



RESOURCES

Conferences and Training Workshops

Asia Europe's People's Forum 7 (13-17 October, Beijing): As 38 European and Asian governments meet in Beijing in October, over 500 civil society participants from China, Asia and Europe will meet under the title 'AEPF 7 – For Social and Ecological Justice'. The forum will cover three major 'clusters': peace and security; social and economic rights and environmental justice; and participatory democracy and human rights. Clusters are arranged jointly by European, Asian and Chinese organisations. Registration details accessible at www.aepf7.org.cn

Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children and Their Families after Disasters (16-19 Nov., University of Massachusetts, Boston): A UNICEF report in 2007 disclosed that in the past decade, an estimated 20 million children have fled their homes because of conflict and human rights violations, that two million children have died in armed conflicts, that at least six million have been permanently disabled or seriously injured, and that more than a million have been orphaned or separated from families. This conference, the inaugural event of the Centre for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters, brings together specialists from disciplines such health, education and community planning to recommend how to rebuild safe and sustainable communities after disasters. Details from Prof. Adenrele Awotona at rsccfd@cpcs.umb.edu or tel. +617 287 7100.

Web-Pages and E-Communications

Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), based in Norway, conducts applied and theoretical

research to shape policies and practices in international development. Its publications cover democracy and development, peace, conflict and the state, poverty reduction and public sector reform. Its focus is sub-Saharan Africa, southern and central Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. The website offers access to publications from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Full-text databases are available from World Development Indicators, Economist Intelligence Unit and JSTOR, among others, at www.cmi.no/

The Institute for Integrative Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding in Vienna is an online, research-based resource centre for students and practitioners interested in transformation, peacebuilding, reconciliation and intercultural dialogue. Services offered include training and education, project dialogues and policy advice. Training in conflict transformation is offered in Paris, Austria, Romania and Italy. The website maintains a public research library at www.iicp.at.

Global Peacebuilders is an international network of conflict resolution, conflict transformation and peacebuilding initiatives. Based in Belfast, Northern Ireland, it connects organisations, individual practitioners, researchers and other communities worldwide, offering a platform for learning, exchange of innovative practice and development of international partnerships for reconciliation and peacebuilding. The website maintains a search database on issues and organisations worldwide. It coordinates conferences and training courses on peacebuilding. Presentations and documents can be downloaded for free from www.globalpeacebuilders.org

ELDIS is an online community resource that provides information on development policy,

research and practice. It holds publications on peacebuilding and development, and lists training and conferences taking place worldwide. ELDIS is also a network organisation that connects students, researchers and practitioners in the field through a discussion forum. Membership is free. Visit the website at www.eldis.org

Book Notices

Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies

Barry Hart, editor

University Press of America 2008

ISBN 9780761840350

Scholars and practitioners outline, in this collection of essays, plausible frameworks for discussing conflict resolution practices among populations traumatised by conflict. They explore issues of identity, security, trauma, education and development and their linkages in transformational processes. Reconciliation and conflict transformation in Rwanda, the Balkans, the Philippines and Columbia are examined.

Peace and the Public Purse: Economic Policies for Post-war Statebuilding

James Boyce & Madalene O'Donnell, eds

Boulder: Lynne Rienner 2007

ISBN 9781588265166

In the aftermath of violent conflict, how do the economic challenges of statebuilding intersect with the political challenges of peacebuilding? How can the international community help lay the fiscal foundations for a sustainable state and a durable peace? *Peace and the Public Purse* examines these questions, lifting the curtain that often has separated economic policy from peace implementation. The volume covers revenue mobilisation, budget allocation and expenditure management, monetary policy, external debt management, and fiscal capacity. It draws on recent experiences in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Guatemala, Palestine, and Uganda, examining a key dimension of how both peace and states are built.

Greater than the Sum of its Parts: Assessing 'Whole of Government Approaches to Fragile States'

Patrick Stewart & Kaysie Brown

New York: IPI 2007

ISBN 9780937722985

The authors discuss the efforts of seven donor governments – the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Germany, France and Sweden – to define the purposes of policy integration; to formulate a strategic vision to guide their efforts; to create robust structures of coordination; to create new funding streams tailored to the conditions of fragile states; to build critical civilian capabilities to address priority post-conflict needs; and to evaluate the impact of new strategies and policies.

Strategies for Peace: Contributions of International Organisations, States and Non-State Actors

Volker Rittberger & Martina Fischer, eds

Leverkusen: Barbara Budrich Verlag 2008

ISBN 9783866491649

Contributing to the debate about viable strategies for sustainable peace, this book identifies potential supranational, state and non-state actors in peacebuilding processes. It highlights current research findings and addresses the complex problems and dilemmas that confront international peacebuilding actors.

Peace Research for Africa: Critical Essays on Methodology

Erin McCandless, Abdul Karim Bangura, Mary E. King & Ebrima Sall, editors

Addis Ababa: University for Peace Africa Programme 2007

ISBN 9789977925516

This collection of essays examines how scholars, practitioners and policymakers can conduct policy and practise relevant research in and for Africa. It reviews the state of the field and African experiences and challenges that shape the research context; it examines concepts, research

perspectives and paradigms, and methodologies for peace research in Africa. Finally, it shares 'guidelines for policy- and practice-relevant research' derived from a 2005 workshop in Senegal that brought together scholars from across the continent. The book can be bought in hard copy, or downloaded free at www.africa.upeace.org

Re-entering Culture and Knowledge in Conflict Resolution Practice

Mary A. Trujillo, S.Y. Bowland, Linda Myers, Phillip Richards & Beth M. Roy
Syracuse University Press 2008
ISBN 9780815631873

A first of its kind, this anthology of essays by scholars and practitioners in the field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding offers a sampling of the cultural voices which are essential for effective practice yet are often considered marginal in the discourse. Drawing on first-hand experience and sound research, the authors address culturally sensitive mediation practices, the diversity of perspectives in conflict resolution literature, and power dynamics. The compilation combines personal narratives with formal scholarship and aims to inspire activism for social justice in a multicultural world.

Women and Nation-Building

Cheryl Benard, Seth Jones, Olga Oliker, Cathryn Quantic Thurston, Brooke Stearns & Kristen Cordell
Washington, DC: Centre for Middle East Public Policy, Rand Corporation 2008
ISBN 9780833043115

The authors examine the impacts of conflict and post-conflict situations and the way in which events in these contexts affect women, in literature on development, conflict, governance, and nation building. It shows how experiences in post-conflict Afghanistan suggest the development of women's roles and practices in nation-building processes. The final section offers policy and practice recommendations for including women in formal processes of peace negotiations, societal reconstruction and justice and reconciliation.

Civil War and the Rule of Law: Security, Development and Human Rights

Agnés Hurwitz with Reyko Huang, eds
Boulder: Lynne Rienner 2008
ISBN 9781588265074

Twelve scholarly papers analyse rule-of-law policies adopted by international actors engaged in peacebuilding with a view to 'assess the relevance and use of rule-of-law programmes as a means to help provide stability in post-conflict contexts and prevent the recurrence of conflict'. The authors assess operations instituted to implement the rule of law and why they fail. They warn against the international organisations' overemphasis on the rule of law as a tool to establish peace and security.

The World Bank in Fragile and Conflict-affected Countries: 'How', Not 'How Much'

Edward Bell
London: International Alert 2008
ISBN 9781898702968

This study outlines the particular development challenges confronting international actors in fragile and conflict-affected countries, and gives a summary of the World Bank's evolving approach to those challenges. It sets out certain key problems that continue to reduce the quality of the Bank's impacts despite recent improvements. Noting the inconsistencies in the Bank's approaches, it assesses the factors that determine its ability to deal with the immense complexity of its operating environments. It offers recommendations for improving approaches to those complexities. The study is available at www.international-alert.org/publications/pub.php?p=380

Building States to Build Peace

Charles T Call & Vanessa Wyeth, eds
Boulder: Lynne Rienner 2008
ISBN 9781588264800

There is growing consensus among scholars and policy analysts that successful

peacebuilding can occur only in the context of capable state institutions. But how can legitimate and sustainable states best be established in the aftermath of civil wars? And what role should international actors play in supporting these vital processes? Addressing these questions, this volume explores the core challenges involved in institutionalising post-conflict states. The thematic chapters and in-depth case studies of Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, East Timor, Liberia, Palestine and Somalia cover a range of the most vexing and diverse problems confronting domestic and international actors seeking to build states while building peace.

Fixing Failed States: A Framework for Rebuilding a Fractured World

Ashraf Ghani & Clare Lockhart
Oxford University Press 2008
ISBN 9780195342697

Describing why statebuilding efforts so often fail, *A Framework* argues for an integrated approach that assigns responsibility equally among the international community, national leaders, and citizens, and maps out a clear path to political and economic stability. Examining case studies from Afghanistan, Sudan, Kosovo and Nepal among others, the authors argue that the complexity of international aid undermines and supersedes weak states instead of helping to stabilise them. They emphasise the centrality of a strong, accountable state in addressing poverty and underdevelopment.

Documents and Reports

Peace Processes and Statebuilding: Economic and Institutional Provisions of Peace Agreements

This 2007 report was prepared under the stewardship of the Chr. Michelsen Institute in Bergen, Norway. It builds on discussions in a World Bank and UNDP workshop in New York in September 2005, which raised the question: can peace agreements provide

a stronger, more comprehensive framework for managing the diverse transitions necessary for statebuilding, particularly in fragile states? This pilot study by Astri Suhrke, Torunn Wimpelmann and Marcia Dawes makes a modest start in addressing this question. It offers an overview of the literature on peace agreements in relation to state- and peacebuilding, and aims to assess how far provisions relevant to statebuilding have been included in contemporary peace agreements, as well as the role of international aid agencies in the negotiating process. The frequency and specificity of such provisions are examined in 27 agreements concluded after 1989, and five agreements selected for more in-depth analysis. The study is accessible at www.cmi.no/publications/file/?2689=peace-processes-and-statebuilding

EU Response to Women and Armed Conflict

The issue of women and armed conflict has been taken up by the United Nations, most notably in Security Council Resolution 1325, but the European Union has been less active and less studied in this area. This April 2008 report by Andrew Sherriff and Karen Barnes represents the most comprehensive analysis of the EU's approach to women and armed conflict from a policy and operational perspective. It was commissioned by the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs when it held the presidency of the EU in 2008. It contains a detailed analysis of the response of the EU and its member states to sexual and gender-based violence, the development of national action plans for Resolution 1325, local accountability and monitoring of women and armed conflict issues, and regional approaches to women and armed conflict.

Taking Stock, Looking Forward: A Strategic Review of the Peacebuilding Commission

This April 2008 report by Centre on International Cooperation and the International Peace Institute assesses the progress of the United Nations

Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) in its first 18 months, and makes concrete recommendations to improve its work. It is based on interviews with senior officials of all PBC member countries in New York, as well as UN and other stakeholders in New York, Burundi, and Sierra Leone. The report concludes that the PBC is beginning to find its niche and demonstrate its added value. In particular, it says, the PBC has been successful in creating linkages between political/security and financial/development actors in the countries on its agenda. However, the real challenge for the PBC is to consolidate its progress and enhance its overall impact while extending its reach to new cases. The report can be accessed at www.ipinst.org/

Lessons from Liberia: Integrated Approaches to Peacebuilding in Transitional Settings

Assuming that integrated, strategic processes lie at the heart of effective peacebuilding in post-conflict settings, this April 2008 paper by Erin McCandless examines the Liberian experience to illustrate challenges and opportunities for ensuring greater coherence. The paper reviews key conceptual and historical issues and debates around post-conflict peacebuilding, and particularly the role of the United Nations. It explains in detail the process undertaken in Liberia, describing the interlocking activity areas that have formed the building blocks of an overall strategic approach aimed at strengthening peacebuilding. Lessons emerging from the Liberia case are assessed and conclusions and recommendations are presented. The publication can be accessed at the ISS website, www.iss.co.za

Preventing Violence & Reducing Its Impact: How Development Agencies Can Help

This May 2008 report of the World Health Organisation describes how preventing violence not only saves lives and suffering, but also contributes to the economic wellbeing of a country and its people. It discusses how seriously international

development agencies regard the prevention of violence and identifies areas of neglected focus. Readers will learn which credible, science-based initiatives could be funded immediately to prevent violence, among them programmes to increase safe, stable and nurturing relationships between parents and children and programmes to reduce the availability and abuse of alcohol. The report is available at http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2008/9789241596589_eng.pdf

The World Bank and Conflicts: From Narrow Rules to Broader Principles

A trend is growing of inter-agency cooperation, multi-functional operations and policy harmonisation in response to a new understanding of the complexities of national, regional and global conflicts and crises. The World Bank's apolitical mandate, organisational culture and focus on core competencies has long made it stand-offish, but it is hearing louder calls for it to join in international operations with other actors. These two factors are making the Bank open up to engagement in coordinated interventions with other actors. This April 2008 paper by research fellow Jon Harald Sande Lie elaborates these changes in approach in the light of conventional interpretations of the Bank's mandate and focus. It highlights recent policy changes internal to the Bank that seek to dismantle rigid and narrow rules, and rather provide a broader framework and principles that are case- and context-sensitive.

Women, Peace and Security: Sexual Violence in Situations of Armed Conflict

Women experience armed conflicts as victims – through sexual violence and as survivors and peacemakers. Security Council Resolution 1325 has helped to advance efforts to ensure an international framework for meeting the needs of women as victims and leaders in post-conflict situations. In this June 2008 report of the Security Council, the United Nations is seen to push for firmer efforts to end sexual violence against women. The update

focuses on understanding, prevention and accountability. It can be accessed at www.securitycouncilreport.org/site/c.glKWLeMTIsG/b.4197161/

The Global Peace Index 2008

The Institute for Economics and Peace ranks nations by 24 criteria of 'peacefulness', among them arms sales, troop deployments, crime and prison rates, and relations with neighbours and countries that harbour 'terrorists'. The report examines domestic conditions and international policies in these countries. It is accessible at www.visionofhumanity.com