

TRANSNATIONAL COMMUNITIES AND CONFLICT: A CIVIL SOCIETY APPROACH

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FROM BELOW?



The International Civil Society Forum on Conflicts (INFOCON) is an EC funded research project, aiming to offer a better understanding of how Civil Society Organisations representing Transnational Communities can help in preventing and resolving conflicts.

This interdisciplinary conference will debate the conflict resolution mechanisms used by different actors and how they can collaborate in order to achieve their major goals.

The two-day conference will bring together the INFOCON researchers, policy experts at the local, national and European level, and representatives of the Civil Society. The event will be punctuated by several keynote addresses delivered by leading academics and policy-makers in the field of transnational communities and conflicts.

First day: Academia, Policy Makers & the Civil Society: what is their role in conflict resolution?

- **9h30 – 10h:** Pierre Mathiot - opening remarks on behalf of the hosting Institution
- **10h – 10h15:** Regional political representative
- **10h15 – 11h:** Elise Féron (INFOCON research director) – introducing INFOCON
- **11h30 – 12h15:** Neil Campbell (International Crisis Group) What can we do from abroad ?
- **14h – 15h50:** **First workshop - the Kosovo case** - Gentian Zyberi (CRAN) and Aleksandar Mitic (journalist) - chaired by Prof. Hugh Miall
- **16h10 – 18h:** **Second workshop - The different dimensions of conflict in the Afrikan Great Lakes region** - Marusca Perazzi (Minority Rights Group), Christiaan de Beule (SOS Rwanda Burundi) - Chaired by The Internationalist Foundation

Second day: What has been done?

- **9h30 – 10h15:** Marco Martiniello (Université de Liège) - Transnational Communities and conflict importation
- **10h15 – 10h45:** Agnieszka Weiner (University of Warsaw) - Defining diaspora and role as a political actor
- **10h45 – 11h15:** Angela Liberatore (European Commission) – Lessons from EC funded research on conflict and migration
- **11h30 – 12h15:** Hugh Miall (Kent University) – Contemporary Conflict Resolution
- **13h45 – 14h30:** Marieke van Houte and Ruerd Ruben (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen) – the Randstad case
- **14h30 – 16h15:** **Third Workshop: Intercultural Dialogues: Turkish and Kurdish in actual Germany** - Berivan Aymaz (NAVEND), Dirk Halm (ZfT) and Jochen Hippler (Universiteit Duisburg Essen)
- **16h30 – 17h30:** Thomas Blumenfeld (Internationalist Foundation) and Andrea Warnecke (BICC – from the DIASPEACE project) - New Technologies & Conflict Resolution:
- **17h30 – 18h00:** Résumé

May 6th/7th 2009
Room B4.13
FREE ENTRANCE



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From the 4th until the 15th May 2009, in the IEP main hall,
David Brulotte from the Internationalist Foundation will present a photographic exhibition on transnational issues in big European urban centers.

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