. The Ukraine-Russia war challenged the access to policy groups and academic institutions in Moscow, increasing the cost of data collection, academic exchange, and dissemination of the research findings.

Lastly, the project benefited from various opportunities that emerged in 2022. First, in 2022, the research team honed their skills using Atlas.ti, a text-analysis software. Based on a sizable database constructed in 2018-2021 containing first-hand interviews and primary documents, the research team conducted a systematical and comparative analysis of texts from China, Japan, and Russia, which was turned into book chapters. More importantly, through the empirical analysis, the project identified the terminological ambivalence of peacebuilding, which falls short of capturing the substances of the relevant practices on the ground and the distinct understandings by “non-Western” actors. This led to further research on what peacebuilding means and contains. Second, thanks to the relocation of some project members, the project developed ways to mitigate the challenges posed by Covid-19 and geopolitical tensions. Kobayashi commenced his position at the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan, which allowed for remote and in-person exchanges with professionals and researchers in Japan despite entry restrictions in the country. Yuan travelled to Beijing, China in December 2022, circumventing the entry restrictions on foreign researchers. Third, drawing on the professional experiences and research interests of the research assistants (Berutti and Fal-Dutra Santos), the project explored multiple frameworks for identifying alternative practices and broadened the database for potential interviews. Lastly, the project enhanced collaboration with other research projects within and outside CCDP, contributing to the greater impact of the project.

Collaborators: Keith Krause, Kazushige Kobayashi, Xinyu Yuan, Oliver Jütersonke

Funding: Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

REACT: Reintegration from Armed Conflict

The Reintegration from Armed Conflict project began in November 2022. The project aims to develop an understanding of the meaning and feasibility of the return and reintegration of children from Islamic State, from the perspectives of young people and their communities in Iraq. The project is developing approaches to reintegration grounded primarily in these perspectives, as well as those of local ethnic networks and economies. By providing fresh evidence on responses to reintegration, the project also aims to provide a platform for both international development policy and humanitarian response engagement. The very early stages of this project have primarily involved discussions with different stakeholders including IOM, UNICEF and Save the Children.

Collaborator: Caitlin Procter

Funding: Marie Skłodowska-Curie, ERC

Relations between family situations, social work and schools to foster children's resilience towards violence: looking at alternative social innovative approaches in Tulkarem, Occupied Territories, Palestine

This research project aims to generate knowledge for a longer-term initiative with An-Najah University to strengthen and institutionalise social work and community development in Palestine. The research and activities of this project will contribute to the design of an interactive, user-friendly online application – or 'App' – for actors involved in social work, community development and engaged in mitigating violence. The 'App' will connect relevant actors and will serve as an intervention and capacity-building tool for local stakeholders.

To achieve this, additional research is needed to verify the feasibility of such an 'App' by further analysing the intervention models of social workers in interconnection with their training needs, especially in the occupation context, and by looking at the role of existing social institutions (e.g. schools, civil society organizations, public authorities, etc.). A more in-depth understanding of the levels and forms of violence in such a context and how various forms of violence are addressed is needed. Probing the strength and weaknesses of their interventions and analysing their perception by the communities they serve can help improve the potential for societal change. Furthermore, through extensive participatory approaches (such as art-based methods), this project will offer actors in the social sector an opportunity to come together to see the interconnectedness of their fields, think about solutions, and help to design the 'App'.

Throughout 2022, art-based methods activities were organised locally to consult the communities about the app's content and purpose, to engage them on sensitive topics related to violence, and to enable them to express their needs in an interactive and creative way. This process also led to artistic outputs. This artistic process, as much as its results, will provide the team with the data and information needed to design the app. The collaboration of artists is therefore pivotal for the success

of this approach. In addition, the project led to a teaching collaboration with Samah Saleh, Head of the Sociology and Social work department at An-Najaf University, and Sylvia Garcia Delahaye, Assistant Professor at the School for Social Work in Geneva, in the context of the Executive Programmes in Development Policies and Practices (DPP – IHEID) in October 2022 on “Social Innovations in the MENA region”.

The project has now entered its last phase that focuses on the valorisation and dissemination of the results through different channels. To this end, a workshop will first be organised in the Spring 2023, where some of the visual material collected during the art-based workshops will be presented in the form of a short documentary. The publication of a collective book is planned for 2024 with contributions from the project partners, Palestinians, artists, and Swiss researchers in an open access HES-SO/HETS collection ('Social dans la Cité'), focusing on both the research results (social action in a fragile area) and the methodological approaches used in the project (art-based methods). The book will be bilingual (French and English).

The current political situation in Palestine, and in particular the closure of Nablus, has forced the team to postpone some enhancement activities until 2023. The workshop planned for Autumn 2022 had to be postponed to Spring 2023.

Collaborator: Alexandre Dormeier-Freire

Funding: HES-SO “Leading House for the Middle East and North America”

Revisiting Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation in an Age of Uncertainty- EUROMED

This policy initiative was developed following the Euromed Summit in Marseille led by the French President Macron. Funded by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the European University Institute (EUI), its objective was to devise ways to keep the dialogue among Mediterranean countries going and to keep key partners engaged in this exchange. To launch the process, the team, led by Souhail Belhadj Klaz, under the supervision of Riccardo Bocco, invited key stakeholders representing academics and practitioners for a 1.5-day workshop in July of 2022. The aim was to discuss: 1. deliberations on the partnership, 2. regional integration and economic development and, 3. migration, humanitarian action and human rights. Options are currently explored to expand this initiative into an annual meeting.

Collaborator: Souhail Belhadj Klaz, Riccardo Bocco

Funding: Swiss FDFA, European University Institute (EUI)

Sustaining Urban Peace: A New Agenda for Climate Change Adaptation in Cities

This one-year project produced a research paper on “Activating Pragmatic Peacebuilding for Climate Change Adaptation in Cities”. It examined how to speed and scale climate action by leveraging peacebuilding practice for climate change adaptation. Building on a horizon scan of the global strategic

context, the paper argues that cities will not be able to ‘securitise their way out’ of climate impact and that better suited approaches are needed. The paper reviews the foundation of peacebuilding practice and underlines how ‘pragmatic peacebuilding’ is particularly useful as a framework for climate action within the hybrid political orders of cities.

Working politically across the full spectrum of actors to mobilise competences and capabilities outside the reach of government authorities is a critical element for speeding and scaling up climate action in cities. Specific measures to activate pragmatic peacebuilding unfold along three lines of work: (a) developing multidimensional programs that respond to urban complexities; (b) strengthening coordination and collective action through instruments such as infrastructures for peace or platforms; and (c) working within hybrid urban political orders that build on the legitimacy of trusted individuals and spaces. The paper calls for the rediscovery of politics in the fight against climate change and argues that climate activists and peacebuilders should work together to broker urban political settlements to set the political ‘rules of the game’ for how to handle the coming climate crises in cities.

Collaborators: Achim Wennmann, Emilian Berutti, Gabriel Gomes Couto, Elio Panese

Funding: United States Institute of Peace, USIP

Study on a Strategic Vision for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

This eight-month project, financed by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and mandated by UNRWA produced a strategic multi-lens review to feed into a strategic reflection process with two main purposes. First, the finalisation of the UNRWA Medium Term Strategy 2023-2028. Second, the support for a strategic process to inform discussions with all of the Agency’s partners and within the fora directed to enhance protection, to secure, and to improve services for refugees in line with the United Nations General Assembly mandate. To do so, a team of eight senior international and Arab/Palestinian researchers was set up to provide insights into the four main chapters of the report. These analytical papers on migration, security issues, socio-economic conditions and legal aspects were complemented by a 2-day workshop. The summary report with its recommendations was submitted to UNRWA.

Collaborator: Riccardo Bocco

Funding: UNRWA/Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee: Opportunities and Risks along the Global Coffee Value Chain

Combining rich macro- and micro-evidence from two r4d research consortiums – the CCDP’s Curbing Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) project and CDE’s Feminization, Agricultural Transition and Rural Employment (FATE) project at the University of Bern – this r4d Synthesis project aims to offer a profound understanding of the complex systems dynamics shaping agriculture-led economic development in Laos. Focusing on the Lao coffee sector as a case study, the team engages with agents of change at national and international level, enabling their immersion in the implications of market-

oriented, commodity-based agriculture for sustainable development. For this purpose, the project creates a deep learning experience by developing a simulation game, and organising research impact workshops to disseminate innovative knowledge formats, validate the combined findings and open up pathways for policy impact. The core team, involving Rahul Mehrotra (IFF), Sabin Bieri, Maliphone Douangphachanh, and Eva Ming (FATE), has implemented the synthesis project over an 18-month period until May 2022. Additional team members from both r4d projects, in particular members from the research teams in Laos, selectively contributed to the synthesis.

In 2022, the project organised a workshop featuring researchers and stakeholders from across multiple [r4d.ch](#) projects, KFPE, SNF and policy institutions in Geneva. The workshop consisted of a keynote speech on building successful North-South research partnerships, followed by a panel discussion with experts from Africa, Asia and Europe. A research brief was published and presented featuring results from an international survey on Challenges in North-South Research Partnerships.

Principal Collaborator: Rahul Mehrotra

Funding: Synthesis Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Key Publication: A research brief on Challenges in North-South Research Partnerships ([link](#)).

3.2 Mandates and Policy Work of the CCDP

Support to Peace and Stabilisation in Yemen: Track II Coordination

This project is one of several ways in which the CCDP has been working on and contributing to the complex situation in Yemen. As a consequence of protracted conflict, in 2020 Yemen ranked first on the Fragile States Index. The conflict has fractured Yemen's formal and informal governance systems resulting in a dynamic, complex, and fragmented context of authority in different parts of the country. The country remains divided between the areas under the authority of the internationally recognised government (IRG) and the Ansar Allah authorities (AA) controlling large areas, including the country's capital, Sana'a, and most of the population.

The Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OESGY) has requested support from the EU to contribute to a better coordination of Track II mediation actions and implementing partners. In this context, the EU has conducted various mapping exercises and is aiming to support a dedicated coordination mechanism. The aim is to allow ongoing and future Track II and Track III activities to fully realise their potential in order to create synergies and support the overall peace process. The specific objective of this mandate is to enhance the effectiveness and inclusivity of the Yemen peace process while preserving and strengthening inclusive national and local peace approaches, institutions and structures.

Collaborators: David Wood, Maëlys Glück

Funding: European External Action Service (EEAS)

The Economic Dimensions of the Conflict in Yemen

This project is a follow-on of earlier studies of different aspects of the conflict in Yemen, focusing on its economic dimensions during the period May to December 2022. The work was to further analyse the economic drivers of the Yemeni conflict and potential opportunities for peace by researching the factors and interests that influence the conflict dynamics. The research also provided input for the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen (OESGY) on the economic aspects of the political process. Key foundations for this report include 11 conversations conducted between 14 and 25 October 2022 to understand the perspectives of Yemeni stakeholders. The report has also been informed by conversations during the Yemen International Forum (Stockholm, 17-19 June 2022), the Yemen Track II Conference (Amman, 8 November 2022), as well as by in-person feedback received on the draft report (Amman, 13-15 December 2022).

Collaborators: Achim Wennmann, Emilian Berutti, Maëlys Glück

Funding: European Resources for Mediation Support (ERMES)

Supporting the Increased Conflict Sensitivity of the Bekaa Water Management Programme, Lebanon

The neighbouring war in Syria has caused a massive influx of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Based on a UNHCR report, the total of registered Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley makes for 39.2% of the total number of Syrian refugees all over Lebanon, - besides half a million Lebanese citizens and an estimated 300,000 Palestinian refugees (all over Lebanon). This has placed a strain on the fragile and weak Lebanese public service infrastructure. Already poor and unsafe access to drinking water - the result of mismanagement, lack of competence, rule of law and accountability, of corruption - were further exacerbated.

As part of the Swiss engagement in Lebanon, the project contributes to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6) "Clean water and sanitation", by responding to the regional political and humanitarian crisis and addressing the root causes of regional conflicts. This is done through the Bekaa Water Management Programme (BWMP) that was initiated in 2015, a self-implemented direct action that aims at improving the capacities of the Bekaa Water Establishment and other stakeholders to provide vulnerable people in the Bekaa Valley with safe, affordable and equitable access to well-managed drinking water and sanitation services. The aim of this programme is also to help reduce water-related conflicts and to enhance crisis resilience in the valley.

The support provided for this project takes the form of conflict sensitivity training for the programme's focal point and BWMP team, assessments and guidance on the implementation of a conflict-sensitive strategy and the Swiss assistance in the Bekaa, and the provision of recommendations on promoting conflict-sensitive water management in the Bekaa for example.

Collaborators: David Wood, Maëlys Glück

Funding: Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Participation in the External Quality Commission of the Kooperationsgemeinschaft (KoGe)

Mandated by the Kooperationsgemeinschaft (“cooperation community”) or KoGe, the CCDP, together with the NADEL at the ETH in Zurich, has continued for the third year to take part in the external quality commission (EQC). After a first phase in 2019 during which the EQC reviewed the individual proposals and their fit with the joint KoGe strategy, the second phase consisted of accompanying the KoGe in the set-up of its Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning system, which is the basis for assessing its work throughout the programme implementation phase of 2021-2024.

Over 2022, the main exercise was the assessment of the Annual Reports of nine member organisations, and the way they used their results to learn for their programming. Individual debriefs of the assessments were conducted subsequently with all organisations. Apart from ad-hoc support on various aspects of the KoGe Monitoring-Evaluation-and Learning system, the EQC helped develop terms of reference for the mid-term review it will conduct of the KoGe programme in 2023. Finally, the Commission also conducted an experience capitalisation on the theme “Leave No-One Behind”, that will be the basis of a Learning Brief to be drafted and finalised in 2023. The NADEL will withdraw from the EQC in March 2023, and Kimon Schneider will be replaced by Oliver Jütersonke who will join the EQC as a CCDP research associate.

Collaborator: Sina Zintzmeyer

Funding: KoGe

Harnessing Market Forces for Peace

This project provides research support and strategic advice to the Peace Dividend Initiative (PDI) - a new non-profit Swiss Foundation headquartered in Geneva. PDI operates as a peace-dividend accelerator, bridging the gap between peace mediation and economic actors, to harness market forces for peace in conflict-prone regions. The collaboration produced four research papers, including “Business in complex environments: Entry-points for peace-supporting investments”, “Accompaniment mechanisms for peace-supporting investments: Strategic elements and lessons learned”, “The Demystification of peace: Towards a monitoring matrix for peace-supporting investments”, and “The Peace Finance Ecosystem: Stocktaking Report”. Additional tasks involved providing strategic advice on the continued institutional development of PDI, and providing academic advice on the economic dimensions of conflict, business in areas affected by crises and fragility, and conflict and violence (FCV). Other tasks were to provide quality control of PDI publications, and draft short analyses.

Collaborator: Achim Wennmann

Funding: Peace Dividend Initiative

Collaboration with the Principles for Peace Secretariat

In this collaboration with the Secretariat of the Principles for Peace Initiative (P4P) hosted at Interpeace, the CCDP acted as a stand-by research capacity and extension of the Secretariat’s Research

Team, to contribute to developing new peacebuilding principles and present them in the Peacemakers' Covenant in December 2022. In this context, the Centre was part of the Evidence Consortium and worked closely with the Secretariat to write backgrounders, briefing papers, and solutions-oriented thinking pieces on specific themes. Since the beginning of the collaboration in June 2021, four papers have been produced. The papers have been shared among the members of the Commission and with the stakeholder platform. In addition, extracts from the papers and additional research was presented by the CCDP during the P4P International Commission's meetings (Geneva, Berlin, Amman) and working groups with stakeholders of the peacebuilding ecosystem. The Centre also accompanied the P4P Secretariat in several online consultations with members of the stakeholder platform. Towards the end of the project, the CCDP was invited to contribute to the design of the Second Phase of the Principle for Peace Initiative. In particular, the team worked to develop a monitoring mechanism to track the implementation of the Principles. Sina Zintzmeyer and Agnieszka Fal Dutra Santos were involved in this stage of the project and contributed to the workshop organised to discuss these options.

Keith Krause acted as Chair of the P4P Research Committee, a group of scholars from different parts of the world who have prior experience engaging with practical policy or programmatic efforts to establish peace and whose primary responsibility is peer-reviewing research outputs developed by the Evidence Consortium and the P4P Secretariat. In this capacity, he was also responsible for leading the drafting process of the Peacemakers' Covenant and he played a key role in facilitating the engagement of the International Commission's members with the latest research findings on peacebuilding, peacekeeping and stabilisation missions.

Some publications that came out of this collaboration are listed here: Jütersonke, Oliver, Krause, Keith, Nannerini, Augusta, 2021, "Maximizing Impact: Brief for the International Commission on Inclusive Peace", Interpeace Website. Jütersonke, Oliver, Krause, Keith, Nannerini, Augusta, 2021, "Methodology Assessment: Brief for the Secretariat and International Commission on Inclusive Peace", Interpeace Website. Jütersonke, Oliver, Krause, Keith, Nannerini, Augusta, 2022, "Advancing Towards the Future: Monitoring and Support Mechanism Options for the P4P Initiative", Interpeace Website. Krause, Keith and Nannerini, Augusta, 2022, "Methodology paper for historical counterfactual analysis: Laying the groundwork."

Collaborators: Keith Krause, Augusta Nannerini, Oliver Jütersonke

Funding: Interpeace

Collaboration with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

This project was a research collaboration between the CCDP and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). The CCDP supported the Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT) in creating and consolidating a global dataset on ammunition management activities (A-MAP) funded by international donors to strengthen states' ammunition management capacities. To this end, the team supported AMAT in developing a research methodology, as well as collecting, coding, and transferring the raw data to the main dataset's spreadsheets for it to become an online platform.

Following this task, the CCDP also supported the collection and analysis of data to write over 60 Country Reports and facilitate the ways in which the AMAT team will continue to conduct research and build country profiles for internal purposes (e.g. to facilitate urgent deployment to the field). The platform is now accessible online: <https://a-map.gichd.org>.

Collaborators: Maëlys Glück, Augusta Nannerini, Elio Panese, Oliver Jütersonke

Funding: Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

Dealing with Crises arising from Conflicts and Disasters: Follow-up to ILO Recommendation No. 205

The CCDP and the ILO maintain a long-term collaboration revolving around the implementation of ILO Recommendation No. 205 on Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience, an international labour standard adopted in 2017. In early 2020, the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) and the Bureau for Employer's Activities (ACTEMP) published a joint study, authored by the CCDP, that offers a global overview of bipartite initiatives in situations of conflict and disaster. In the last quarter of 2020, the CCDP was offered an additional mandate by the ILO's Coordination Support Unit for Peace and Resilience, in order to revise and finalise an ACTRAV-led training manual on conflict analysis for workers' organisations operating in settings of conflict and disaster. Authored by Oliver Jütersonke and Augusta Nannerini, the manual was published in the first part of 2022 and the Centre contributed to its online launch. Aimed for an audience of representatives of workers' organisations with different educational and professional backgrounds, the CCDP team worked to establish a common, simplified jargon around conflict analysis, designing user-friendly training exercises, and drawing up an extensive glossary of key terms.

Collaborators: Oliver Jütersonke and Augusta Nannerini

Funding: The International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Research Output: A training manual ([link](#)).

4. LONG-TERM COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a joint project of five institutions including the CCDP, the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Interpeace, and the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO). It functions as a knowledge hub that connects the critical mass of peacebuilding actors, resources, and expertise in Geneva and worldwide.

Founded in 2008, the Platform has a mandate to facilitate interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors, and to advance new knowledge and understanding of issues and contexts related to building peace. It also plays a creative role in building bridges between

International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and peacebuilding activities in the field.

The Platform is housed and financially administered by the CCDP with core funding provided by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs alongside additional fundraising and partner contributions.

The Platform's annual flagship event is the Geneva Peace Week (GPW), which has become a truly inclusive multi-stakeholder forum for open discussions across sectors and institutions.

GPW22 in numbers:

- 92 sessions applications
- 125 partner organisations
- 4 thematic tracks
- 1632 registrations from 119 countries
- 53 events in total
- 9 High level panels
- 34 online and in person workshops
- 2860 total sessions attendance
- 20 Digital series including 1500 streams and listens as of 14 November 2022

GPW22 took place from 31 October to 4 November 2022 at the Maison de la Paix, in facilities of the Geneva Graduate Institute, and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. The overarching theme of this year was "Peace is possible". After two editions that were held fully online due to the global pandemic, considerable efforts have been made to offer as many in-person events as possible while keeping some sessions online to retain the reach expansion that was successfully achieved during the pandemic. Major speakers of the opening day and the closing session included for example **Volker Türk**, High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Margot Wallström**, Chair of the Environment of Peace initiative, former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Commissioner for the Environment and UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, **H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini**, President of the International Peace Institute and former High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Elizabeth Spehar**, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support at the United Nations and **Fionnuala Ní Aoláin**, Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights.

Beyond Geneva Peace Week, the Platform continued to advance networking and new knowledge through two other thematic streams 1. offering space and facilitation to foster innovation in peacebuilding practice and leadership in Switzerland and 2. building communities and momentum among actors working in peace by creating fertile ground for cross-sectoral advancement. The CCDP continues to benefit from housing the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and looks forward to deepening and developing its relationship in upcoming years. The networks that connect both the Centre and the Platform have led to cross-collaboration that the CCDP core team plans on expanding in 2023.

Collaborators: Danson Gichini, Annika Erickson-Pearson, Maëlys Glück, Annyssa Bellal, Dany Diogo, Yasmeen Chaudhry, Maria Baltag



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Hosting Doctoral Students and Visiting Fellows

Beyond seeking to engage the students of the Graduate Institute in events, the Centre also makes proactive efforts to support doctoral students in obtaining and administering grants as well as pursuing job opportunities to conduct their research. In 2022, the CCDP continued to host the “doc.ch”

grants from the Swiss National Science Foundation of Janine Bressmer, Mirko Reul, and Matthew Bamber. Janine's research focused on the material and spatial dimensions of humanitarian security management with a specific focus on power dynamics in relation to built environments and architectures (fieldwork in Ethiopia). Mirko examined how individuals are labelled as defectors in social conflict settings and how labelling people for disloyalty influences political behaviour, using agent-based computational modelling, statistical models, text analysis, network analysis, and a lab experiment. Matthew's work focuses on rebel governance effectiveness and the historical state-building project of ISIS on Iraqi and Syrian territory. His research is based on an original database of primary ISIS governance documents and interviews conducted with ISIS members and civilians in Iraq, Turkey, and Lebanon. The CCDP provided these students with an office space and infrastructure, supported them in managing their funds, organising their fieldwork (including insurance coverage, reporting, security, debriefing, etc.), and provided any other support deemed necessary. Mirko Reul successfully defended his thesis in 2022, and Janine Bressmer defended in February 2023. We congratulate both of them for their achievements.

PhD students are also routinely hired as Research Assistants to contribute to specific CCDP research projects while carrying out their PhD thesis. This work experience is meant to enrich and expand the research skills that they will be able to apply in their PhDs and future academic development. Students are hired from all Institute departments, and their contributions to the CCDP serve to facilitate interdisciplinary exchanges. From the anthropology department, Chiara Feliciani, Alice Daquin, and Lene Swetzer collaborated with Dennis Rodgers on the project "Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands." Chiara's research focuses on youth governmentality in neoliberal contexts by looking at youth initiatives active in contexts of urban violence (in 2022 she conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Naples). Alice's PhD thesis studies women living in poor neighbourhoods who are linked with gang members and how they navigate the coexistence of drug trafficking activities (in 2022 she conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Marseille). Lene's research focuses on the relations between mobility, space and the production of security in the Strait of Gibraltar, Spain.

From the department of IR/PS, Bilal Salayme and Rosalind Tan collaborate with Sara Hellmüller on the project "A Child of its Time". Bilal's PhD thesis explores the phenomenon of the oligopoly of violence in Syria and Libya, while Rosalind's work revolves around the political economy of peacebuilding. Xinyu Yuan was part of the team working on the project "Norms and Contestation," and her doctoral research investigated civil society promotion in restrictive environments, with a focus on China. She successfully defended her PhD thesis in 2022, and is now working as a postdoctoral researcher on the second phase of the project. Alice Baroni was working on the "VIPRE" project with Keith Krause, Oliver Jütersonke, and Jonathan Austin that concluded in 2021. Alice's PhD research explored the paradoxes and dilemmas of solidarity from within colonial structures through the case of Jewish-Israeli activism for Palestinian rights. Alice successfully defended her thesis in 2022. Pedro Dos Santos Maia collaborates with Anna Leander on her project "Infrastructuring Democracy." His PhD research discusses the interactions and relationalities between Geographic Information Systems (GIS) interfaces and the governance of security in Brazil and Portugal, and investigates the practical entanglements between private software companies, security agencies, and technical infrastructures. Swetha Ramachandran worked with Andreas Hirblinger on the project "An Apomediated Peace?" during the first part of 2022. Her doctoral thesis empirically investigates how foreign aid actors perpetuate power asymmetries through a complex web of budgets, partnerships, and social

relationships in the West African context. Basil Farraj and Stella Peish joined the CCDP in the context of the MENA Prison Forum Initiative. Basil PhD's thesis explored changes in the Israeli prison regime since the signing of the Oslo Peace Accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1993. He focused on the changes in Israeli policies and modes of violence devised to control Palestinian prisoners in "better" ways, and engaged with prisoners' confrontation practices for what they inform on carcerality and carceral practices. He successfully defended his thesis in 2022. Stella's research revolves around the socio-political implications of commemoration of massacres in the Middle East, with an attention on cases from the 1980s in Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. Augusta Nannerini's research focuses on the theories of change embedded in the practices of humanitarian and development professionals to collect, share and make use of data in the context of forced displacement (in 2022 she conducted fieldwork in Amman, Jordan).

In 2022, the CCDP hosted a total of 6 visiting fellows at doctoral, postdoctoral and professoral levels (Monica Herz, Alejandro Lerch, William Kwok, Alyssa Yamamoto, Fionnuala Ni Aolain, and Michael Beevers). This number was a bit lower than usual due to Covid-19 restrictions. Regardless, the Centre appreciates the mutual exchange, discussions, and presentations by its visitors. Together with the PhD students and other researchers, the visiting fellows contribute to the vibrant and interdisciplinary research environment at the CCDP.

5. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED DURING 2022, INCLUDING STATUS (ACCEPTED, PENDING, REJECTED)

During 2022, the CCDP submitted 17 proposals for research projects and mandates. Short descriptions of each project are presented below.

Young Venezuelan migrants in Colombia's urban peripheries: Criminals, criminalized, or change-makers?

(SNSF Postdoctoral Fellowship, under evaluation)

South-South migration is an increasing, yet still largely understudied phenomenon. Representing 36% of the global number of migrants, migrants who resettle in developing countries face different challenges than migrants resettling in developed ones. This means that integration policies developed in the Global North are likely to be less effective in contexts of South-South migration.

This theme is particularly timely in Colombia, where, in recent years, more than 2 million Venezuelans have resettled following the humanitarian crisis in their country. Most have re-settled in the peripheries of large Colombian cities, where they live together with disadvantaged sectors of the Colombian population. Despite the welcoming migration policy developed by the Colombian government, Venezuelan migrants face significant challenges in accessing jobs, healthcare, and education. They also have to negotiate their relationship with the criminal narco-gangs that control the neighbourhoods where they settle, and whose authority has been strengthened by the pandemic.

This 2-year research project aims to explore the experiences of young Venezuelans who have settled in the peripheries of Medellín, and their relationship with the criminal gangs that operate in these

areas. Specifically, it will explore whether young Venezuelans are recruited into existing gangs, form gangs of their own, or refuse to engage with gangs; and what role nationality plays, if any, in their (resistance to) criminal engagement.

Applicant: Elena Butti

Mobilizing for Truth: The role and outcomes of Syrian civil society mobilization in Europe for transitional justice

(SNSF Ambizione, under evaluation)

The proposed project interrogates an emerging and understudied issue: How and to what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) participate in transitional justice (TJ) processes? At the intersection of Political Science and International Relations (IR), it builds on and contributes to two strands of literature. A first strand is the emerging literature on the role of civil society actors in TJ. Such studies usually focus on societies transitioning to peace or democracy but have not yet focused on TJ processes in the absence of democratic transitions. As a result, they have under-theorised 'bottom-up participation', the design and implementation of TJ mechanisms by victims rather than TJ experts and institutions. A second strand is the literature on long-term revolutionary outcomes in contentious politics. Building on emerging research on the long-term trajectories of activism, this project specifically addresses the understudied relation between the documentation of human rights abuses and mobilisation narratives in the case of Syrian civil society mobilisation for TJ.

Applicant: Adélie Chevé

State-building and the Global Practices of Security Sector Reform

(SNSF Advanced Grants, second round of evaluation)

Efforts to reform and reconstruct security institutions and practices are a major tool of international interventions in conflict-affected and fragile states. From Afghanistan to Burundi, or Timor Leste to Guatemala, multilateral organisations such as the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the UN (as well as bilateral donors) have made "security sector reform" a pillar of conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction. Yet scholarly research on security sector reform is often anecdotal and unsystematic.

The security apparatus – armed forces, police, gendarmerie, border guards, customs and immigration, and intelligence and security services, as well as security oversight bodies (ministries of defence and internal affairs, financial management bodies and public bodies) – lies at the heart of the state's legal monopoly over the use of force. In many regions, it is institutionally and politically powerful, absorbs considerable financial resources, and is weak, ineffective, or even violent and predatory. From the creation of insecurity due to "political policing," to the large-scale use of force against a population or direct political intervention through coups and/or military rule, the security sector is omnipresent in contemporary political life. In the predominantly institutionalist conception of the state that informs externally-driven state-building projects in conflict-affected, fragile or transitioning states, security institutions are meant to fulfill a protective function from both external and internal threats, providing security as a public good subject to civilian control and oversight.

Yet there are significant shortcomings in both knowledge and practice regarding these large-scale efforts to reform and re-engineer security institutions. To begin, there is no cross-national and longitudinal data collection on the scope, scale, duration, type and focus of security sector reform (SSR) projects worldwide, and little systematic analysis of the conditions of (or definitions of) success and failure that could inform global SSR practices. There is also no coherent account of the causal mechanisms and processes (“theory of change” for practitioners) by which ‘peace states’ and institutions emerge and become socially and politically embedded. This means that the cognitive authority and knowledge claims of the SSR epistemic community can (or do) draw upon other sources to create a logic of appropriateness for their practices. The project will address these shortcomings by systematically analysing the underlying normative and conceptual foundations that inform the cognitive authority and institutional imaginary of externally-led programmes to re-engineer, reconstruct or reform security institutions in states that are conflict-affected, fragile, or in transition, considering the historical experiences of the states and institutions that are taken as models for these efforts. Finally, it will study the consequences of this for SSR programming in states that are conflict-affected, fragile or in transition, and the persistence of particular global practices.

Applicant: Keith Krause

State Agents on Trial: Hierarchies of State Criminality in Israel and France

(SNSF Postdoctoral Fellowship, under evaluation)

Since WWII, global politics have involved a heightened sensitivity to state violence. As encouraging as this sensitivity is, it has also constructed a hierarchy of different forms of state criminality that situates sex crimes as the worst atrocity, while normalising other forms of violence, including killing. This logic is further exacerbated when state security agents (SSAs) stand trial for violent crimes committed during their service. These trials require the public to reconcile with the cost of security and to renegotiate the boundary between legitimate and illegitimate state violence. Studying SSAs’ trials as sites of contention over the state’s legitimate use of violence, the project proposes to study the following questions: (1) What hierarchies are at work in shaping conceptions and reactions to state criminality? (2) What can these hierarchies teach us about social and political tolerance of state criminality? and (3) Which political, social, and moral factors are at work in transforming hierarchies of state criminality?

To address these questions, it will explore how legal-normative infrastructures facilitate hierarchies of state crime in Israel and France since WWII through the end of the 20th century. By studying SSAs’ court trials in these sites, the project will develop a model to assess hierarchies of violence based on three categories of felonies: crimes against body and life, crimes against property, and sex crimes.

Applicant: Revital Madar

Technological Innovation for Social Action to Foster the Resilience of Women, Children and Youth in Violent Situations in Palestine

(SNSF SOR4D, rejected)

This proposal, submitted in collaboration with the Haute Ecole de Travail Social (HETS, Geneva), An-Najah National University, and the Palestinian Counseling Center (PCC), aims to examine socio-

technological innovation for social action in Palestine in order to foster the resilience of women, children and youth in violent situations. Children, youth and women in Palestine are exposed to a high level of violence (interpersonal, self-directed or collective) that takes different forms and prevails in multiple contexts.

Studies have shown that about two-thirds of Palestinian children have suffered physical and psychological violence perpetrated by caregivers and parents, with variations related to gender and geographical location. Almost 60% of married women have experienced various forms of violence. In this context, previous research findings show a lack of trust in institutions and social actors by local communities in Palestine; the use of social services is often low and unknown. Digital technology can help overcome some of these barriers by providing relevant and easy-to-find information, as well as enabling affordable coordination of activities and timely and anonymous information sharing. The project aims to develop an innovative technology-based solution that guarantees the anonymity of individuals and could both promote the implementation of innovative intervention models and increase the acceptance of social work.

Applicant: Alexandre Dormeier Freire

Améliorer les Réponses du Droit International en Matière de Prévention et d'Eradication du Phénomène des "Enfants Soldats": Une étude à partir d'une approche "enfant soldat décentrée"

(SNSF Ambizione, under evaluation)

Social sciences have contributed to the growth of the field of law relating to children and armed conflict, including understanding why children join armed groups. Social sciences have also developed methods, approaches, tools and concepts that enable jurists to undertake deeper reflections on how international law should respond appropriately to the problem of child soldiers. While it has originally been built on an individual basis, one can say that social research approaches have now taken an "ecological" turn, since children are considered within the context of their families and their communities, both of which influence the decision to join military groups.

Yet, these changes have not affected the methods which remain centred on child soldiers. These methods do not allow legal scholars to access specific data that can help answer key questions, such as why the percentage of voluntary recruitment is low in areas where child soldiers have been recruited. The application of a decentered approach - an approach that focuses on children who have decided not to join armed groups - can improve the production of data more in line with reality.

Applicant: Christelle Molima

Support Switzerland's Engagement for Increased Conflict Sensitivity of Water Management Programme (BWMP)

(Mandate submitted to the Swiss FDFA, accepted)

For details, see active projects.

Applicant: David Wood

Historic Impact Capitalization of SDC's bilateral cooperation in Central America (Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador), Cuba, Haiti, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru

(Submitted to the Swiss FDFA, rejected)

The proposal devised a methodology involving local and regional partners to conduct an impact assessment of over 50 years of the Swiss bilateral development cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). The aim was to make meaningful recommendations on how other actors would be able to “plug into” achieved results and adopt the lessons learned to shape positive change in LAC once the Swiss development cooperation will pull out of this region.

Applicant: Achim Wennmann

The anatomy of a rifle: mapping the transnational flows of small arms in Latin America

(SNIS, rejected)

How do small arms circulate in Latin America? How do they flow through national borders and across national territories, between the hands of state and non-state actors, between legality and illegality? This project proposes to tackle the scarcity of data and analysis on this circulation by examining the anatomy of an automatic rifle. This anatomy will have three layers. Firstly, it will address the politics of its production, both in its technical components and ammunition. Secondly, it will follow the circulation and movement of rifles within and through the region (in legal and illegal flows) and create a database combining quantitative data on imports and exports, illegal trafficking, and diversion of rifles, components and ammunition. Thirdly, it will build a cartography of national, regional, and international norms on the control of these flows and their adoption and implementation in Latin America.

Mixed methods research will combine the analysis of official and independently-gathered quantitative and qualitative data on the production, circulation, and control of rifles and ammunition; and the comprehensive study of emblematic stories, based on document analysis and in-depth interviews with local experts and partners, to shed light on all layers of this anatomy and reveal its effects on peace, security, and development in the region.

Applicant: Keith Krause

Technical Support to Track II Coordination for Yemen

(European Union, non-competitive, accepted)

For details, see active projects.

Applicant: David Wood

Harnessing Market Forces in Support of Peace – Prototype Phase: Peace Dividend Initiative

(FDFA-PDI, accepted)

For details, see active projects.

Applicant: Achim Wennmann

Mitigating Violence and Social Exclusion: Designing a social innovative 'App' in the West Bank, Tulkarem

(Pre-project submitted to SNIS, competitive, withdrawn)

Building on an ongoing project in the West Bank initiated in 2017 investigating the link between family relations, social work and schools in fostering children's resilience towards violence, this research centres around the role of social work coordination in mitigating violence in fragile contexts. Locating the study in the city of Tulkarem, in the North West of the West Bank, the project aims to strengthen and institutionalise social protection systems in fragile contexts. Based on former fieldwork combined with recent literature stressing the interlinkages between political fragility and violence, the need for innovation in the field of social work as a mechanism for mitigating violence is evident.

In line with SDG 16 to promote peace, justice and strong institutions, and the 2030 Agenda of the International federation of Social Workers, it has become increasingly urgent to examine the conditions through which social work innovation can both prevent social crisis and generate social transformation in fragile contexts – yet it has been given little attention in academic as well as policy debates. In this light, the contribution of this project is twofold; it aims to co-construct further knowledge on the link between social work coordination and mitigation of violence, and to promote innovation in order to strengthen such coordination. Through participatory art-based methods (ABM) the project plans to engage academics from various disciplines, social workers, artists and beneficiaries of social work in order to promote a multidimensional analysis.

Applicant: Alexandre Dormeier Freire

CCDP Participation in the External Quality Commission of the Kooperationsgemeinschaft (KoGe)

(Submitted to KoGe, non-competitive, accepted)

For details, see active projects.

Applicant: Sina Zintzmeyer

Facilitating the Development of a Theory of Change for the Swiss NGO consortium Interaction

(Submitted to Interaction, competitive, accepted)

In light of its experience in developing Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) frameworks, the CCDP was selected to facilitate the engagement of the NGO members of the consortium "Interaction Switzerland" to develop a Theory of Change, which later evolved into a "Theory of Action", encompassing the different activities of their projects co-funded by the Swiss Agency of Development and Cooperation (SDC). Starting in December 2022, the CCDP developed a methodology to design a tailored workshop meant to identify the implicit assumptions and expected results of the NGOs' activities.

A focus was put on the linkages between the expected results in the areas of food security, education, WASH, and health, aiming to highlight the shared goals of the different organisations involved in the

consortium. In January 2023, the CCDP attended and facilitated a two-day workshop in the Swiss town of Eggiwil, and at the time of writing is currently elaborating the discussions held during the meeting to distil a Theory of Action that will be further discussed in 2023 by Interaction and will serve as the basis for a shared MEL framework in the future.

Applicant: Sina Zintzmeyer

7. EVENTS CALENDAR

Throughout the year, the CCDP convened a variety of public events, webinars, internal research seminars, and closed-door workshops. The complete list of events is noted below, in chronological order. Please note that this list does not include all the events organised under the banner of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Date	Title	Speakers	Brief description	Number of Attendees
16.02.2022	Beijing-Geneva Digital Briefings on Sustaining Peace and Preventive Diplomacy: MENA Region	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. David Wood, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University - Prof. Gao Shangtao, Institute of International Relations, China Foreign Affairs University <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amb. Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Director-General, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding - Dr. Liu Chang, Assistant Research Fellow, China Institute of International Studies 	The Beijing-Geneva Digital Briefings on Sustaining Peace and Preventive Diplomacy are a collaboration between the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, facilitated with support by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP). This briefing will explore topics related to peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa.	15 online
15.03.2022	The Legacy of Torture and Rendition, a Follow-Up to the 2010 Special Procedures Joint Study	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism - Elina Steinerte, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention - Sorcha MacLeod, Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination 	This event is organised on the margins of the 49th session of the UN Human Rights Council by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, with the support of the Graduate Institute in Geneva.	30 in-person; 50 online

		<p>- Luciano Hazán, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances</p> <p>Moderator: - Keith Krause, CCDP Director</p>		
16.03.2022	Beijing-Geneva Digital Briefings on Sustaining Peace and Preventive Diplomacy: LATAM Region	<p>Speaker: - Dr. Cristina Hoyos, Head of the Latin America and Caribbean Unit, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)</p> <p>Discussant: - Andrei Serbin Pont, Director, CRIES (Regional Coordinator for Economic and Social Research)</p>	The Beijing-Geneva Digital Briefings on Sustaining Peace and Preventive Diplomacy are a collaboration between the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, facilitated with support by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP). This briefing will explore topics related to peacebuilding in Latin America.	20 online
18.03.2022	CCDP Research Seminar I: The Linear, the Circular and the Suspended: Disentangling Temporalities at Azraq Refugee Camp	<p>Speaker: - Augusta Nannerini, Research Assistant CCDP</p> <p>Discussant: - Fanny Badache, Postdoctoral Researcher CCDP</p>	This event looks into the temporalities performed at Azraq refugee camp, in Jordan. Aligned with other academic literature that shows that time is a socio-technical assemblage resulting from the encounters of different materialities, she argues that different temporalities are in place in Azraq and that different “rhythms” therefore materialise in the everyday lives of those who walk through it. She claims that the power to shape the everyday rhythms is part of the technologies that govern life at the camp, and it contributes to establishing hierarchies of authority and influence. She concludes by showing that as a consequence of the existence of this hierarchy, not all the hours spent in the camp are given the same importance, and some remain invisible and powerless.	9 in-person; 9 online
06.04.2022	Inclusivity in Mediation and Peacebuilding: UN, Neighboring States, and Global Powers	<p>Speaker: - Dr. Daisaku Higashi, Professor, Center for Global Education, Sophia Institute of International Relations in Tokyo</p> <p>Discussants: - Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, Former Special Rep. of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste and President of Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ)</p>	This event provides an opportunity to discuss key features of a new book by Dr. Daisaku Higashi of Sophia University in Tokyo, entitled Inclusivity in Mediation and Peacebuilding: UN, Neighboring States, and Global Powers, which was published in January 2022. The book is published as part of the “Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) book series”. The book is based on field research in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and Timor-Leste. Throughout the various chapters, Dr. Higashi illustrates the importance of mediators taking flexible approaches to inclusivity in mediation during armed conflicts, highlighting the crucial balance between the need to select conflicting parties to make an	55 online

		<p>- Dr. Andreas Hirblinger, Post-Doctoral Researcher at the CCDP</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>- Dr. Sara Hellmüller, Senior Researcher at the CCDP</p>	<p>agreement feasible and the need to include a multiplicity of parties to make the peace sustainable. Higashi also emphasizes the importance of inclusive processes in the phase of post-conflict peacebuilding.</p>	
08.04.2022	<p>CCDP Research Seminar II: Policías o Bandidos? The Embeddedness of the Police and Organised Crime in Federal Policing Agencies in 20th Century Mexico</p>	<p>Speaker:</p> <p>- Alejandro Lerch, CCDP Visiting Fellow</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <p>- Alke Jenss, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Cluster 'Contested Governance' at the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut</p>	<p>Using the Mexican experience to challenge common understandings of what policing is and does in historical praxis, Alejandro's research casts police rackets and the embeddedness of the police and the criminal as a crucial but highly overlooked state-making mechanism in the constitution of political modernity.</p>	11 in-person
28.04.2022	<p>'Impossible stability, unlikely war': Understanding US-Russia relations around Ukraine by looking at Syria's rubble</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>- Johannes Waardenburg (Istituto per l'Oriente, Roma)</p> <p>- Prof. Riccardo Bocco, CCDP Faculty</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>- Souhaïl Belhadj, CCDP Research Associate</p>	<p>While the whole world is exposed to daily reports about the deterioration of relations between Russia and the West, through threats and the implementation of sanctions, it is essential to measure whether a new conflict between two blocks is a reality. To what extent is the present set-up similar or different from the Cold War period? To analyse and explain what is really at stake for both parties entwined in the war in Ukraine, a case study of their rivalry, but also of the coordination in Syria may be of great use. Indeed, many of the steps for damage control set on the international stage have resulted from agreements between the US and Russia, with the consent of Israel.</p>	15 in-person
29.04.2022	<p>CCDP Research Seminar III: Order and actions: commands for killing and their implementation in Cambodia</p>	<p>Speaker:</p> <p>- William Kwok, CCDP Visiting Fellow</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <p>- Keith Krause, CCDP Director</p>	<p>William Kwok is a PhD Candidate in Political Science at Yale University, specializing in comparative politics and international relations. His research interests include mass killings and genocides; ethnic, intercommunal, and religious conflict; militaries and armed groups; international security; and Southeast and East Asia. His dissertation "The Banality of Organization: Mass killings as a coordination problem in the shadow of war" combines machine-learning computational analysis, archival work, and interviews to study of the political organization of mass killings in Cambodia, Indonesia, and Myanmar. He has given several invited talks on mass killings and has been working on a book manuscript on the issue. Prior to graduate school, William worked at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Council on Foreign Relations.</p>	2 online; 4 in-person

06.05.2022	CCDP Research Seminar IV: Border Violence by Other Means: Forms and impacts of Bureaucratic Violence in the Swiss asylum system	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elio Panese, CCDP Student Researcher <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lena Näre, Professor of Sociology, University of Helsinki 	This study focuses on forms of violence within the Swiss asylum system and the related suffering they induce in seemingly non-violent settings. Conceptually, it adopts a critical border studies lens to explore the ways in which practices and spaces within the Swiss asylum system, as well as the laws and procedures that govern them, can be situated on the broader continuum (Scheper-Hughes and Bourgois 2004) of border violence experienced by people on the move throughout their journey. This approach offers an avenue not only to render visible the negligence with regard to asylum-seekers' well-being and health during the asylum process in Switzerland, but also to prolong the reflection on the international debates around the impact migration have on (vulnerable) people in the receiving countries in the Global North.	6 online; 3 in-person
17.05.2022	MENA Prison Forum Film Series Premiere - Ghost Hunting	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raed Andoni, Film Director - Nicolas Wadimoff Film Producer (Akka Films) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stella Peisch, CCDP Researcher 	In association with UMAM Documentation and Research (UMAM D&R) and the Geneva Graduate Institute, the first MENA Prison Forum Film Series announces its premiere screening of the documentary film Ghost Hunting. The selected film explores the effects of torture and imprisonment on the individual, the forms of inmate resistance to their captors, and the post-imprisonment process of healing through creative artistic expression. Directed by Raed Andoni, himself a former prisoner, the film brings together a group of Palestinians formerly detained in the al-Moskobiyya interrogation center to confront their carceral experiences together as a group. With the director, they created a replica of the detainment facility and reenacted interrogations drawing upon their repressed memories and emotions. This MENA Prison Forum Film Series includes nine hybrid film events to be held this year across the MENA region and in Switzerland.	15 in-person
18.05.2022	Science-Diplomacy Week: Facing Peaceful Futures in a World of Uncertainty: What Role for Technology and Science?	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andreas Hirblinger, CCDP Senior Researcher <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Wählisch, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs - Valerie Sticher, Research Fellow, AI Singapore - Kristoffer Lidén, Peace Research Institute Oslo - Yasmeen al-Eryani, Sana'a Center/Inclus analyst - Maurizio Pierini, CERN Research Physicist 	This roundtable brings together scientists, scholars, and practitioners to shed light on applications of new technologies that may help engaging with, invoking, and facing peaceful futures in a world full of uncertainty. The participants will discuss how facing peaceful futures requires reconciling the world "as is" with the world that "could be" or "should be" through the skillful combination of scientific methods, hermeneutical sensitivity, and process-oriented facilitation. We will also point to the limits of human and machine cognition, the role of politics, and ethical challenges that arise through the increasing integration of human and machine capabilities in peacebuilding efforts.	37 online

19.05.2022	Democracy in MENA Minus Liberalism	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assel Tutumlu, Academic Coordinator for the Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices (DPP) <p>Moderator and Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alaa Tartir, CCDP Research Associate 	Dr. Tutumlu will argue that the understanding of democracy within the authoritarian regimes has been void of the liberal component. In other words, democracy was understood in substantive terms. By using discourse analysis and comparative method, this event will outline Mubarak's understanding of justice in Egypt and compare it with the ideals of Muslim Brotherhood. It will interpret two discourses through John Rawls' distinctions between substantive and procedural justice in order to draw the lessons for democratization scholarship and for future transitions of authoritarian regimes in the MENA region.	10 in-person
20.05.2022	CCDP Research Seminar V: Molding Consciousness: Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Post- Oslo Moment	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basil Farraj, CCDP Researcher <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathan Luke Austin, Assistant Professor, University of Copenhagen 	Basil presented a chapter of his PhD thesis. The chapter addressed the central role of torture and violence to the Israeli carceral regime. Over the years, there have been some changes in specific torture techniques, but nevertheless, they remain a combination or menu of crude physical brutality alongside so-called 'torture lite' where the harms do not leave the same kinds of physical traces and thus enable the colonial state to continuously deny its pervasive resort to torture of people in its custody.	
20.05.2022	Regional Challenges in North-South Research Partnerships	<p>Organiser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rahul Mehrotra, CCDP Researcher 	Private workshop organised for r4d SNSF research grant to discuss research findings with international researchers.	10 in-person; 70 online
15.06.2022	Informal Meeting with Students UN Special Rapporteur Fionnuala Ni Aolain	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fionnuala Ni Aolain, CCDP Visiting Fellow 	During this informal session, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Prof. Fionnuala D. Ní Aoláin will share insights about her mandate as Special Rapporteur as well as her broader academic work.	25 in-person
29.09.2022	The Impact of Surveillance on Human Rights: Palestine and Beyond	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nadim Nashif, Director General of 7amleh - The Arab Center for the Advancement of Social Media - Mona Shtaya, Advocacy Adviser at 7amleh - Nijmeh Ali, Research Fellow, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alaa Tartir, CCDP Research Associate 	Back in July 2021, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet warned about how surveillance technologies were used to illegally undermine people's human rights. The systematic violation of rights has become a constant in the case of Palestine, on which the tools that are making headlines today have been tested for years. This conversation between leading experts will address the need for human rights-centered technologies. It will also elucidate the deep-seated relationship between the pervasive recourse to sophisticated surveillance Israeli-made mechanisms and the violation of international law in the case of the Palestinian people.	30 in-person

29.09.2022	From Words to Deeds: A Research Study of Armed Non-State Actors' Practice and Interpretation on International Humanitarian and Human Rights Norms	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Mohamedou, Deputy Director, Geneva Graduate Institute - Dr Annysa Bellal, CCDP Senior Researcher, Principal Investigator - Pascal Bongard, Co-investigator - Dr Ezequiel Heffes, Senior Legal Adviser, Geneva Call, Co-Investigator - Dr Marta Furlan, University of St Andrews - Prof. Nesrine Badawi, American University in Cairo, Co-Investigator - Dr Ashley Jackson, Centre on Armed Groups - Chris Rush, Independent Consultant and Researcher - Hiba Mikhael and Hassan Baalbaky, Geneva Call and Independent Researcher <p>Prof. Gloria Gaggioli, Director, Geneva Academy of IHL and Human Rights Christie Edwards, Head of Policy Programmes, Geneva Call Prof. Marco Sassòli, University of Geneva - Prof. Andrew Clapham, Geneva Graduate Institute</p>	This International Conference presented the results of the research project: 'From Words to Deeds: Providing tools for an Effective Engagement of Armed Non State Actors to Improve Humanitarian Protection' funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs and the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO) and in partnership with the American University in Cairo, the Geneva Academy of IHL and Human Rights, Geneva Call, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Diakonia, and the Geneva Graduate Institute.	80 in-person, 70 online
05.10.2022	Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Light of Threats and Killings committed by Non-State Actors – Lessons Learned from Colombia and Lebanon	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Annysa Bellal, CCDP Senior Researcher - Nadim Shehadi, Associate Fellow at Chatham House - Juan Pappier, Human Rights Watch Americas Senior Researcher - Shoshana Levy, UNHCR-Appointed Judge at the French Appeal Court for Asylum and Former Legal and Field Officer at the United Nations Mission of Verification in Colombia - Dr. Morris Tidball-Binz, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions <p>Dr. Erica Harper, Head of Research and Policy Studies at the Geneva Academy.</p>	Targeted killings of human rights defenders by non-state actors are a global phenomenon taking place in an increasingly shrinking space for civil society. These killings have become a tool through which perpetrators eliminate perceived critics and opponents to their ideology or economic and/or political interests. Impunity for these crimes stifle peaceful dissent and civil society engagement, silence political or economic opposition, and extinguish critical public dialogue. What role do official state authorities have in preventing and responding to these kinds of killings? How can United Nations instruments and mechanisms, such as the Human Rights Council, engage with this issue? To discuss these questions and learn from the case studies of Lebanon and Colombia, UMAM Documentation & Research, the Lokman Slim Foundation, Dar al-Jadeed, and the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding at the Geneva Graduate Institute (CCDP), invite you to this side event during the 51st UN Human Rights	70 in-person

			Council Session, co-sponsored by the Permanent Representation of Germany in Geneva.	
19.10.2022	CCDP Research Seminar I: Following a Middle Way: How Rising Powers Navigate Sovereignty Debates	Speakers: - Sara Hellmüller, CCDP Senior Researcher - Fanny Badache, Postdoctoral Researcher CCDP - Bilal Salayme, CCDP Doctoral Researcher	The role of rising powers has been growing in world politics. The increasing geopolitical competition opens a window for these countries to boost their activeness in multilateral affairs. However, their impact on the international peace and security architecture is still to be evaluated, and the extent to which the global governance system mirrors their views remains questioned. The paper to be discussed will aim to assess the impact of rising power by analysing their influence on re-conceptualising 'sovereignty' as one of the founding principles of the modern political system and as a key factor in determining the nature of peacebuilding.	
02.11.2022	Exploring ethics-driven approaches to digital peacebuilding at Geneva Peace Week	Speakers: - Dr. Kristoffer Lidén (PRIO) - Dr. Andreas Hirblinger (CCDP/PRIO) - Senel Wanniarachchi, co-founder and director of Hashtag Generation - Kiruthika Thurairajah, Digital Peacebuilding Specialist at Search for Common Ground Sri Lanka	The event, Towards Ethics-driven Digital Peacebuilding: How to Promote the Good Use of Technologies Beyond "Do No Harm" reflected the risks that emerge from the use of diverse technologies for conflict prevention while exploring the benefits of an ethics-driven approach to digital peacebuilding.	50 in-person
02.11.2022	CCDP Research Seminar II: Armed non-State actors' practice and interpretation of international humanitarian norms	Speakers: - Pascal Bongard, CCDP Researcher - Dr. Annyssa Bellal, CCDP Senior Researcher Discussant: - Matthew Bamber, CCDP Researcher	The study has sought to address these gaps and provide a better sense of how armed non-State actors (ANSAs) perceive IHL, which norms are more accepted or disputed, more respected or disregarded, and why. It has focused on the following questions: are ANSAs familiar with their obligations under IHL and how do they understand them? Do ANSAs agree with the norms? What factors influence their policy and practice? Are there new issues that ANSAs would be willing to regulate in the future?	9 in-person, 5 online
03.11.2022	Towards a new social justice coalition: Geneva Peace Week event explores the role of international labour standards in sustaining peace	Facilitator: - Oliver Jütersonke, CCDP Research Associate Panellists: - Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, International Labour Organization (ILO) - Ayuba Philibus Wabba, President of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) - Lindiwe Sephomolo, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Lesotho Employers and Business	The in-person workshop is organized by the ILO in collaboration with the ITUC, IOE and the CCDP. This workshop provided the opportunity to debate on the link between labour rights, inequalities, and sustaining peace from the perspective of workers' organizations, private sector through the employers' organizations, and the International Labour Organization (ILO) with examples from conflict-affected countries.	30 in-person

03.11.2022	Brown Bag Lunch with Augusta Nannerini	Speaker: - Augusta Nannerini, CCDP Research Assistant	This event was informal and hosted following the fieldwork carried out by Augusta in Amman during the summer of 2022.	7 in-person
16.11.2022	CCDP Research Seminar III: Communities, Commemoration, and Contestation: Memories of Violent Mass Death in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq	Speaker: - Stella Peisch, Doctoral Researcher CCDP Discussant: - Christiana Parreira, IHEID Faculty	Why and how massacres in the Middle East, as events of violent mass death, are remembered and commemorated among different communities? The research's objective is to contribute to an increased understanding of why and how these types of events are commemorated, contested, and socio-politically operationalized among various "communities of commemoration".	11 in-person, 4 online
25.11.2022	CCDP Fieldwork Workshop	CCDP Speakers: - Keith Krause, CCDP Director - Claudia Seymour, CCDP Faculty - Caitlin Procter, CCDP Researcher - Martine Bourquin, External Consultant - Dennis Rodgers, CCDP Senior Researcher - Matthew Bamber, CCDP Researcher - Sina Zintzmeyer, CCDP Operations Coordinator - Sara Hellmüller, CCDP Senior Researcher	Internal workshop to discuss the modalities and challenges of fieldwork in difficult settings amongst CCDP staff and researchers. This is the first edition of this workshop.	22 in-person
07.12.2022	CCDP Research Seminar IV: The Humanitarian and Human Rights Consequences of Counter-Terrorism Financing Measures	Speaker: - Alyssa Yamamoto, CCDP Visiting Fellow Discussant: - Annyssa Bellal, CCDP Senior Researcher	This presentation sets out the position of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism on the human rights and rule of law implications of countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) measures implemented pursuant to international CFT norms and standards.	3 in-person, 2 online
07.12.2022	The changing American drug policy landscape	Moderator: - Khalid Tinasti, CCDP Research Associate Speakers: - Jasmine Tyler, Associate Professor, Georgetown University - Maia Szalavitz, Reporter and Author - Zara Snapp, Co-founder and Director of Instituto RIA - Matthew Wilson, Division Director of Equity for Global Programs at the Open Society Foundations	With 107'622 overdose deaths related to drug use in 2021, ongoing states' legalisation of marijuana, the presidential pardon of federal marijuana possession charges, the decriminalisation of drug use in some states and the inclusion of harm reduction in federal policies, the US has been experiencing major changes in its domestic drug policy, practice and outcomes in recent years. This one-hour discussion will explore the dimensions of drug policy reform in America, where the "war on drugs" paradigm was first-adopted in 1971, and the impacts and influences these domestic changes bring into the international debate on drug control policy and its normative framework, with a focus on the impacts on Latin America.	15 online

14.12.2022	CCDP Research Seminar V: Territorial stigmatization and the right to mourn: the echoes of the deaths of minors at the hands of the police in Napoli	<p>Speaker: Chiara Feliciani, CCDP Doctoral Researcher</p> <p>Discussant: Osvaldo Costantini, Lecturer at Sapienza University of Rome</p>	Chiara Feliciani presented some of her research on Territorial stigmatization and the right to mourn: the echoes of the deaths of minors at the hands of the police in Napoli.	9 in-person, 12 online
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8. PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

In 2022, the CCDP continued its close collaboration with the Executive Master's Programme in Development Policies and Practices in Conflict and Fragility Management (DPP-CFM) of the Executive Education Department at the Institute. Contributions to the teaching, curriculum development and information sessions of the DPP-CFM were made mostly by Oliver Jütersonke, Claudia Seymour, Keith Krause, Sara Hellmüller, Xinyu Yuan and other colleagues. The hosting of the Academic Coordinator of the Programme, Margaux Pinaud, at the CCDP offices continues to provide opportunities for mutual exchanges and enrichment. This year again, Keith Krause travelled to Bishkek to teach some sessions on the changing landscape of conflict and violence and changing conceptions of security. It is the fifth year of the Programme that is conducted in collaboration with the American University of Central Asia.

In addition, the CCDP ALCA project mentioned under the active projects also proposes a contribution to professional training for humanitarian workers working for OCHA and OHCHR in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Senegal.

Lastly, in 2022, the CCDP also tackled an internal topic it feels strongly about, which is the security and well-being of our staff during fieldwork. To that end, a training and experience sharing session was organised for researchers on the topic. Internal and external speakers were invited to share their insights on mental health, security and research ethics in the field. The CCDP will continue to strengthen its footprint in this area and is open to sharing its resources with any other interested departments of the Institute.

9. PUBLIC IMPACT OF THE CENTRE'S WORK AND RELATIONSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

9.1 Public Outreach

As in previous years, the CCDP continues to make proactive efforts to disseminate its work in both academic and practitioner circles. For scholarly audiences, the main dissemination vehicle continues to be publications in peer-reviewed outlets. In addition, CCDP faculty and senior staff members are also involved in shaping editorial processes. In particular, the CCDP runs the Routledge Series on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, edited by Keith Krause, Oliver Jütersonke, and Riccardo Bocco. Established in 2011, it seeks to offer scholars from both the CCDP and beyond the opportunity to publish on themes related to the Centre's research streams. Keith Krause is also on the Editorial Boards of the *European Journal of Security Studies* and *Critical Studies in Security*, the International Advisory Board of the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, and on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Flemish Peace Institute. Oliver Jütersonke also continued in his function as board member of the Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE).

CCDP scholarship is further disseminated through international and national academic conferences such as the International Studies Association (ISA), the European International Studies Association (EISA), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), and the Swiss Political Science

Association (SPSA), among others. Most CCDP faculty associates and research staff regularly attend these conventions to present draft papers, liaise with academic partners based at other universities, and explore new opportunities for collaboration. CCDP members are also actively involved in organising these events as members of the steering committees and boards of professional associations.

Another way the Centre shares research findings is by sending invitations to hold lectures, teach courses, or organise research stays at partner universities. Such collaboration is a two-way street, with the number of Visiting Fellow applications to the CCDP bearing testimony to a growing awareness and appreciation of the Centre and its work worldwide. In 2022, senior researcher Claudia Seymour and associated faculty member Eric Degila also initiated a partnership with Senghor University based in Alexandria (and represented in a number of African countries), to host a PhD student for a visit in Geneva. The first selected candidate, Kiswendsida Noelle KOURAOGO, will stay with the CCDP in March/April 2023, and the team is about to prepare a programme to make her stay as productive as possible.

CCDP faculty associates and researchers also regularly appear in the printed media, on radio, television and online. While most interviews are conducted in people's individual capacities, emphasis has been placed on acknowledging affiliation to the CCDP when appropriate and/or possible. Examples of such contributions include the collaborative cartoon book and podcast series on [La Cité des Femmes](#), which drew on "cercles de paroles" organised and edited by Alice Daquin, Maroussia Ferry's participation in the France Culture radio programme *Esprit de justice* on "Le mythe du bandit social", and a documentary film produced by the Curbing Illicit Financial Flows project to raise international civil society awareness on IFF magnitudes, drivers and impacts.

The Centre also maintains and cultivates its network with like-minded national and international research partners and centres, such as the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), the Rift Valley Institute in Nairobi, the Kofi Annan Peace Centre in Accra, the Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative in Lalitpur, *Allianza Para la Paz* in Bogotá, the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao in Iligan, the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, *Swisspeace* in Bern, the Global Justice Academy in Edinburgh, the *Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation* in Enniskerry, the *Igarape Institute* in Rio, the CERAC in Bogotá and the Centre for Development and the Environment (CDE) at the University of Bern. For example, when developing a proposal to devise a methodology to assess the impact of over 50 years of Swiss bilateral development cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the team activated a number of these organisations to constitute a consortium.

Within Switzerland, the advisory work of the CCDP with various partners continues, such as the collaboration with the ETH-NADEL (Zurich) in the context of the External Quality Commission for the *Kooperationsgemeinschaft* (see above), and a new support mandate for the Interaction consortium. This year, the CCDP also continued its proactive efforts to collaborate with partners within the *Maison de la Paix*. In addition to the already existing collaboration with DCAF, the Centre established collaborations with the Geneva International Centre on Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and with the Principles for Peace (P4P) initiative hosted by *Interpeace*. With regards to the P4P initiative, it offered an effective way for the CCDP to feed its cross-cutting knowledge on issues of conflict and peacebuilding into an initiative at the policy level that aims to redefine the way in which peacebuilding is supported.

In 2022, the CCDP was also able to widen and deepen the engagement with International Geneva, with the aim of continuing to build and foster long-term partnerships with IOs, NGOs and government donors – including the EU, OCHA, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and its Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and the ICRC, to name but a few. A hands-on example of the CCDP’s impact is the EUROMED initiative that gathered representatives of academia and policy makers from the EU, various MENA countries and Switzerland in a reflection to revive the Mediterranean partnership.

Beyond its own outreach activities, the CCDP continues to benefit immensely from being a co-founder of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, which is housed in the CCDP offices. This position enables the CCDP staff to be part of a variety of stakeholder networks and conversations throughout the year. It has also consolidated the Centre’s close ties with the Swiss Mission to the United Nations and to be closely associated with the Geneva Peace Week, the platform’s flagship event open to anyone interested in issues relating to peace.

9.2 Online Presence

Over the course of the year, the CCDP’s Outreach on social media has continued its trend of significant growth thanks to the strategic plan developed to create and continuously share relevant content. One important change in this year’s strategy was to transition the Centre’s Twitter Spotlight (which started in January 2021) into an official weekly newsletter. This newsletter is now called the CCDP Spotlight and is sent out every Monday via Mailchimp to approximately 6’500 subscribers. The average opening rate is 43% which is about 2’800 people. In 2023 we plan to continue these weekly updates as we have gotten very good feedback from the Institute community and former CCDP Staff.

In 2022, the CCDP also carried on with the promotion of its “CCDP Studio” interview series to broadcast the work and activities of its researchers (videos in English or French). The video playlist can be found [here](#). Since the release of the first video towards the end of November 2020, the eight episodes have received a total of 1050 views collectively.

With regards to social media specifically, LinkedIn has seen the most successful and exponential growth out of the three social media platforms of the CCDP. The account has developed into a thriving and dynamic community made up of a majority of followers based in Geneva (12.4%) working in International Affairs (14.6%) and non-profit organisations (8.8%). The CCDP platform also continues to see impressive follower growth. From an initial follower number of 1006 in February 2021, the LinkedIn page counted 2’260 followers in January 2022 and 7’471 followers in February 2023. This increase of 230% in a little more than a year testifies to the success of the Centre’s outreach strategy.



Twitter has also continued to be a very active platform for increased engagement, particularly among researchers of and beyond the Geneva Graduate Institute. For example, in November 2022 the page had posted 13 Tweets, achieving 10'100 views, 5'220 profile visits, 61 mentions and 84 new followers. As a result, the number of followers went from 577 in February 2021 to 1'049 in January 2022 and 1'664 in February 2023, representing an increase of 59% in about a year.



Lastly, the Facebook page of the CCDP continued to be used mainly to create events and advertise the DPP-CFM Executive Education programme of the Graduate Institute, with which the Centre has a long-standing partnership. The number of Facebook followers has increased from 220 in February 2021 to 329 in January 2022 and 396 in December 2022, which is less than the other two platforms, but still a 20% increase from 2021.




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