WE ANALYZE THE CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTRASTATE CONFLICTS AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO SOLVE THEM.

As one of the leading peace research institutes in Europe, we combine basic research with knowledge transfer into policy-making, media and society. In this mission and as a member of the Leibniz Association, we are funded by the federal government and the state of Hesse.

Our main topics are arms control and disarmament, conflicts over international norms, regimes and organizations, military and non-military interventions, peace consolidation, democratization as well as radicalization and political violence.

We critically examine the scientific mainstream and the political zeitgeist – and provide important stimuli for the academic and political debate, nationally and internationally. 

“There will always be conflicts in this world. We must ensure that these conflicts are resolved rationally and that solutions are found that do not restrict people’s freedom.”

Albert Osswald, former Prime Minister of Hesse and founder of PRIF
WE CONDUCT RESEARCH ON GLOBAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT POSE CHALLENGES TO PEACE.

We deal with pressing questions of peace and conflict research in five research departments:

• **International Security** // intergovernmental policy-making and security issues
• **International Institutions** // multilateral policy-making and issues of global governance
• **Transnational Politics** // cross-border phenomena as well as non-state actors and conflicts
• **Intrastate Conflict** // orders of violence and peace in states, and issues of political rule
• **Glocal Junctions** // conflicts with a focus on the interaction of global policy-making and local practice

An overarching, multi-year research program allows central theoretical and empirical questions to be systematically approached from different perspectives.
We understand knowledge transfer as a dialogue: We convey research insights to practitioners and make recommendations. In turn, we integrate stimuli from the dialogue with society and policy-making into our work.

Our instruments for knowledge transfer are manifold: classical print publications, blogs, podcasts, videos, participation in parliamentary and ministerial hearings, presentations and panel discussions.

In addition to our headquarters in Frankfurt am Main, we also have a Berlin office at the Leibniz Association. We inform and advise representatives, parliaments, ministries and agencies at the state and federal levels. Moreover, we are involved in training early-career diplomats.
THROUGH OUR PUBLICATIONS, OUR RESEARCH RESULTS FIND THEIR WAY INTO SCIENTIFIC AND POLITICAL DEBATES.

The conjunction of systematic fundamental research and knowledge transfer is reflected in our publication strategy: peer-reviewed articles in international journals, edited volumes, monographs, as well as the PRIF Studies and Working Papers series target a scientific audience.

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