

Annex to Workshop 8-9 October 2020

**Studying Everyday Order and Peace from the Ground up
An Inter-regional and Interdisciplinary Dialogue on
Peace Formation in Central Eurasia**

Summary, program, participants and bibliography

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Summary

Area Studies and Social Anthropology on Central Eurasia confirm a comparatively strong role of customary ordering in the everyday settlement of limited tensions related to identity (ethnicity, religion, gender, generation), even under circumstances of socio-economic precarity. However, IR studies on peacebuilding know little about the strength and range of communal capacities for peace, be it in concrete locations (places) or multiple social configurations (spaces). An in-depth understanding of societal order and peace in this post-Soviet region is often hindered by predominant state- and security-oriented perspectives. This planned workshop aims at an inter-regional and interdisciplinary dialogue on communal order and peace in customary and illiberal contexts of Central Eurasia. Exploring local agency from the ground up and emphasizing experiential perspectives, it asks whether, how and to what extent communal actors and institutions engage in conflict settlement and peace formation and/or navigate in social configurations at national, international and trans-local levels.

The participants of this workshop are requested to answer guiding questions on the topic of his/her respective panel and start a dialogue on local ordering and peace formation against the background of their regional and disciplinary expertise. The dialogue proceeds in three stages. (1) Experts from four Central Eurasian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Georgia) share their views and findings on different aspects of communal conflict settlement, de-escalation and peace formation. (2) In a round table scholars from Ethnographic Peace Research, Critical Peace and Area Studies as well as Social Anthropology start an interdisciplinary search for conceptual and methodological approaches to best understand everyday order and peace from the ground up. (3) In the format of a fishbowl discussion, experts from neighbouring disciplines and fields first reflect on the interplay between regional experiences and conceptual approaches. Second, regional scholars discuss these kick off inputs in view of an integration of local and regional experiential perspectives and peacebuilding concepts. (4) A final discussion extrapolates chances and limitations of interdisciplinary and interregional peace studies and a wrap up closes the workshop.

Program

(as of 1 October 2020)

8 Oct 2020 10:15 – 10:30	General preparatory phase with technical instructions
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10:30 – 10:45	Preparatory phase for all moderators
10:45 – 11:00	Gathering
11:00 – 12:30	Welcome and Introduction
CET	Cornelius Friesendorf, CORE/IFSH Anna Kreikemeyer, CORE/IFSH
	Panel 1
	Local Conflict Settlement and Peace Formation in Central Eurasia
	<i>Moderator</i> Andrei Dörre, Free University Berlin
	<i>Contributors</i> Alisher Khamidov, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame/Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Aksana Ismailbekova, Leibniz Centre Modern Orient Berlin Hafiz Boboyorov, independent researcher, Bonn Natia Jalabadze, Tbilisi State University, Georgia
	<i>Discussants</i> Karolina Kluczevska, Tomsk State University, Russia Parviz Mullojonov, Open Society Institute and International Alert, Tajikistan
	<i>Open Discussion</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Gathering
17:00 - 18:30	Round Table
CET	Between Order, Authoritarianism and Mobility. Conceptual Approaches to Local Local Ordering and Peace Formation in Central Eurasia
	<i>Moderator</i> Florian Kühn, University of Gothenburg
	<i>Contributors</i> Views from the Concepts of Ethnographic Peace Research, Gearoid Millar, University of Aberdeen Local Everyday Peace Formation, Oliver P. Richmond, Manchester University Zones of Peace, Landon E. Hancock, Kent State University, Ohio Authoritarian Conflict Management, David Lewis, Exeter University Trans-locality, Philipp Schröder, University Freiburg

	<p><i>Discussant</i> Philipp Lottholz, Justus Liebig University Giessen</p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
<p>9 Oct 2020 10:15-10:30 10:30-12:00 CET</p>	<p>Gathering</p> <p>Fishbowl Discussion How to Integrate Local Experiential Perspectives on Ordering and Conceptual Approaches to Peacebuilding?</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> John Heathershaw, Exeter University</p> <p><i>Inner circle: Kick-off inputs from neighboring perspectives</i> Rune Steenberg, Copenhagen University (informality) Matías Dewey, University of St. Gallen (hybrid political orders) Sladjana Lazic, Centre for Peace Studies, University Tromsø (intersectionality) Stéphane Voell, Centre for Conflict Studies, University Marburg (social anthropology, Caucasus) Martina Santschi, Swisspeace Zürich (comparison with Africa)</p> <p><i>Outer circle: comments stepping in from Central Eurasia</i> Hafiz Boboyorov, Aksana Ismailbekova, Natia Jalabadze, Alisher Khamidov, Parviz Mullojonov</p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
<p>13:15 – 13.30 13:30 – 15:00 CET</p>	<p>Gathering</p> <p>Final Discussion Prospects of Interdisciplinary and Inter-Regional Peace Research</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Christine Smith-Simonsen, Centre for Peace Studies, University Tromsø</p> <p><i>Wrap up</i> Anna Kreikemeyer, CORE/IFSH</p>

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