



CRISES, CONFLICTS AND DEVELOPMENT

MULTIFACETED PERSPECTIVES TO SECURITY

CONFERENCE

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2nd Call for papers (18.12.2009)

At the outset of the new millennium, security has become a catchword in a wide range of contexts: international politics, immigration policies, development and humanitarian interventions, crisis management and peacebuilding, financial markets and environmental crises. Security - as a normative ideal - is inherently a multifaceted concept that is used not only as a tool for explanation and analysis but, at times, as a legitimization for different forms of interventionism, policy-making and concrete practices in various parts of the world. Both the content and the scope of security remain largely undetermined and, undoubtedly, will continue to be so. It is a timely task to critically explore the multiple dimensions of security as we understand and, at times, promote it - particularly in the global South.

The conference invites papers that tackle with security from a broad range of approaches and academic disciplines. The general aim is to bring together researchers, doctoral and undergraduate students to unveil and discuss the interconnected dimensions of security and, respectively, conflict - be they economic, environmental, political, social or military crises. The much spoken-of interdependence between development and security shall itself be placed under careful scrutiny.

Keynote speakers at the conference are:

Michaëlle L. Browsers (Wake Forest University, US)
Elnour Abdalla Elsidig (University of Khartoum, Sudan)
Wim Naudé (UNU-WIDER Institute, Finland)
Aili Tripp (University of Wisconsin - Madison, US)

The conference is organized by the Finnish Society for Development Research (FSDR) in association with Crisis Management Centre Finland (CMC Finland), Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID) and Institute of Development Studies (University of Helsinki).

Researchers, doctoral and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a paper to the following working groups:

1 Aid, fragile states and conflicts

Chair: Prof. Juhani Koponen, coordinator: Dr Lauri Siitonen

2 Climate change, energy and environmental risks

Chair: Dr Irmeli Mustalahti, coordinator: Lisa Jokivirta

3 Financial crisis and development

Chair: Dr Wim Naudé, coordinator: Joni Valkila

4 Gender equality, peacebuilding and development

Chair: Prof. Pirjo Jukarainen, coordinator: Ville-Veikko Pitkänen

5 Integrated and comprehensive crisis management and peacebuilding

Chair: Head of Research Kirsi Henriksson, coordinator: Jari Mustonen

6 Legal pluralism and human rights

Chair: Prof. ad int Jarna Petman, coordinator: Henri Onodera

7 Peace research and development

Chair: Prof. Tuomo Melasuo, coordinator: Gibril Massaquoi

8 Post-conflict management of natural resources

Chair: Prof. Olavi Luukkanen, coordinator: Dr Mohamed Elfadl

9 Poverty, inequality and human security

Chair: Prof. Marja Järvelä, coordinator: Mikko Perkiö

10 Renewing peace education

Chair: Prof. Reijo E. Heinonen, coordinator: Jani Lassila

11 Security - Diaspora nexus

Chair: Prof. Liisa Laakso, coordinator: Päivi Pirkkalainen

12 Social movements, civil society and conflicts

Chair: Dr Tomi Järvinen, coordinator: David Korpela

The working groups are open to all registered participants in the conference, including those who do not present a paper. The working language is English. The deadline for abstract submissions (max. 150 words) is 18 January 2009 and for full papers (max. 8000 words) 4 February 2010. The acceptance of abstracts is confirmed to prospective participants by 20 January 2009. The conference organizers are actively seeking to publish the most distinguished papers in an edited volume and/or academic journals.

All conference participants, including those who do not present a paper, are kindly asked to register at the conference by 31 January 2010 by sending an email to: registration2010@kehitystutkimus.fi. Please disclose in the email whether you are student participant or member of Finnish Society for Development Research (FSDR). The conference fee is 22 € (11 € for students). The members of FSDR can participate free of charge. All information regarding the conference, paper submissions, working groups, registration and other practicalities can be found at:

www.kehitystutkimus.fi/conference

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