

The Role of Coercion in Peacebuilding

Insights from Africa in an Interregional Perspective

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF),
Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC)
and
Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)

Workshop Program

from 05 to 07 October 2022 in Accra, Ghana



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This international research workshop is to create a space for exchange on the role of coercion in peacebuilding. Around 35 international researchers are invited to share and discuss insights from Africa in an interregional perspective. The Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) and the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) are welcoming you in Accra, Ghana, from 05 to 07 October 2022!

The 2.5-day program is organized in **thematic panels** allowing for an in-depth discussion of underlying research perspectives and ideas. The first panel brings together scholars who work on varied aspects of coercion in peacebuilding using different theoretical and methodological approaches and aims at conceptualizing coercion. The second and third panel take coercion into view by drawing from empiric case studies. The fourth panel focuses on regional organizations in peacebuilding, and the fifth panel is dedicated to non-traditional or new state actors in peacebuilding. The latter three panels analyse the approaches of these new or non-traditional actors in how they differ from interventions by traditional peacebuilding actors and, in particular, they discuss the role of coercion in interventions of these actors. All participants will provide short discussion papers prior to the workshop. Every panel will have a chair who guides the session. As we understand the collective aim to be an open exchange in order to define joint research strands, we will not allocate individual discussants but rather want to involve all participants in the discussion. In addition to the panels, a **World Café** in the beginning as well as a **roundtable** at the closing day will further facilitate dialogue.

After the workshop, the partner institutions develop a report on the main outcomes of the workshop. This report will be shared with key actors in peacebuilding.

We are looking forward to stimulating discussions!

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Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, KAIPTC

Institute for Peace and Security Studies, IPSS

Workshop Program

Day of Arrival – 04 October

Arrival and Check-In - Hotel: Mahogany Lodge

Day 1 – 05 October

08:30 am – 09:00 am Arrival/Registration, KAIPTC

09:00 am – 10:00 am Welcome

Welcome remarks by representatives from KAIPTC, IPSS and PRIF

Group picture

10:00 am – 10:30 am Coffee & tea break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Keynote with discussion

Moderator: Antonia Witt (PRIF)

Erin McCandless (University of Witwatersrand): Coercion in Peacebuilding: A panoramic, evolutionary reflection

12:00 am – 01:00 pm Lunch

01:00 pm – 03:00 pm Mapping the topic / World Café

The 'World Café' is a specific method to stimulate exchange and discussion by dividing the group into table groups. We will have five tables in the room and participants will be divided into five groups. Each table will discuss a specific topic and will have one person responsible for hosting the discussion. The host will briefly introduce the topic and take notes during the open discussion. After some time, participants rotate between the tables, get introduced to a new topic, can read the notes from the previous discussion round and add their own thoughts.

Moderator: Samantha Ruppel (German Institute for Development and Sustainability, IDOS)

Table 1: "How does coercion play out in peacebuilding?" – Host: Ruth Adwoa Frimpong

Table 2: "How can we conceptualize and measure coercion?" – Host: Fiifi Edu-Afful

Table 3: "Coming to the fore: the role of women, youth and civil society actors in peacebuilding. Why have they been getting increasingly more attention in peacebuilding research?" – Host: Sabine Mannitz

Table 4: "How does the engagement of new actors (regional, rising, etc) in peacebuilding differ from traditional approaches?" – Host: Yohannes Tekalign Beza

Table 5: "Under what conditions can coercion be legitimized/justified?" – Host: Bamlaku Tadesse Mengistu

03:00 pm – 03:30 pm Coffee & tea break

03:30 pm – 05:00 pm Panel 1 – Conceptualizing Coercion

Chair: KAIPTC

Antonia Witt, Jonas Wolff, Melanie Coni-Zimmer, Sabine Mannitz, Sophia Birchinger (PRIF): Coercion in Peacebuilding: A Conceptual Framework

Birte Gippert (University of Liverpool): The Impact of Coercion in Peacebuilding

Michael Sitawa Mugah (International Peace Support Training Centre Kenya): The Kinetic Approach in Asymmetric Theatres: Identifying Gaps to Sustainable Peacebuilding

Louise Wiuff Moe (Roskilde University): Anticipating Protection Risks while Confronting Unconventional Wars: The Role of Intelligence Practices in the Transformation of Peacekeeping

Day 2 – 06 October

08:30 am – 09:00 am Arrival/Registration, KAIPTC

09:00 am – 10:30 am Panel 2 – Taking Coercion into View I

Chair: Yohannes Tekalign Beza (IPSS)

Lise Morjé Howard (Georgetown University): Power in Peacekeeping in the Central African Republic

Adekeye Adebajo (University of Johannesburg): Sierra Leone and Peacebuilding

Ruth Adwoa Frimpong (KAIPTC): Youth and Consolidating Peace in Guinea Bissau

Sophia Birchinger (PRIF): Perceptions of Coercion: The AU and ECOWAS in The Gambia

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee & tea break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Panel 3 – Taking Coercion into View II

Chair: Emma Birikorang, KAIPTC

Isaac Olawale Albert (University of Ibadan): Balancing Coercion and Peacebuilding in Nigeria's Counter-terrorism Operations

Saidi Dosho Mwachinalo (IPSTC): Effectiveness of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Measures in Enhancing Youth Resilience: A Case of Mombasa County, Kenya

Fana Gebresenbet Erda (IPSS): Abusing Coercive Powers: External Influence against the Ethiopian Government (2021-2022)

Bamlaku Tadesse Mengistu (IPSS): The Challenges and Prospects of Current Coercive Actions in Ethiopia to Peacebuilding Efforts and its Implications to the Horn Region

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm Lunch

01:30 pm – 03:00 pm Panel 4 - Regional Organizations in Peacebuilding: Different Approach, Less Coercion?

Chair: Sophia Birchinger (PRIF)

Tim Murithi (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation): Regional Organizations and Cross-Border Peacebuilding in Africa: Between Coercion and Incentivization

Fiifi Edu-Afful (KAIPTC): Agency and the Role of Coercion in ECOWAS Peace and Security Architecture

Emma Birikorang (KAIPTC): ECOWAS/AU Regional Peacekeeping Frameworks and Standby Arrangements

Yohannes Tekalign Beza (IPSS): Challenges for Regional Peacebuilding in the IGAD Region

03:00 pm – 03:30 pm Coffee & Tea Break

03:30 pm – 06:30 pm Networking activity: Visit of Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum

Day 3 – 07 October

08:30 am – 09:00 am Arrival/Registration, KAIPTC

09:00 am – 10:30 am Panel 5 – Rising Powers and Peacebuilding: Different Approach, Less Coercion?

Chair: Melanie Coni-Zimmer (PRIF)

Charles Nyuykonge (African Development Bank): The Rise of Afro-Phobia and Political Violence in South Africa: The Storm which Erodes Pro-Africa Peacebuilding Commitments

Xinyu Yuan (Graduate Institute Geneva): The Chinese Approach to Peacebuilding: Contesting Liberal Peace?

Monalisa Adhikari (University of Edinburgh): Liberal Peace and the Changing Global Order

Wadeisor Rukato (African Leadership Centre): Chinese Technology and African Youth: Examining the Tension between the Potential for Digital Peacebuilding and Threats of Data Colonialism

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee & tea break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Round Table: Coercion in Peacebuilding

Chair: Antonia Witt (PRIF)

Festus Aubyn (WANEP)

Mandy Turner (University of Manchester)

Tony Karbo (N'Zarama Center for Peacebuilding, Abidjan)

Cyril Obi (African Peacebuilding Network)

12:30 pm – 01:00 pm Concluding Comments, Outlook & Closing Addresses

Moderator: Bamlaku Tadesse Mengistu (IPSS)

Jonas Wolff (PRIF, Executive Board Member)

Fana Gebresenbet Erda (IPSS, Interim Director)

Kwesi Aning (KAIPTC, Director, FAAR, KAIPTC)

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm Lunch & Departure

02:30 pm – 04:00 pm Organizers' Meeting (KAIPTC, PRIF and IPSS)

Participants

Prof. Adekeye Adebajo is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Pretoria's (UP) Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship (CAS) in South Africa. He was Director of the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) in South Africa for five years, and is the author of *Boutros Boutros-Ghali: Afro-Arab Prophet, Pharaoh, and Pope* (Jacana and Routledge, 2022).

Dr. Monalisa Adhikari works as Lecturer in International Politics at the University of Stirling. She is a Co-Investigator of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform (PeaceREP) project at the University of Edinburgh. Her research interests include peace processes, international interventions, and conflict management efforts by Asian states including, India, China and Japan.

Prof. Isaac Olawale Albert is Professor of African History, Peace and Conflict Studies at the Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) of the University of Ibadan and was pioneer Director of the Institute until 2018. He is a specialist in conflict analysis, peace process planning, peace education and monitoring and evaluation. His main academic interest is to develop peace studies programmes and produce Afrocentric publications. His latest publications include urban crisis and crisis management in Africa.

Prof. Kwesi Aning is Director Faculty of Academic Affairs & Research (FAAR) and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Ghana and Clinical Professor of Peacekeeping Practice at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta. In 2015, he was appointed by the UN Secretary General to serve as a member of his Advisory Group to the Peacebuilding Fund. He is presently the Visiting Claude Ake Chair at the Nordic Africa Institute and Uppsala University, Sweden. In 2021, he served as a senior consultant on the Independent Project Evaluation on Support to the Maldives on Counter-terrorism, and in 2022 appointed as a UN Expert on evaluating the EU's Counter-terrorism interventions in Sri Lanka. From November 2022, he will serve on the World Food Programme Security Advisory Team. Research interests include peacekeeping economies, hybrid political orders, security sector reform, and stability operations.

Dr. Festus Kofi Aubyn is Regional Coordinator, Research and Capacity Building at the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). Before, he worked as Research Fellow at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). As Senior Researcher and Lecturer, he focuses on conflict and security management, peacebuilding, peace operations, terrorism, violent extremism and election security.

Sophia Birchinger holds the position of a Researcher and is part of the Research Group "African Intervention Politics" at Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF). In this capacity, she works on the case study of The Gambia as part of the project "Local perceptions of regional interventions: AU and ECOWAS in Burkina Faso and The Gambia". Her research topics cover peacebuilding and the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). Currently, Sophia prepares her PhD project on perceptions of coercion in African regional interventions.

Dr. Emma Birikorang is the Deputy Director at the Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). She is currently undertaking research on African Peace and Security Mechanisms and ECOWAS/AU regional peacekeeping frameworks. She facilitates training modules on security sector governance, protection of civilians in armed conflict, preventing violent extremism, risk assessment and conflict vulnerability, and conflict-related sexual violence. Emma is Head of the editorial team for the KAIPTC academic publications. Her current research interests are gendered dimension of violent extremism and terrorism, democratic reversal in African countries, regional peace and security, maritime insecurity in West Africa and peacekeeping transitions.

Dr. Melanie Coni-Zimmer works as Senior Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt. Her research interest includes the role of economic actors in conflict zones, conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Her current work focuses on civil society engagement with international economic organizations. Recently she published, among others, on security sector reform and gender as well as crisis prevention in German foreign policy. Since 2015 she is Member of the Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding.

Major Saidi Mwachinalo Dosho currently doubles up as the Head of Curriculum Design and as an Applied Researcher at the International Peace Support Training Centre, Kenya. He holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He previously worked at Kenya Military Academy and 77 Artillery Battalion as an Assistant Lecturer and Education Officer respectively. He served in United Nations' Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in 2011/2012. His focus in research is in the interphase of psychosocial characteristics and behavioural outcomes. Specifically, his research interest lies in exploring violent extremism and management measures.

Dr. Fiifi Edu-Afful is a Senior Research Fellow and the Deputy Program Head of the Peace Support Operations Programme at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). He has nearly 10 years' experience authoring, teaching and facilitating on conflict, peace and security. Between 2013 and 2014, he served as an Advisory Team Member for the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in UN peacekeeping. He specializes in peacekeeping, internal military operations, violent extremism and sexual violence against men and boys in conflict.

Prof. Fana Gebresenbet Erda is an Associate Professor and currently the Interim Director of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University. Also, he is a Research Fellow at the Center for African Studies, University of the Free State, South Africa, and was a Southern Voices Scholar at the Wilson Center, Washington, DC, United States. Fana's primary research interest is on themes related to the politics of development, political economy, pastoral development/conflict, and migration.

Ruth Adwoa Frimpong is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). She also works with the Early Warning Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission under the Office of the Vice President on the thematic areas of terrorism and violent extremism in West Africa. Her research interests concern peacebuilding, peace support operations, human security, gender mainstreaming, and security sector governance. She currently serves as a youth advisor on the youth advisory board of the Dallaire Institute of Children, Peace and Security in Rwanda.

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Prof. Lise Morjé Howard is Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and President of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS). She also currently serves as Senior Fellow in Residence at the U.S. Institute of Peace (2022-23). She has written two award-winning books about different aspects of United Nations peacekeeping, both published by Cambridge University Press, as well as scholarly articles about civil war termination, the UN Security Council, and American foreign policy. She has held yearlong fellowships at Stanford University, Harvard University, and the University of Maryland.

Prof. Tony Karbo holds the position of Executive Director N'Zarama Center for Peacebuilding based in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Tony previously served as Associate Professor and Senior Program Officer at the University for Peace (Africa Program). He has more than 25 years of experience in the conflict resolution field, including working for the Carter Center, the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD) in the United States, the South-North Centre for Peacebuilding (SNCPD), and the Institute of Peace, Leadership, and Governance (IPLG) at Africa University in Zimbabwe. He holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University in Virginia, USA.

Dr. Sabine Mannitz holds the position of Head of Research Department „Glocal Junctions“ at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and is Member of PRIF's Executive Board. Her expertise and interest lie in anthropology of globalization, conflicts in migration societies, social identity, political socialisation, culture of remembrance/remembrance politics, armed forces in democracy as well as security sector reforms and local ownership. Since 2022 she is principal investigator at the Regional Research Center Transformations of Political Violence (TraCe).

Prof. Erin McCandless is an independent scholar and Policy Advisor, with affiliations as Research Associate in both the Politics Department at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa and with the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn, Germany. A widely published scholar, she has nearly three decades of experience working on and in conflict affected settings. Her research is broadly focused on understanding the drivers of conflict, fragility and crisis, and how processes of transformative change and emancipatory peace are secured and sustain. Dr. McCandless consults widely with international and civil society organizations, and she is co-founder, former Chief Editor and current Virtual Collections Editor of the international, peer reviewed Journal of Peacebuilding and Development.

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Wadeisor Rukato was a Peace, Security and Development Fellow at the African Leadership Centre from 2018 - 2020. She holds an MA in Security, Leadership and Society from King's College London. She also holds an MA in China Studies, with a concentration in International Relations, from Peking University's Yenching Academy. In 2020, she published a book chapter titled "Student Movements and Autocracies in Africa". While in China, she co-founded an online platform called From Africa to China, which seeks to add a youth voice to the dynamic discourse on Africa-China relations. Her research interest includes the security dimensions of Africa-China relations; the role of youth in peace and security in Africa; LGBTQ+ activism and joy-making in Africa; and the effectiveness of experiential peace education programs in both pre-conflict and post-conflict environments.

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