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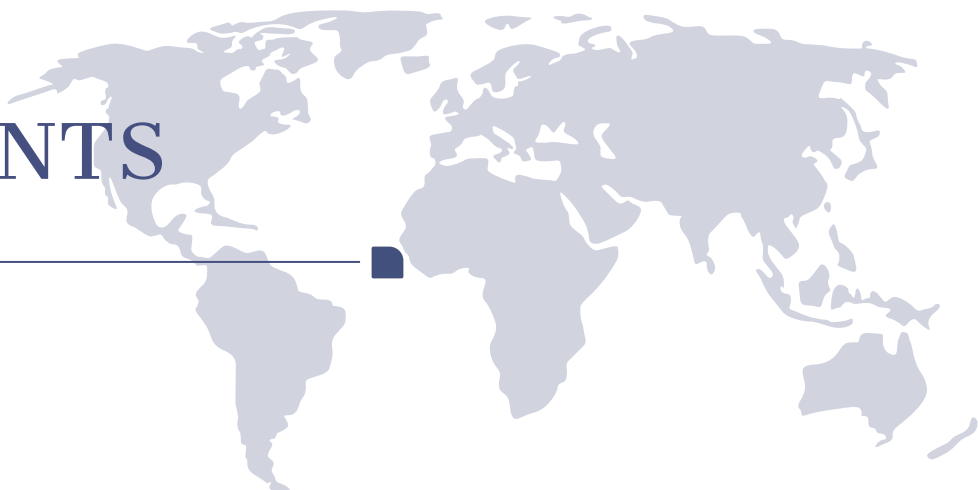


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# Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding

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The CCDP is the Geneva Graduate Institute's focal point for research on conflict analysis, peacebuilding and the complex relationships between security and development.

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## Vision and Approach

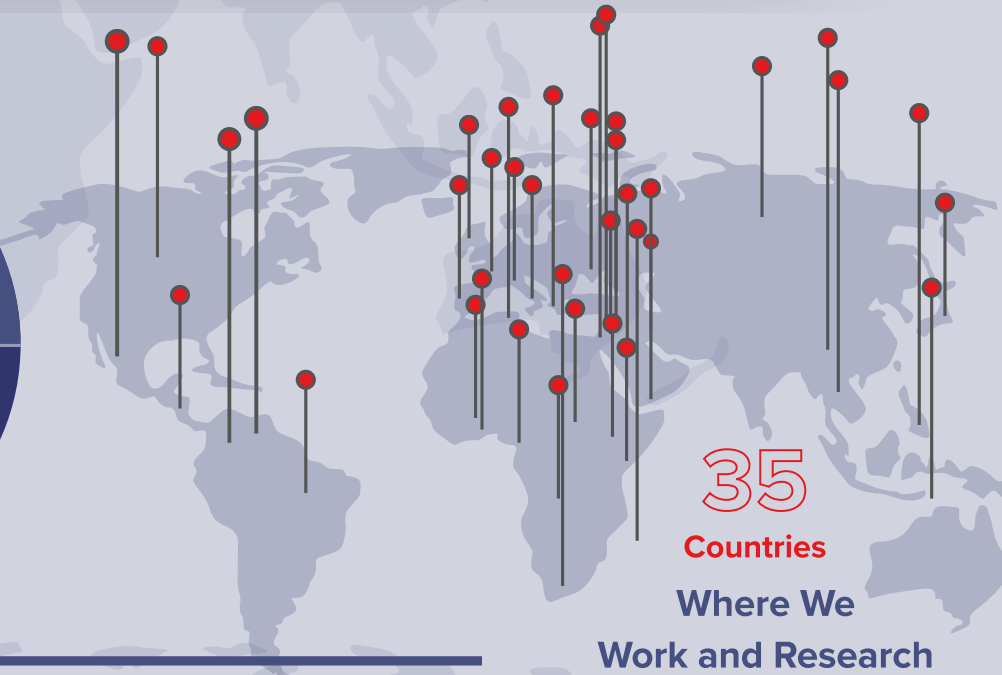
The CCDP advances evidence-based policymaking and programming by providing research and analysis on pressing challenges in conflict resolution, peacebuilding and development. We bridge the gap between research and practice by collaborating with stakeholders to develop practical, geopolitically informed peace strategies and policies.

Our work contributes critical and academic insights, helping to refine and improve existing approaches. We also innovate in data collection, mapping, measurement and evaluation, ensuring that our outputs are both practical and meaningful across these interconnected spheres.

## Work Streams

Our research encompasses a range of topics critical to peacebuilding, including:

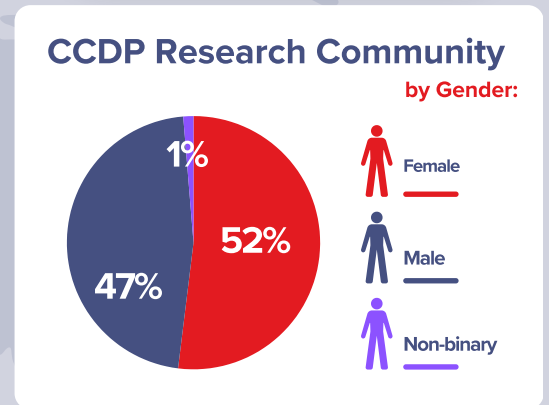
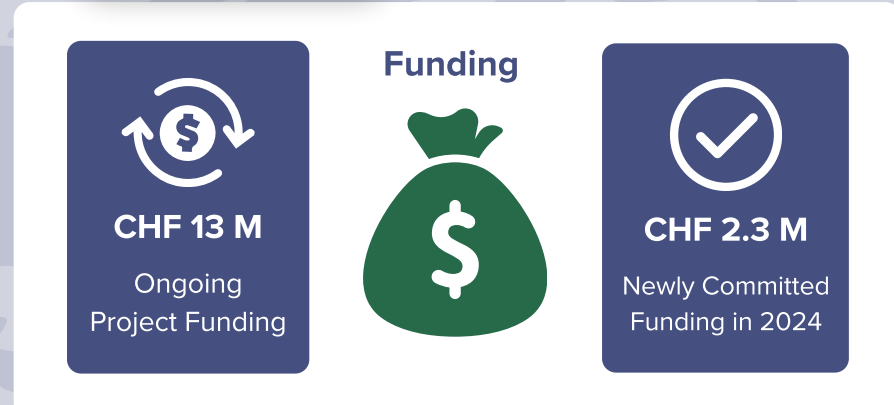
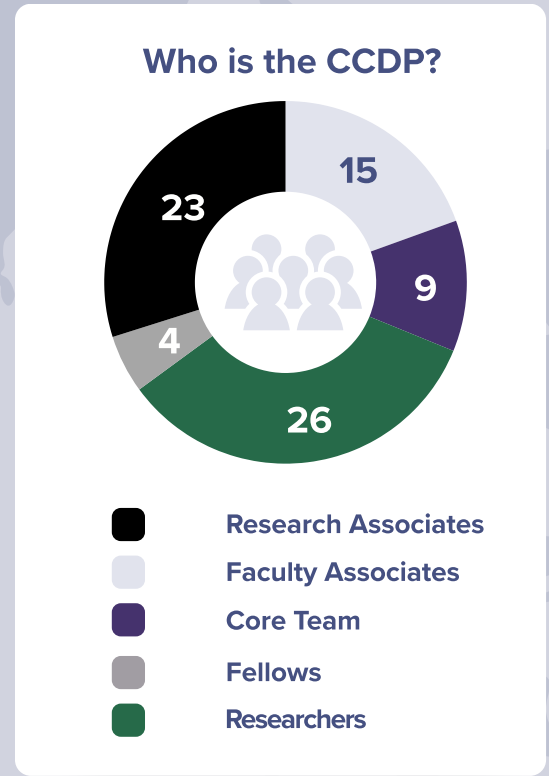
- statebuilding
- security architectures
- mediation
- non-state armed actors
- climate and conflict
- conflict-sensitive programming
- digital technologies
- frameworks for measuring peace



## BRIDGING Research AND Practice



- Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning
- Research, Policy Work & Collaborative Initiatives
- Global Expert Network
- Events, Convening & Trainings
- Dialogue, Mediation & Facilitation
- Project Design & Management



# Foreword

## Message from the Director and Head of Research

“2024 WAS A YEAR OF  
**Growth**  
AND **Innovation**”

2024 was a year of incredible growth and innovation at the CCDP. Our work unfolded in an increasingly challenging global environment, making it imperative to redouble our efforts to contribute to building peace and security worldwide, through encouraging geopolitically informed peace-promoting policies and practices.

This year, we launched two major multi-year SNF projects that will shape research and policy in the coming years. We also expanded our network through the ECCP Community of Practice welcoming more than 1,000 new members working at the intersection of climate, conflict, and peace. Our academic community grew stronger with the addition of new post-doctoral researchers, affiliates, staff, and fellows. At the same time, we celebrated the personal milestones of our team, including the arrival of six babies, with more on the way in 2025. 2024 also marked the launch of our new podcast, bringing fresh perspectives on conflict and peacebuilding to a wider audience.

As we look ahead, the CCDP remains dedicated to championing bold ideas and the brilliant people behind them, while ensuring research and practice continue to inform and strengthen each other.

### Keith Krause

DIRECTOR



### Eliza Urwin

HEAD OF RESEARCH

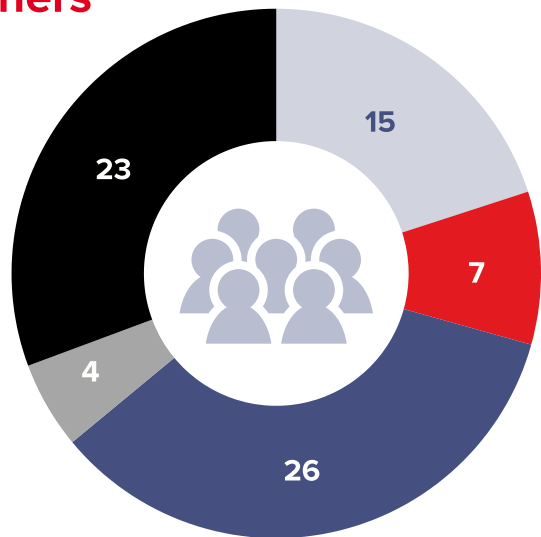


# Who is the CCDP?

## Core Team, Associates & Researchers

The CCDP is a dynamic community of scholars, practitioners, and researchers dedicated to advancing conflict, development, and peacebuilding.

The Centre operates with a core team of staff, faculty associates, researchers, affiliated collaborators, consultants, and students who contribute through various working arrangements. We prioritise collaboration in grants and research, engaging senior and junior researchers, including PhD and Master’s students. Core team members undergo annual reviews, a practice also encouraged for project staff on longer contracts. In 2024, the addition of new post-doctoral affiliates, staff, and fellows.



- Core Team
- Fellows
- Researchers
- Research Associates
- Faculty Associates

## Core Team

We are delighted to welcome Gabriela Buser as the new Partnership Coordinator at CCDP beginning March 2025



Meet our Core Team—dedicated professionals who manage and support all CCDP activities, mandates, and research proposals while bringing their own expertise to research projects and initiatives.

**Keith Krause**  
Director



**Eliza Urwin**  
Head of Research (100%)



**Maëlys Glück**  
Outreach Coordinator and Knowledge Manager (100%)



**Juliette Fugier**  
Administrative Coordinator to December 2024 (80%)



**Apolline Foedit**  
Research Assistant, PhD from April (50%)



**Margaux Pinaud**  
DPP-CFM Executive Education Coordinator (40%)



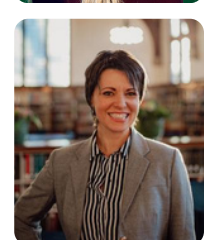
**Augusta Nannerini**  
Research Assistant, PhD to April (50%)



**Brianna Elder**  
Student Researcher to September (37.5%)



**Jennifer Thornquest**  
Student Researcher from September (37.5%)



# Faculty Associates



**Sara Hellmüller**

In January 2025, the CCDP will welcome back Dr. Sara Hellmüller as a Research Professor in International Relations and Political Science and a Faculty Associate at the CCDP.

The CCDP celebrates Director Keith Krause's leadership in founding the Small Arms Survey 25 years ago and advancing arms control amid evolving armed violence challenges.



**Keith Krause**



**Keith Krause**  
Professor  
INT. RELATIONS & POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Achim Wennmann**  
Professor of Practice  
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**Riccardo Bocco**  
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**Dominic Rohner**  
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**Gilles Carbonnier**  
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**Christiana Parreira**  
Assistant Professor  
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**Alessandro Monsutti**  
Professor  
ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

**Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou**



IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Prof. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou. As a diplomat, academic, and phenomenal professor, his absence will be felt by all. His scholarship shaped critical debates on global politics and history, and his contributions will leave a lasting impact on the CCDP community.

# Researchers



**Caitlin Procter**  
Research Fellow

**Bilal Salaymeh**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

**Dennis Rodgers**  
Researcher

**Elena Butti**  
Research Fellow

**Emilian Berutti**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Apolline Foedit**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Annyssa Bellal**  
Senior Researcher

**Ludmila Stuparu**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Israel Nyadera**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

**Fanny Badache**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

**Abdulla Ibrahim**  
Senior Researcher

**Margaux Pinaud**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

**Andreas Hirblinger**  
Senior Researcher

**Xinyu Yuan**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

**David Wood**  
Senior Researcher

**Maëlys Glück**  
Researcher

**Mila Shutova**  
Student Researcher

**Lene Swetzer**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Victoria Motta De Lamare Franca**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Mesa Cardenas William Andres**  
Visiting Fellow

**Miguel Mikelli Lucas Alves Ribeiro**  
Visiting Fellow

**Amrita Massaguer Garcia**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Pedro Dos Santos Maia**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Jean-Baptiste Sebgo**  
Student Researcher

**Augusta Nannerini**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Alice Daquin**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Chiara Feliciani**  
Doctoral Researcher

**Mergim Bajrami**  
Student Researcher

**Chiara Lanfranchi**  
Student Researcher

**Sara Hellmüller**  
Senior Researcher

## Research Associates



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**Florian Weigand**  
**Pamina Firchow**  
**Farrah Hawana**

**Brian Ganson**  
**Neil Bühne**  
**Alaa Tartir**  
**Fred Tanner**  
**Masayo Kondo Rossier**  
**Annika Erickson Pearson**  
**Souhail Belhadj Klaz**  
**Djacoba Liva Tehindrazanarivelo**

**Patrik Meyer**  
**Fritz Brugger**  
**Annette Idler**  
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**Robert Watkins**  
**Jerome Drevon**  
**Robert Muggah**  
**Corinne Moussi**

SHAPING PEACE THROUGH

# geopolitically informed

POLICIES AND PRACTICES



# Research

## Projects, Mandates, Policy Work, Collaborative Initiatives

Many CCDP projects do not fit neatly into traditional categories, fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration among researchers, associates, and visiting fellows. Through social events, online engagement, seminars, and reading groups, the Centre continues to cultivate an inspiring and innovative research environment while strengthening academic excellence.



Research, Policy Work & Collaborative Initiatives



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### Countries Where We Work and Research



The following pages provide an overview of active CCDP initiatives, with full-page highlights of selected research projects. The featured projects are presented in depth to showcase their objectives, partnerships, and key developments. All other active projects are included as a comprehensive list, spotlighting some progress highlights in 2024. For multi-year initiatives, only CCDP collaborators active during the reporting period are listed, and across all projects, faculty associates and the core team ensured quality assurance, peer review, financial oversight, and effective dissemination.

## Project Highlight

2024-2025 | Project Page [[link](#)]

# Global Dynamics and European Security (GDES)

**Principal Investigator:** Abdulla Ibrahim

**Collaborators:** Fred Tanner, Keith Krause, and Andrej Balkistky (UNIDIR)

**Funding:** Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Geneva.

The global security environment that shaped the post-cold war security frameworks and arms control agreements has radically transformed since 2022, with serious repercussions for Europe and the United States. The war in Ukraine has accelerated the collapse of the previous regime of norms, agreements, and institutions that once structured relations between the US, Europe, and Russia. Three years of war in Europe have demonstrated both the unity and resilience of the West while simultaneously and significantly impacting domestic politics and transatlantic relations. As all wars eventually end, anticipating conflict outcomes and exploring post-conflict order options could be a prerequisite for a sustainable resolution.

Building on the previous discussions and research of The Future of Arms Control Project, and adding a European Security aspect to the discussion, this project stands out for its distinctive focus on the post-war security architecture involving the United States, Russia, and Europe. The Global Dynamics and European Security (GDES) Project achieves this by facilitating two separate but interconnected dialogues: one dedicated to US and Russian experts, and another engaging US and European experts and officials. Few initiatives manage to successfully integrate diverse Russian perspectives while synchronizing US-Russia dialogues with US-Europe discussions on the post-war security architecture.

**This project examines the evolving security structures across Europe in response to the conflict in Ukraine, focusing on deterrence and diplomacy measures that could support Ukraine and foster regional stability.**

In 2024, the project organised three events: one meeting that brought together experts from the US and Russia for Future of Arms Control and two convenings for the European Security discussion. Three meeting reports were generated. Five background papers were drafted on European Security and five background papers on Future of Arms Control were drafted with the hope of contributing to the ongoing academic and policy debates.

The CCDP's experience and Geneva's neutrality are key components for the success of the project. In-house expertise on the subject comes from Keith Krause, Director of the CCDP and Amb. Fred Tanner, former advisor to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The project is also capitalising on the experience of UNIDIR through Andrey Baklitskiy, who is providing technical inputs to the discussions. The project participants include highly connected experts and former and current officials from key countries. Since 2023, the project organised more than 7 meetings and produced more than 17 background and position papers, along with three comprehensive reports, all regularly delivered in person to key decision-makers in Washington DC, Moscow, and Europe.



# Young Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia's Urban Peripheries: Criminals, Criminalized or Change-Makers?

## Project Highlight



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**Principle Investigator:** Elena Butti

**Funding:** SNSF Postdoctoral Fellowship

In recent years, the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela has led to a massive inflow of Venezuelan migrants to neighbouring Colombia. In the lack of proper reception facilities, the vast majority of these migrants resettle in city peripheries – spaces largely controlled by criminal narco-gangs, where the most disadvantaged sectors of the Colombian population live. This two-year project (2023-2025), funded by the SNSF, seeks to ethnographically explore the experiences of these migrants, and specifically their relationship with the criminal groups that operate in the areas where they settle.

Following an initial round of fieldwork, the project is focussing more specifically on these migrants' access to informal housing and the role of criminal gangs in this illegal rental and land market at the city peripheries. Initial findings reveal that, as part of their diversification of income strategy, criminal gangs in Medellín have started to take a more active role in this illegal housing market. Over the past decade, the occupation, plotting and construction of private land, which used to be an organic process performed independently by the occupying residents, has been increasingly co-opted by criminal gangs, which now play a central role in managing and profiting from this informal housing market which rapidly expanded as a response to the migration crisis. Using Verónica Gago's concept of 'neoliberalism from below' (Gago, 2014) and Gago and Mezzadra's (2017) notion of 'urban extractivism' (see also García Jerez, 2019), this project shows that gang-controlled informal housing markets represent the neoliberal capture of decades of popular self-organization, and represent gangs' own way of benefitting from the migration crisis.

During 2024, Dr. Butti conducted an initial round of fieldwork (4 months, March-June 2024), through which she gained good access to the main focus neighbourhood, visiting it daily, getting close to a dozen families with whom she has held continuous contact since. She has also published two book chapters and one article, and has several other publications in preparation. She has also produced three short ethnographic films on the realities of the neighbourhood (to be released in 2025).

Further, Dr. Butti has delivered two keynote addresses (Fundación Paz Ciudadana and European Association of Social Anthropologists Early-Career Keynote) and delivered two invited seminars (Geneva Geneva Graduate Institute and London School of Economics) and presentations at seven conferences (Global Initiative on Transnational Organized Crime; EASA Biennial; Society for Latin American Studies Annual Meeting; Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting; Justice Juvénile et Vie Quotidienne dans les Périphéries Urbaines at Université de Fribourg; Gangs ERC Project Final Workshop; From Global to Local: Gangs, Racism, Criminalisation, and the Empowerment of Youths, University of California, Riverside). She has also organized two conferences: South-South Migration: The Venezuelan Case and Beyond (Universidad Nacional de Colombia) and Juvenile: Conceptualizing, measuring, preventing & countering systematic violence against young people (Universitat Pompeu Fabra - with externally secured funding by the Wenner-Gren Foundation).

During 2024, Dr. Butti has also been a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Human and Economic Sciences, National University of Colombia in Medellín (March-May 2024) as well as a Visiting Researcher at the Department of Communications of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (November 2024 - with externally secured funding by the Independent Social Research Foundation). She has moreover continued serving as Secretary General of the Société Suisse des Américanistes (SSA). Finally, she has acted as the secondary supervisor for the thesis projects of Joelle Cervantes (Msc in International Development (MINT), Geneva Geneva Graduate Institute) and William Cardenas Mesa (Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship, Geneva Geneva Graduate Institute).

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## Project Highlight

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# Cyber Operations, International Humanitarian Law, and Issues of Neutrality



**Collaborators:** Dr. Daryna Abbakumova, Visiting Fellow

**Funding:** This project is funded through a SNSF Postdoctoral Fellowship

This two-year project (2024-2026), funded by the SNSF, is aimed at researching issues related to the application of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) norms to cyber operations in situations of international armed conflict. It has several goals. Firstly, the project focuses on cyber attacks as a means of warfare during a full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine. Secondly, issues related to the application of the law of neutrality to cyber operations will be investigated. This will help to address the question of whether or how a neutral country can assist parties to a conflict in the cyber sphere. Thirdly, since the Russian military invasion of Ukraine is an international armed conflict under the IHL norms, Russian cyber attacks will be considered from the point of view of war crimes. Such a qualification could influence the application of the law of neutrality, as war crimes constitute grave violations of international law and the provisions of the UN Charter.

“ . . . provide a framework for understanding and analysing cyber operations as a means of warfare . . . ”

This research project will provide a framework for understanding and analysing cyber operations as a means of warfare during the international armed conflict in Ukraine and the implications for the application of IHL, as well as application of the law of neutrality in the context of cyber operations.



The project started on July 1st, 2024 and project PI Dr. Abbakumova began to actively engage in the work by reading and analyzing literature in her field of research, writing articles and participating in conferences. Dr. Abbakumova published an article “Cyber Challenges and Modern Diplomacy” at Geneva Graduate Institute news and is in the process of writing an article for a peer-reviewed journal. Also, Dr. participated in the Cyberspace conference at Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, where she gave a presentation focused on the possibility of considering cyber attacks as war crimes in modern international armed conflicts, especially during Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Dr. Abbakumova has also applied for several relevant conferences for 2025, where she aims to present the findings of her research. Dr. has started preparing for a workshop she plans to organize in the spring of 2025 by meeting with potential speakers and stakeholders. In addition, Dr. has begun to outline the design of a new course for the Department of International Law at the Geneva Graduate Institute, which she will teach in the second year of her grant.

### **Key Publication:**

Abbakumova, Dr. (2024). “Cyber Challenges and Modern Diplomacy”. Geneva Graduate News, 4 November.

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## Project Highlight

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# REACT: Reintegration from Armed Conflict

“REACT reconsiders the meaning of reintegration from the perspectives of young people and their communities, and in particular to understand what happens when reintegration does not work.”



**Principle Investigator:** Caitlin Procter

**Collaborators:** *In Syria:* Abdualla Ibrahim; Jelnar Ahmad; Sinéad Barry; *In Tunisia:* Sally Chaaban

**Funding:** European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The return and reintegration of young people from contexts of armed conflict – whether as ex-combatants or individuals who were otherwise engulfed in armed violence – is governed by long-standing international frameworks, but in recent years the appropriateness of these interventions has come into question. The project is grounded in comparative empirical research in Syria, Tunisia and Palestine.

Building on research in Northeast Syria undertaken in 2023, in 2024 the project PI Caitlin Procter conducted 6 months of fieldwork in the urban peripheries of Tunis, Tunisia on reintegration of young people and families from Syria and Libya (January – June 2024). Interviews were conducted with members of communities of origin, NGOs and government officials, through which community tensions and broader questions of social cohesion in relation not only to reintegration of Tunisians engaged in armed conflict but integration of other migrant communities from sub-Saharan countries in Africa into the urban peripheries of Tunis were compounded.

The war in Gaza precluded the possibility of field research, but project funding was re-directed towards longer-term considerations of return of Palestinians in Gaza. Caitlin has built a database of civilian testimonies of everyday life under genocide, which now comprises over 250,000 words of testimony. She presented findings at the UK Parliament Israeli War Crimes Evidence Panels; and submitted evidence to the ICC and the UN Special Rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territories.

Caitlin's work through REACT received media attention in 2024, and she was invited as an expert to speak on the BBC World Service, France 24, Al Jazeera, NPR; and to give comment for two articles in Le Monde. She also wrote op-eds for Jacobin, The Conversation and Euronews. In January 2024, Caitlin was invited by UNRWA to work as a humanitarian advisor on the Gaza response, which she undertook alongside her research until September 2024.

In 2024 Caitlin published 3 articles, 3 book chapters and a book, titled *Inclusive Ethnography: Making Fieldwork Safer Healthier and More Ethical* (Sage 2024, co-edited with Branwen Spector). The book launch was held at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London, and she gave book talks at Geneva Graduate Institute, EUI, the University of Bristol, and UCL. She gave five conference and workshop presentations (EASA biennial – 3 papers; SOAS Centre for Palestine Studies, Archiving Gaza in the Present; The University of Oxford Blavatnik School of Governance, New Directions in Gender, Peace and Security) and presented in four webinars.

Associated website: [www.caitlinprocter.com](http://www.caitlinprocter.com)

# REACT: Reintegration from Armed Conflict (continued)

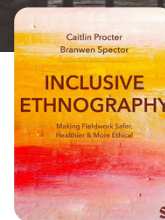
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## Key Publications:

Procter, C and Spector, B. (eds). 2024. Inclusive Ethnography: Making Fieldwork Safer, Healthier and More Ethical. London: Sage.

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Procter, C. 2024. 'Doing Fieldwork in and on contexts of violence and instability' in Procter, C and Spector, B. (eds). 2024. Inclusive Ethnography: Making Fieldwork Safer, Healthier and More Ethical. London: Sage (pp. 134-147) [\[link\]](#)

Procter, C., Spector B., and Freed, M. 2024. 'Field of Screams revisited: engaging with trauma in ethnographic research'. Teaching Anthropology 13(2): 107-122. [\[link\]](#)

Procter, C., Spector B., and Freed, M. 2024. 'Towards a trauma-informed Anthropology'. Teaching Anthropology 13(2): 123-128. [\[link\]](#)

Procter C. 2024. 'Gaza before genocide'. In Muna, M. and Teller, M. Daybreak in Gaza. London: Saqi (pp.120-127) [\[link\]](#)

Procter, C. 2025. "My grandmother has her keys, now I have mine too": building a database to preserve testimonies of genocide in Gaza'. Journal of Palestine studies, 53(4), 99-106. [\[link\]](#)



## Project Highlight

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# Communicating About Peace: United Nations Peace Missions and Their Mandates

“Communicating about peace” is a two-year project (2023-2024) funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Agora grant, with additional support from Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. It aims to make data and scientific literature on UN peace missions accessible to a non-scientific public and to foster inclusive discussions about the UN’s role in promoting peace and Switzerland’s contribution to it as an elected member on the UN Security Council for the period 2023-2024. In particular, the project makes the UN Peace Mission Mandates dataset (UNPMM), a comprehensive dataset on UN peace missions and their mandate tasks that was developed in the framework of a SNSF Prima grant, more widely accessible.

The project consisted of two parts. First, it made the UNPMM available on a user-friendly website and by creating the UN Peace Missions App (links below). Second, the team created a pop-up exhibition on UN peace missions that was shown in Geneva (Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and UN Palais des Nations), Basel (Basel Peace Forum), ETH (main building, twice), St. Gallen (University of St. Gallen and Olma), Stockholm (SIPRI), and in New York (UN Headquarters).

The feedback among scholars, policy-makers, and citizens shows the relevance of the project’s outputs and more broadly, of efforts to make scientific knowledge accessible to non-scientific audiences.

View key publications here: [\[link\]](#)

“...aims to make data and scientific literature on UN peace missions accessible to a non-scientific public.”

# App on United Nations Peace Missions

**Collaborators:** Sara Hellmüller, Margaux Pinaud, Chiara Lanfranchi, Maëlys Glück

**Funding:** Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Agora grant

**Associated website:** [www.peacemissions.info](http://www.peacemissions.info) [\[link\]](#)

## Project Highlight

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

**Collaborators:** Sara Hellmüller, Fanny Badache, Bilal Salaymeh, Xiang-Yun Rosalind Tan, Marie Holch, Chiara Lanfranchi, Margaux Pinaud

**Funding:** PRIMA grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). This prestigious grant is aimed at excellent women researchers who show a high potential for obtaining a professorship.

“A child of its time” is a five-year project (2020-2024) funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) PRIMA Grant. The project analyses how the emerging multipolar world order influences UN peace missions. In a first phase (2020), the team established a dataset on UN peace missions (UNPMM) to analyse how their mandates have changed. In a second phase (2021), the project analysed how conceptualisations of security, sovereignty, and peacebuilding have changed, arguing that this constitutes the intervening mechanism between world politics and UN peace missions. In a third phase (2022-2023), in-depth studies of six cases were produced, namely on 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 the last phase of the project (2024), the findings were consolidated through a cross-case comparison in view of establishing a theory on how shifts in world politics influence UN peace missions.



... analyses how the emerging multipolar world order influences UN peace missions.

Insights from the research project were shared in publications in several journals, including in the Journal of Conflict Resolution, Contemporary Security Policy, Global Governance, the International Journal of Conflict Management, International Peacekeeping, International Studies Quarterly (forthcoming), and Insight Turkey. An article presenting the overall findings as well as a special issue on the topic of the project are forthcoming.

In June 2024, the team also organised a two-day conference that brought together a unique combination of IR and peace scholars as well as UN officials and policy-makers.

The topic of the conference was UN peace and security engagements in a changing world. Discussions were highly engaged and resulted in a policy paper.



# A Child of its Time: The Impact of World Politics on Peacebuilding (continued)

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**Funding:** This project is funded through a PRIMA grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). This prestigious grant is aimed at excellent women researchers who show a high potential for obtaining a professorship.)

## **Key Publications:**

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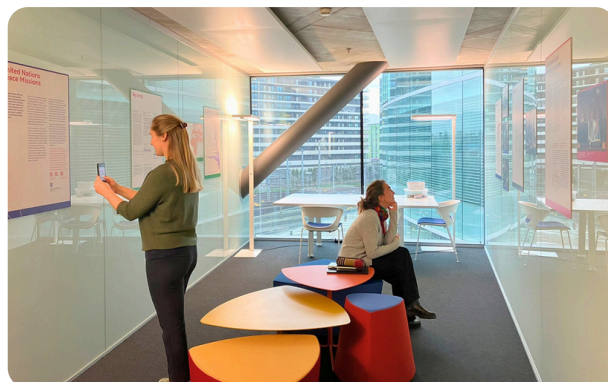
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Coherence or Contestation: Chinese, Japanese and Russian Approaches to the Transformation of Peacebuilding Practices. [\[link\]](#)

Communicating about Peace [\[link\]](#)

**Associated website:** [www.peacemissions.info](http://www.peacemissions.info)



# Project Highlight

2023-2027 | Project Page [[link](#)].

## State-building and the Global Practices of Security Sector Reform

**Collaborators:** Keith Krause, Amrita Massaguer Garcia, Victoria Motta De Lamare Franca, Mergim Bajrami, Mila Shutova, Bilal Salaymeh, S Boinmale Jean Baptiste Sebgo

**Funding:** Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Advanced Grants

“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. 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 accountable to the polity. Yet in many regions, the security sector is institutionally and politically powerful, absorbs considerable financial resources, and is weak, ineffective, or even violent and predatory.

Efforts to reform and reconstruct security institutions and practices have also become a major tool of international interventions in conflict-affected and fragile states. 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 or definitions of success and failure that could inform global SSR practices. There is also no coherent account of the causal mechanisms and processes by which ‘pacific states’ and institutions emerge and become socially and politically embedded.

These weaknesses in existing knowledge generate the three research puzzles guiding this project. Firstly, what are the 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? Secondly, how do these map onto (or not) the historical experiences of the states and institutions that are taken as models for these efforts? And finally, what are the consequences of this for SSR programming in states that are conflict-affected, fragile or in transition, and can they explain (or not) the persistence of particular global practices?



## Project Highlight

2022-2026 | Project Page [[link](#)].

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

**Collaborators:** Keith Krause, Xinyu Yuan, Emilian Berutti, Ludmila Stuparu, Kazushige Kobayashi, Oliver Jütersonke

**Funding:** SNF Project funding in humanities and social sciences (Division I)

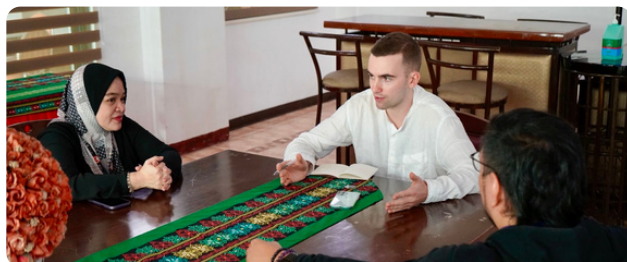
This multi-year research project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) from 2022 to 2026, investigates the practices of prominent "non-Western" powers in fostering peace and order in conflict-affected and fragile countries. The research examines their interactions and the implications for global peacebuilding efforts. Specifically, the project focuses on three "non-Western" powers: China, Japan, and Russia. It analyzes their practices in specific contexts of conflict and fragility, their (non)enactment of specific norms in peacebuilding, and how relevant local actors perceive their programs, policies, and interactions.

The analysis includes how these practices relate to the norms of sovereignty, governance, and human rights, and how they shape the global normative order of peacebuilding. Beyond the field of peace and conflict research, this project aims to develop non-binary frameworks for understanding global normative transformation, stimulating further research on norms, practices, rising powers, and international order.

In 2024, the project progressed in three significant ways. First, the team conducted extensive fieldwork to gather qualitative data on practices. This includes interviews, site visits, and participant observation.

Second, in light of the security situation in Burkina Faso (initially proposed as a case study), the research focus shifted to Kazakhstan to better capture the multi-dimensional fragility present there and the active involvement of non-Western powers in the peace and security sector.

Third, the project produced three research papers. This includes one paper currently under review, one that been conditionally accepted, and another that was presented at the European International Studies Association (EISA) annual conference in August 2024.



## Project Highlight

# Peace by Other Means? Alternative Practices of Building Peace in a Changing Global Order (continued)

### Notable fieldwork initiatives in 2024 include:

- May: Mindanao, Philippines by Dr. Xinyu Yuan
- January and June: Mindanao, Philippines by Emilian Lorenzo Berutti
- May: Beijing, China by Dr. Xinyu Yuan
- August: Madagascar by Ludmila Stuparu
- November: Madagascar by Dr. Xinyu Yuan and Ludmila Stuparu



These six trips, along with fieldwork in China, Japan, and Timor Leste in 2023, have resulted in over 150 interview records and observation notes, which will be systematically analysed in 2025. Additionally, the team compiled a contact list for Russian experts, who will be approached in early 2025.



### Key Publication:

Kobayashi, K., Krause, K., & Yuan, X. (2025). (Re) Setting the boundaries of peacebuilding in a changing global order. *Contemporary Security Policy*, 1-27. [\[link\]](#)

Images courtesy of Ludmila Stuparu, Madagascar and Emilian Berutti, Philippines

## Project Highlight

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

2021-2024 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Collaborators:** Andreas Hirblinger, Fabian Hofmann

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

In 2024, the "An Apomediated Peace?" project advanced its exploration of how digital tools like AI and satellite imaging are reshaping peacebuilding. Highlights include hosting the international workshop "An Apomediated Peace? Reflecting on the Past and Future of Digitised Peacebuilding" at the Florence STG – Global PeaceTech Hub, where leading scholars and practitioners critically engaged with the role of digitalisation in peace efforts. The team also ran a series of online workshops delving into "post-digital" peacebuilding, with sessions on crowdsourced conflict analysis, AI for transitional justice, and peace-focused social media activism. Broader reflections emerged on the role of research in shaping technology design, linking socio-technical dynamics, and understanding how past conflicts reverberate in digital contexts. As the SNSF-funded project concludes, it opens new directions for future research—including a forthcoming book on digital peacebuilding, under contract with Oxford University Press.



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

**Collaborators:**

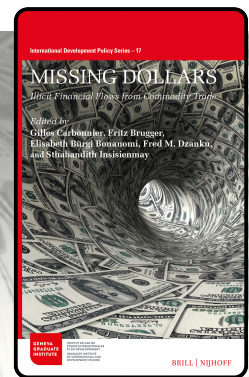
2017-2024 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Project Principal Collaborators:** Gilles Carbonnier, Rahul Mehrotra

**Documentary:** Ghanaian filmmaker Fiifi Koomsom and Gilles Garbonnier

**Book:** Gilles Carbonnier, Fritz Brugger, Elisabeth Bürgi Bonanomi, Fred Dzanku, Sthabandith Insisienmay, Joschka Proksik

**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



Building on economics, law, and political science, this interdisciplinary research project, spanning six years, aims to analyse how commodity-trade-related illicit financial flows (IFFs) from resource-rich countries can be substantially reduced to finance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The research specifically targets IFFs associated with trade mispricing and abusive transfer pricing, as well as (informal) trade in minerals, which have been recognised as a significant contributor to tax-base erosion in developing countries with low tax-to-GDP ratios.

### 2024 Highlights:

Book Release  
Missing Dollars: Illicit Financial Flows from Commodity Trade

**Book Release:** [\[link\]](#)

[Available online in open access and in paperback.](#)

Documentary Release "Missing Dollars"  
Film on Illicit Financial Flows

**Documentary Release :** [\[link\]](#)





# Mapping the Transnational Circulation and Control of Small Arms in Latin America

2023-2025 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Collaborators:** This project is in collaboration with Keith Krause and Pedro Dos Santos Maia (CCDP), Dr. Nicolas Florquin (Small Arms Survey) and Professor Monica Herz (and PUC-Rio).

**Funding:** Swiss Network of International Studies (SNIS)



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.

## More projects at the CCDP

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

2020 -2024 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Principal Investigators:** Anna Leander, Florian Hoffman (PUC-Rio)

**Collaborators:** Luis Fernandes (PUC-Rio), Deval Desai, Research Assistant: Pedro Maia

**Funding:** This project is funded through the Brazilian-Swiss Joint Research Programme (BSJRP) from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

### Gangs, Gangsters and Ganglands: Towards a Global Comparative Ethnography

2020 -2024 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Principal Collaborators:** Dennis Rodgers, Steffen Jensen, Maroussia Ferry (until June 2023), Alice Daquin, Chiara Feliciani, and Lene Swetzer

**Funding:** ERC advanced grant

### Title: The crisis of liberal peacebuilding efforts in multi-cultural societies: lessons from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic

2023-2024 | Project Page [\[link\]](#)

**Principal Investigator:** Israel Nyadera

**Funding:** Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS)

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# Mandates & Policy Work

## Bekaa Support: Switzerland's Engagement for Increased Conflict Sensitivity of Water Management Programme

### Principal Collaborators:

David Wood, Maëlys Glück

### Funding:

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

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 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 CCDP supported the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)'s Bekaa Water Management Programme in implementing a conflict sensitive strategy – and monitoring its progress and implementation to reduce water-related conflicts and to enhance crisis resilience in the valley. To achieve this objective, CCDP worked with the Swiss team in Zahle to 1) provide on call mentoring and training/support to the team on conflict sensitivity; 2) assess, provide guidance and recommendations on the implementation of the conflict sensitivity strategy and the Swiss assistance in Bekaa; 3) provide assistance/guidance on the case studies developed by the BWMP team from fields of implementation; and 4) hold regular meetings with the BWMP focal point to discuss advances in the project and plan where CCDP support should be allocated.

## Leveraging Track II Peacebuilding in Yemen (T2Y)

### Principal Collaborators:

David Wood, Maëlys Glück

### Funding:

European External Action Service (EEAS)

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.

In this context, the CCDP has been mandated by the European Delegation to Yemen to help support and maximise the effectiveness of organisations supporting peace in Yemen (both a political settlement and 'Peace Writ Large'). This support takes the form of a multistakeholder exchange called Leveraging Track II Peacebuilding in Yemen (T2Y) that benefits Track II organisations, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSESGY), and donors of peace activities in Yemen/in the region. Within this project, the CCDP 1) maintains a mapping of ongoing Track II initiatives in Yemen organised by themes of intervention, target groups, and geographic coverage; 2) regularly updates a repository of analysis and information relevant for Track II organisations and their interventions; 3) organises in-person exchanges in Amman every six months to discuss the peace process in Yemen and how Track II initiatives can continue to support OSESGY-led efforts at the Track I level; 4) supports thematic discussion groups that meet more regularly in a smaller group to discuss narrower questions of relevance to the peace process/peace writ large; and 5) briefs donors of peace initiatives in Yemen on the results of the exchanges and identifies their implications for peace programming.

# Mandates & Policy Work

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

### Principal Collaborator:

Sina Zintzmeyer

### Funding:

Kooperationsgemeinschaft (KoGe)

Since 2019, the CCDP has been part of the External Quality Commission (EQC) accompanying the Kooperationsgemeinschaft (KoGe), a consortium of nine Swiss development NGOs in its efforts to increase its monitoring, evaluation and learning capacities. 2023 was a very exciting year. It started with a programmatic mid-term review that focused on the theme « Leaving No-One Behind (LNOB) » and made recommendations on how the KoGe could simplify its Theory of Change for the upcoming programme phase 2025-2028. The EQC then saw a change in its composition, when Oliver Jütersonke replaced Kimon Schneider as the second member on the commission. With Oliver on board, the EQC dived into the assessment and rating of the 9 annual reports of its members, followed by individual feedback sessions. After the summer break, the EQC was again solicited to assess the programme proposals for 2025-2028 of each member organisation in terms of their quality and their capacity to contribute to the overall KoGe programmatic framework, which is based on SDG 16+. The overall assessment shows a trend of quality improvement since the first round of programme submissions in 2019, which is encouraging for the work of the KoGe and the role of the EQC. The individual Feedback sessions were finalised in early 2024.

## Collaboration with the Principles for Peace Secretariat

### Principal Collaborators:

Keith Krause, Oliver Jütersonke, Augusta Nannerini

**Funding:** Interpeace

In a global landscape marked by rising polarization, violence and eroding trust in both local governance and international institutions, the CCDP has continued its collaboration with the Principles for Peace Foundation (P4P) to shape and test new standards for peace engagement. As a research partner and extension of the P4P Secretariat, the CCDP supports the operationalization of diagnostic tools and Participatory Periodic Reviews for Peace, ranging from global measurement frameworks to localised participatory approaches, to track progress and adjust strategies in real time.

In 2024, this partnership saw the field testing of the Peacemaking Covenant, launched in 2023, with activities ranging from the Philippines to Somalia. The CCDP contributed to developing a “step-by-step” guide based on work in the Philippines, which has since informed P4P’s alignment with Somalia’s National Reconciliation Framework. Keith Krause, Chair of the P4P Research Committee and Chief Policy Advisor, continues to play a key role in ensuring rigorous research standards and facilitating CCDP’s practical engagement.

Highlights from the year include co-hosting sessions with the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform to showcase youth-led peacebuilding innovations and hosting Briahna Tandoh from the Institute for Economics & Peace to present a new peace navigator tool being developed for P4P.



# Collaborative Initiatives

## Long-term Initiatives

GENEVA  
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### 2024 Fellows, Doctoral and Post Doc Researchers



#### Hosting Visiting Fellows

As part of its long-term collaborative efforts, the Centre hosts visiting fellows at the doctoral, postdoctoral, and professorial levels. Through mutual exchange, presentations, and engagement with PhD students and senior researchers, these fellows enrich the CCDP's vibrant interdisciplinary research environment. For specific names of fellows and their contributions, refer to the project summaries section in this annual report.



#### Hosting Doctoral and Post Doc Students

The CCDP supports both doctoral and postdoctoral researchers by involving them in faculty-led projects that align with their academic interests. Postdoctoral researchers, some of whom lead their own projects, collaborate with faculty and contribute advanced expertise, while PhD students gain valuable experience as research assistants. These efforts foster interdisciplinary exchange and strengthen the Centre's commitment to mentoring early-career scholars; specific names and contributions can be found in the project summaries section of this annual report.



### The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Until 2024, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) operated as a joint project of five institutions: the CCDP, DCAF, GCSP, Interpeace, and QUNO. Housed and financially administered by the CCDP, with core funding from Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Platform served as a key knowledge hub connecting peacebuilding actors and expertise in Geneva and beyond.

In July 2024, the GPP transitioned into an independent foundation, marking a new chapter in its mission to foster dialogue and collaboration in the peacebuilding sector. The CCDP looks forward to continued partnership with the GPP Foundation in advancing shared goals for sustainable peace and security.

### Geneva Peace Week



The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's flagship event, Geneva Peace Week (GPW), has become a leading multi-stakeholder forum for inclusive dialogue across sectors and institutions. The 12th edition, held from October 30 to November 3, 2023, at the Maison de la Paix in Geneva, welcomed over 6,700 attendees, featured 70 events, and was co-organized by 117 partners from around the world.

Strategic decisions for GPW—ranging from thematic direction to event formats—are governed by the GPW Consortium, a collaborative body that ensures each edition reflects a diversity of perspectives and ideas. Representing the CCDP in the Consortium are Eliza Urwin, Head of Research, and Maëlys Glück, Outreach Coordinator and Knowledge Manager.

#### Key Figures



70

Events



117

Partner Organisations



4140

Registrations



6700

Session attendance



# Collaborative Initiatives

## Support for Student-Led Projects

### Supporting the Next Generation of Peacemakers

This year marked the launch of the Inspiring Peacemakers Series, a new student initiative supported by the Centre together with the Nagulendran Philanthropy Alliance, and the Geneva Geneva Graduate Institute. Celebrating the Institute's growing community of young peacebuilders, the series creates a platform for emerging voices to engage with global peace and conflict challenges through dialogue, storytelling, and collaboration.



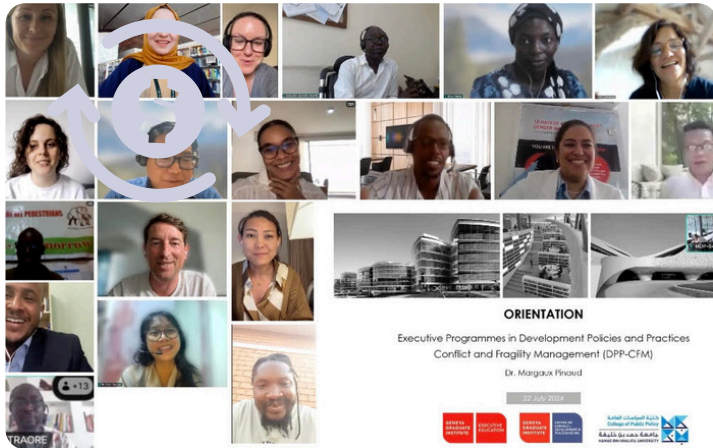
### Celebrating Innovation and Impact: CCDP at C4SI

A team of Master's students from the Geneva Geneva Graduate Institute represented the Centre at C4SI: Collaborate for Social Impact, a student-led initiative advancing social innovation. CCDP Research Assistant Jennifer Thornquest served as Education Director and coordinated the Centre's involvement. As challenge-setters, the CCDP underscored its commitment to bridging scholarship and practice through student-driven innovation. With mentor guidance from Eliza Urwin and Neil Buhne, the team proposed a CCDP Knowledge Hub—featuring Office Hours, Research Network Associate (RNA) roles, and an interactive digital platform to increase accessibility, engagement, and global impact. Competing as Team CCDP, the students tackled how to make the Centre's research more accessible, visible, and collaborative—pitching a hybrid strategy that blends analogue and digital tools for effective knowledge sharing.



# Professional Trainings

## Executive Education at the Geneva Graduate Institute



### Executive Programmes in Development Policies and Practices Conflict and Fragility Management

In 2024, the CCDP continued its close collaboration with the Executive Programmes in Development Policies and Practices - Conflict and Fragility Management (DPP-CFM) of the Executive Education Department at the Institute. For the second time since its launch in 2018, the DPP-CFM was also conducted in collaboration with the Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Doha. The course continued to attract a growing number of applicants in 2024, with close to 200 applications submitted. Ultimately, the 2024-2025 cohort counted 16 mid-career professionals from the development, humanitarian and peacebuilding fields, from across Africa, the Middle East, South East and Central Asia, and Europe. The hosting of the Academic Coordinator of the Programme, Margaux Pinaud, at the CCDP offices provided opportunities for mutual exchanges and enrichment. Contributions to the teaching curriculum and to the supervision of applied research theses were made by Keith Krause, Eliza Urwin, Claudia Seymour, Sara Hellmüller, David Wood, Bilal Salayme and the Centre on Armed Groups.

16 participants

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# Funding

2024 SNAPSHOT



**CHF 13 M**

Ongoing Project Funding



**CHF 2,294,359**

Newly Committed Funding in 2024

Represents total committed funding, not amount received or spent in 2024



## Sources



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# Outreach

## CCDP's Online Presence

In 2024, CCDP significantly expanded its digital outreach and engagement. Through platforms such as LinkedIn, our weekly newsletter, and a newly launched podcast, we continued to share research, promote events, and engage with a global community of scholars and practitioners in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and development.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2024, CCDP's LinkedIn presence continued its strong upward trend. The year began with 13,173 followers. Between April and August, the platform gained 1,625 new followers. Starting in September, with the implementation of a refreshed communications strategy, momentum increased further, adding 2,026 additional followers in the final quarter. By the end of December 2024, CCDP's LinkedIn community had grown to 16,824 followers, marking a 27.7% increase from the previous year.

Following the Graduate Institute's lead and after careful consideration, we have discontinued our use of X and transitioned to Bluesky to better align our communications with our values of respect and constructive dialogue.



### CCDP SPOTLIGHT PODCAST

**NEW**

**5** EPISODES PUBLISHED

**PODCAST**

'CCDP Spotlight'

Launched in 2024, the CCDP Podcast offers timely, accessible conversations at the intersection of research and real-world impact. Each episode features in-depth dialogue with scholars, practitioners, and thought leaders tackling today's most pressing global challenges. A recurring segment, Field Notes Live, brings in CCDP team reflections on the ideas shaping our work. Through engaging storytelling and expert insights, the podcast underscores our commitment to bridging academic knowledge and policy relevance.



### WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

In 2024, the CCDP newsletter saw steady growth in reach and a significant boost in engagement, driven by a refreshed editorial strategy and targeted redesign. By year-end, it reached 6,680 subscribers—a 3.5% increase from 2023—and average open rates rose from 41% to 49%, marking a 19.5% engagement gain. These improvements reflect the impact of an enhanced communications approach. The newsletter adopted a more audience-focused vision, featuring curated content, cleaner design, and regular thematic editions. It remains a key platform for showcasing CCDP's work in Geneva and globally, with updates on research projects, affiliate activities, events, and international news.



# Outreach

## CCDP SEMINAR SERIES

**About the Seminars:** Each semester, CCDP hosts a series of internal seminars to give our faculty, staff and affiliates the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback. The goal of the seminars is to have an informal and frank conversation about the research presented, and exchange ideas across disciplines and expertise, going beyond academic silos. Speakers at the seminars are both early career and senior scholars. Apolline Foedit is organising the seminars for the academic year 2024-2025.

### 28 MARCH | Abdulla Ibrahim & David Wood

The Tugboats and the super-tankers” how could small players help superpowers talk in times of crisis?



### 30 MAY | Shalaka Thakur

Not-so-freeway: armed groups and checkpoints in northeast India.



### 16 JUNE | Julia Palik & Amrita Massaguer Garcia

What's in the quality of disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration (DDR) programs: Introducing the DDR dataset (1975-2021) and findings from fieldwork in the Philippines.



### 24 OCT | Pedro Maia

From Posts to Weapons: Social Media Research on Military Style Assault Rifles

### 12 NOV | Jana Krause

Can Local Peacebuilding Strengthen Social Resilience to Communal Violence? Survey Evidence from Kenya



### 28 NOV | Nicolas Sion

Environment for Peace in Colombia? Engaging Armed Groups on Environmental Issues during Peace Processes

### 2 DEC | Peter Schwartzstein

The Heat and the Fury: On the Frontlines of Climate Violence  
Book Release



### 3 DEC | Jerome Drevon

From Jihad to Politics: How Syrian Jihadis Embraced Politics  
Book Release



# Outreach

## 2024 CCDP EVENTS



Events in  
2024  
**28**

- Panels**
- Seminars**
- Public Events**
- Book Launches**



# 2024 CCDP EVENTS

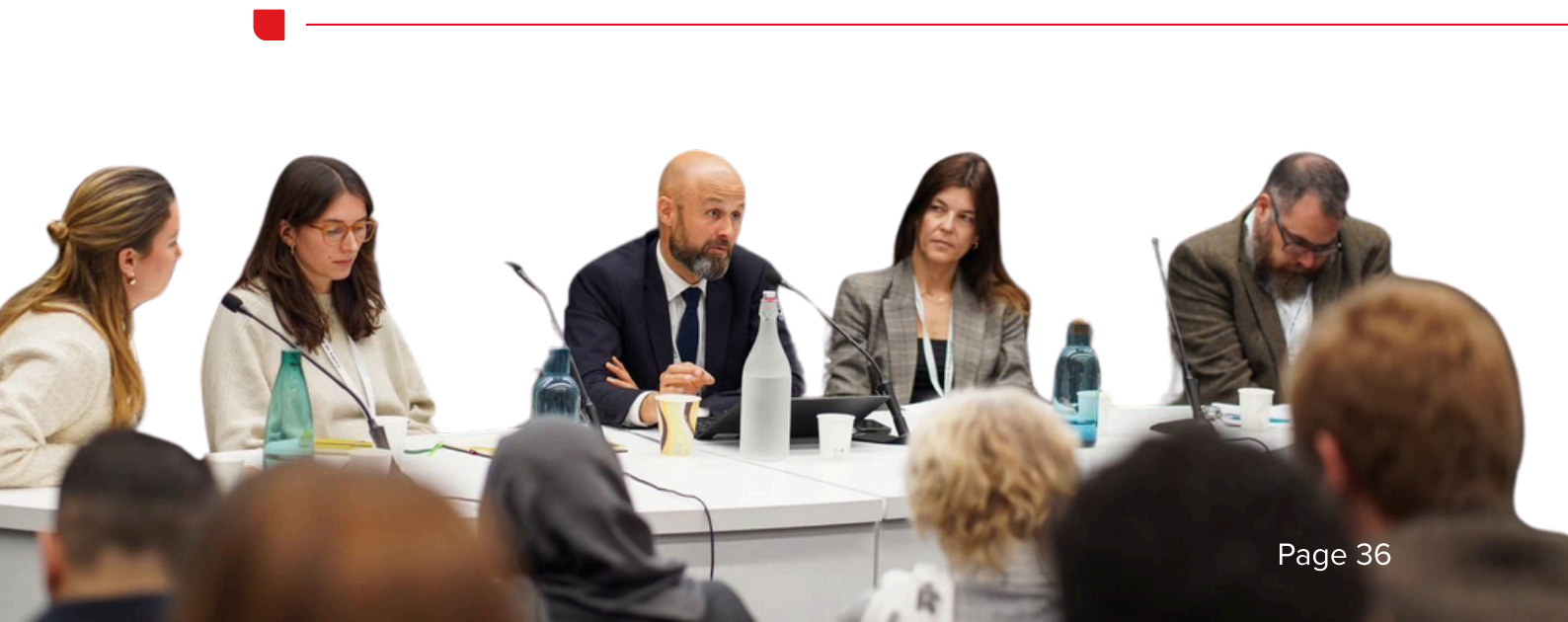
Date	Title	Speakers	Event Summary
01.03	Conversation on Peace with Patricia Danzi, Director General of Swiss Development and Cooperation	Patricia Danzi	Hosted a conversation at the Fab with Patricia Danzi, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), to explore the evolving meaning of peace today and in the future. The event offered valuable insights into current challenges and opportunities in peacebuilding from a leading voice in international cooperation.
20.03	Inspiring Next Generation of Peacemakers: A conversation with Miriam Coronel-Ferrer  Co-sponsor: Nagulendran Philanthropy Alliance	Miriam Coronel-Ferrer	Co-launched the Inspiring Next Generation of Peacemakers conversation series at La Fabrique de la paix (The Fab), in collaboration with the Nagulendran Philanthropy Alliance. This new initiative brings together experienced and emerging peacemakers for open, inclusive dialogue, while offering students a unique opportunity to co-design and host the series alongside partners from philanthropy and the wider peacebuilding community.
28.3	Seminar Series: "The Tugboats and the super-tankers" how could small players help superpowers talk in times of crisis?"	Speaker: Abdulla Ibrahim  Discussant: David Wood	Hosted the talk "Tugboats and the Supertankers: How Can Small Players Help Superpowers Talk in Times of Crisis?", which explored the roles, functions, and limitations of smaller actors in facilitating dialogue between major powers. Abdulla Ibrahim and David Wood shared practical reflections and insights drawn from mediation literature and real-world engagements.
10.04	Introducing the Special Issue on Drug Policy History, Design, and Practice in Asia  Cosponsor: Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, International Center for Drug Policy Studies	Speakers: Khalid Tinasti, Yun Huang, Michelle Wazan, Gideon Lasco, Aysel Sultan	Co-hosted a webinar on Drug Policy in Asia, featuring a discussion of the special issue published in the Journal of Illicit Economies and Development. Bringing together article authors and experts, the event explored interdisciplinary research and collaborative legal responses in the region, in partnership with the Journal, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, and the International Center for Drug Policy Studies.
18.04	The Data Myth Book Workshop	Participants: Pamina Firchow, Roger Mac Ginty, Keith Krause, Augusta Nannerini, Farrah Hawana, Monique Beerli, Juanita Uribe, Sara Hellmüller	Hosted a closed-book workshop with contributors Pamina Firchow, Roger Mac Ginty, Keith Krause, Augusta Nannerini, Farrah Hawana, Monique Beerli, Juanita Uribe, and Sara Hellmüller to collaboratively advance work on the forthcoming book "The Data Myth." The session provided a focused space for critical reflection and dialogue on the book's core themes and arguments.
24.04	Discussion on the role of Qatar as peace mediator with the Qatari Minister of State His Excellency Mohammed Bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi	Speaker: His Excellency Mohammed Bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi  CoSponsor: Geneva Policy Outlook	The CCDP, in collaboration with Geneva Policy Outlook, hosted a discussion on Qatar's role as a peace mediator with His Excellency Mohammed Bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi, Qatari Minister of State. The event offered valuable insights into Qatar's mediation strategies and its growing influence in international peace processes.
08.05	Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands: Policy Insights From a Global Comparative Project	Speakers: Dennis Rodgers, Jacinto Cuvi, Kees Koonings, Ellen Van Damme Co-sponsors: CECID, European Union, Université libre de Bruxelles, ERC	Co-hosted a policy roundtable in Brussels to discuss the findings from the Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands Project, featuring speakers Dennis Rodgers, Jacinto Cuvi, Kees Koonings, and Ellen Van Damme. The event, co-sponsored by CECID, the European Union, Université Libre de Bruxelles, and the ERC, provided critical insights into the dynamics of gangs and organized crime in global contexts.

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05.17-05.18	Future of Arms Control Workshop	Abdulla Ibrahim	As part of the research project Future of Arms Control, the CCDP hosted a workshop featuring Abdulla Ibrahim and other key contributors bringing together U.S. and Russian experts on arms control.
30.05	Seminar Series: "Not-so-freeway: armed groups and checkpoints in northeast India".	Speaker: Shalaka Thakur Discussant: Kasper Hoffmann	Hosted a presentation by Shalaka Thakur on her paper "Not-so-freeway: Armed Groups and Checkpoints in Northeast India," exploring the construction of political order in conflict zones. Kasper Hoffmann, Assistant Professor at the University of Copenhagen and researcher on the "Peacebuilding, Public Authority, and Forests in Myanmar" project, served as the discussant for the session..
13.06	Seminar Series: "What's in the quality of disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration (DDR) programs: Introducing the DDR dataset (1975-2021) and findings from fieldwork in the Philippines"	Speaker: Julia Palik Discussant: Amrita Massaguer Garcia	The CCDP hosted a presentation by Julia Palik on the quality of disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration (DDR) programs, where she introduced the DDR dataset (1975–2021) and shared findings from fieldwork in the Philippines, with a focus on women ex-combatants' reintegration. Amrita Massaguer Garcia, PhD researcher and CCDP research assistant, served as the discussant for the session.
27.06	China in Global Security: Insights from East Asia and the Middle East	Core Team	Co-hosted by the CCDP and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, this special event brought together expert voices to explore "China in Global Security: Insights from East Asia and the Middle East." Featuring visiting scholars specializing in peace, conflict, and China's foreign policy, the discussion examined regional security dynamics and the evolving role of China in shaping international orders.
10.10	New peace navigator tool with the Institute for Economics and Peace	Eliza Urwin, Briahna Tandoh	The CCDP, in collaboration with the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, hosted a research fellow from the Institute for Economics & Peace to present the new Peace Navigator tool being developed for the Principles for Peace Foundation. This session highlighted the tool's potential to enhance peacebuilding efforts and track progress in real-time.
19.10	Geneva Peace Week	Keith Krause; Core Team	The CCDP co-hosted the Geneva Peace Week's annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar through which organizations in Geneva and their international partners come together to share knowledge and practice on a diverse range of topics related to peace across contexts and disciplines. Dr. Krause hosted a panel called What is the Future for Small Arms Control?
23.10	Mapping the Transnational Circulation and Control of Small Arms in Latin America	Keith Krause	The CCDP, in collaboration with the Small Arms Survey, met with regional partner Instituto de Relações Internacionais PUC-Rio to discuss preliminary data on mapping the transnational circulation and control of small arms in Latin America. Research partners Cerac-Centro de Recursos para el Análisis de Conflictos, Inspiring Girls Mexico, and Instituto Sou da Paz also participated in the discussion, contributing valuable insights to the ongoing research.
24.10	Seminar Series: "From Posts to Weapons: Social Media Research on Military Style Assault Rifles"	Pedro Maia	As part of the 2024 Seminar series, Pedro Maia presented his research "From Posts to Weapons: Social Media Research on Military-Style Assault Rifles." The session explored the intersections of social media and the proliferation of military-style weapons, offering valuable insights into the digital dimensions of arms control.
5.11	EPI Project Presentation	Eliza Urwin	CCDP Head of Research, Eliza Urwin, presented on the Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) project, its methodology, and the current dataset of over 40,000 global indicators at ETH Zurich's Mediation Cluster seminar series. She was joined by EPI coordinator Dr. Julianne Funk, providing insights into how everyday peace is measured and understood across different contexts.

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3.12	Seminar series: Book launch event	<p>Speaker: Jerome Drevon</p> <p>Discussants: Keith Krause, Souhail Belhadj Klaz and Bilal Salaymeh</p>	<p>As part of the CCDP Seminar Series, Jerome Drevon, Senior Analyst at the International Crisis Group, launched his book <i>From Jihad to Politics</i>. Joined by discussants Keith Krause, Souhail Belhadj Klaz, and Bilal Salaymeh, Drevon explored why Jihadist groups thrived in the Syrian conflict while Free Syrian Army factions struggled, drawing on his field research and interviews with rebel leaders. The event discussed the evolution of these insurgents and their potential future trajectories.</p>
6.12	CCDP at the Doha Forum	<p>Sara Hellmüller, Andreas Hirblinger, Florian Weigand, Alaa Tartir, Senior Achim Wennmann, Keith Krause,</p>	<p>At the Doha Forum, the CCDP reinforced its commitment to global dialogue and innovative conflict resolution strategies. Dr. Sara Hellmüller participated in a panel on evolving global conflict dynamics, while Dr. Andreas Hirblinger delivered a keynote at the Qatar Mediation Forum. Florian Weigand contributed to a panel on humanitarian engagement with non-state armed groups, furthering the CCDP's role in advancing peacebuilding efforts.</p>
6.12	Symposium on Alternative Pathways to Engagement with Armed Groups	<p>The Core Team, Florian Weigand, Eliza Urwin, and David Wood.</p>	<p>The CCDP, in collaboration with the Centre on Armed Groups, co-hosted the Symposium on Alternative Pathways to Engagement with Armed Groups, bringing together approximately 90 participants, including scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and members of de facto authorities. Among the distinguished panelists were CCDP affiliates Keith Krause, Florian Weigand, Eliza Urwin, and David Wood. The symposium provided a platform to explore unconventional pathways for dialogue, expanding perspectives on what effective and meaningful engagement can look like in today's conflict-affected settings.</p>
11.12	Peace Week in Albania	<p>Claudia Seymour, Jennifer Thornquest</p>	<p>CCDP Faculty Associate Claudia Seymour and Research Assistant Jennifer Thornquest participated in panels during the UN Association Albania Peace Week 2024. This three-day event fostered essential discussions on the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda, highlighting the critical role of youth in shaping a sustainable, peaceful future in the Western Balkans.</p>
16.12	Celebrating 25 years of the Small Arms Survey	<p>Small Arms Survey, Keith Krause</p>	<p>Celebrating 25 years of the Small Arms Survey, this milestone marks a quarter-century of delivering impartial, evidence-based insights on small arms and armed violence. Founded by CCDP Director Keith Krause, the Small Arms Survey has provided critical knowledge to governments, policymakers, researchers, and civil society, contributing to a safer world.</p>



# Transition of Communities

## Community of Practice on Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace (ECCP) co-hosted by the CCDP

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2025 will see the launch of  
the ECCP’s first-ever  
Community Fund  
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ECCP members in Nairobi hosted by Polycom, February 2024

In 2024, the CCDP entered a new co-hosting partnership with the Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAX) to support the Community of Practice on Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace (ECCP). Formerly co-hosted by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP), the ECCP transitioned to this new arrangement in spring 2024, continuing its mission to foster collaboration and dialogue on the complex links between environmental change and conflict

As part of this new phase, we expanded our network through the ECCP Community of Practice, welcoming more than 1,000 new members working at the intersection of climate, conflict, and peace. CCDP’s role as institutional co-host is formalised through a memorandum of understanding and includes active participation on the ECCP Steering Committee. This transition marks an important step toward sustaining and expanding the ECCP’s reach and impact.

Looking ahead, 2025 will see the launch of the ECCP’s first-ever Community Fund—an initiative designed to empower members to propose and implement grassroots projects aligned with ECCP’s mission, while strengthening trust, ownership, and collective capacity within the community.

## The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform: Transition to an Independent Foundation



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The CCDP is proud to have played a  
central role in the GPP’s  
development and remains an  
engaged partner in its ongoing work.  
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Since its establishment in 2008, the GPP has served as a critical hub for connecting diverse actors engaged in peacebuilding and peacekeeping. To ensure the sustainability of this mission, the CCDP together with DCAF - the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, the Geneva Graduate Institute, and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) played a pivotal role in establishing the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Foundation. The newly formed foundation will continue to oversee and implement all ongoing GPP activities, maintaining its role as a key convener for the global peacebuilding community. With a global network of over 4,000 peacebuilding professionals, GPP continues to be a vital platform for advancing knowledge and practice in the field. We look forward to continued collaboration with the GPP Foundation and its partners in advancing the shared goals of sustainable peace and security.



We would like to acknowledge the contributions of Prof. Keith Krause, Director of the CCDP, and Prof. Achim Wennmann, an active Faculty Associate of the CCDP. Their leadership and vision were instrumental in laying the foundations of the Geneva Peace Platform, shaping its evolution into the dynamic platform it is today.



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