Dealing with violence as part of social crises has been a constant feature in African, Latin American and Caribbean societies since the beginning of European expansion in the late 15th century. Violence has appeared in different forms such as conquest and colonisation, the slave trade and slavery, repression in authoritarian political systems, civil wars, ethnic violence, ‘feminicidios’ (the murdering of women due to their gender) and organized crime. In spite (or because) of these challenges, Latin American, Caribbean and African societies have repeatedly come up with strategies for managing conflicts and ending processes of violence. Efforts to settle civil wars and internal armed conflicts have generated a variety of conflict resolution strategies and practices.

Recent peace and conflict research has taken an interdisciplinary approach: History, anthropology and sociology primarily address issues of continuity and change and the social, cultural, economic and political origins of both, violence and the settlement of conflicts. Film, literature and cultural studies engage with the collective memory of violence as well as the processes of remembering and forgetting in the context of specific forms, such as trauma narratives. Literary, cinematic, and other narratives offer valuable insights into the social origins as well as consequences of violent processes.

This conference will deal with various forms, origins, outcomes and strategies for the settlement of violent processes occurring in African, Latin American and Caribbean societies. Scholars and practitioners on both sides of the Atlantic will come together to discuss and compare the similarities and differences of various violence and peace processes.
PROGRAM

PROGRAM
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022

12:00
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME SNACKS

1:00 P.M.
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

VOLKER EPPING
President, Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

CHRISTINE HATZKY
Centre for Atlantic and Global Studies, Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

ADELHEID WESSLER
Head of Team “Societal Transformations”, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany

1:30 P.M.
KEYNOTE 1

Re-positioning the U.S.-Mexico Border: Images and Discourses of Violence and Perhaps Peace

MARIA SOCORRO TABUENCA CORDOBA
University of Texas, El Paso, USA

Chair: CHRISTINE HATZKY
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

3:00 P.M.
COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M.
SECTION 1
Lynching and Vigilantism in Transregional Perspective

Lynching in Latin America: Conflict Resolution in Weak Institutional Settings (online presentation)

CARLOS M. VILAS
Universidad de Buenos Aires / Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Argentina

Rights in Translation: Vigilantism and the Meanings of Institutional Effectiveness and Failure in South Africa

NICHOLAS RUSH SMITH
Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, The City College of New York, USA

American Lynchings in Global Context

MICHAEL PFEIFER
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, History Department, New York, USA

Comment

TESSA DIPHOORN
Utrecht University, The Netherlands
PROGRAM

Chair: HINNENK ONKEN
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

6:00 DINNER

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

9:00 SECTION 2
Confronting Terrorist Violence and Resource Injustice: Local Communities and Vigilance Committees as Cases in Point

Violence against Activists: Conflicts over Resources in Colombia in Times of Peace
KRISTINA DIETZ
University of Vienna, Austria

Assessing the Determinants and Dynamics for Conflict Resolution and Peaceful Coexistence among Farmers and Pastoralists: Political Ecology Approach
CHUKWUMA UME
Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, Germany

Community Participation in Producing Security: Vigilance Committees and the Fight Against Boko Haram
REMADJI HOINATHY
Institute for Security Studies, Regional Bureau for West Africa, Dakar, Senegal

Comment
GEMMA VAN DER HAAR
University of Wageningen, The Netherlands

Chairs: WOLFGANG GABBERT, BRIGITTE REINWALD
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 SECTION 3
Short presentations: Political Violence — Political Solutions?

The New Typology of “Gray Areas” in Mexico and Colombia, and Beyond: Challenging State Dominance
NIKOLAS KOULOGILOU
University Sorbonne Paris Nord, France

JOAQUIN ZAJAC
PROGRAM

Gino Germani Investigation Institute, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

*How can Culture Contribute to Overcome Violence? A Comparative Reading from Contemporary Colombia and Mexico*
CAROLINA SANCHEZ
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA

*Chair: MATHIAS BOS*
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

12:30  LUNCH

2:00  SECTION 4/1
Visual Representations of Violence

*Videos of (Mob) Violence from the Mexican “Drug War”*
GABRIELA ZAMORANO
Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico

*Staging Memory in New Devices and Repertoires in Postconflict Neoliberal Peru (online presentation)*
MARIA EUGENIA ULF
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima

*Chairs: ANJA BANDAU, HINNERK ONKEN*
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

3:30 P.M.  COFFEE BREAK

4:00 P.M.  SECTION 4/2
Visual Representations of Violence

*The Pornography of Pain: Making Sense of African Violence in Graphic Novels of War*
ALICIA C. DECKER
Pennsylvania State University, USA

Conversation with the Artist
FREDDY TSIMBA
Visual Artist, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Comment
GISELA CANEPA KOCH
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima

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Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

5:30 P.M.  COFFEE BREAK
6:00 P.M.  ROUND TABLE ON GENDER AND VIOLENCE
(PUBLIC EVENT)

CHRIS DOLAN
Refugee Law Project, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

HENRI MYRTTINEN
Mauerpark Institut e.V., Berlin, Germany

MONTSERRAT SAGOT RODRIGUEZ
Centro de Investigación en Estudios de la Mujer (CIEM),
Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica

MONIKA HAUSER
medica mondiale e.V., Köln, Germany

Chair: SUSANNE BUCKLEY-ZISTEL
Philipps University Marburg, Germany

7:30 P.M.  EXHIBITION OPENING
“ART OF COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN KENYA”

HALKANO ABDI WARIO and
ABSALOM K. ASWANI (curator)

Comment
JOSEPH MUJERE
National University of Lesotho, Maseru, Lesotho

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

9:00  SECTION 5/1
Religion as a Maker and Breaker of Violence: Scenarios and
Dynamics of Religious Strife and Peacebuilding Strategies

Who’s Islam? Religion, Social Injustice and Confictual Arguments in
Contemporary Mauritania
BRITTA FREDE
University of Bayreuth

Towards a Theory of Counter-Jihadism: Exploration of Knowledge
Epistemologies of Religious Counter Narratives in Africa
HALKANO ABDI WARIO
Philosophy, History and Religion Department, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya

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Leibniz University Hanover, Germany
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10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 SECTION 5/2

Redeeming the Iniquitous City: Religion, Ritual and Mediations of Violence in Johannesburg

OBVIOUS KATSAURA
Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Comment

ABDOULAYE SOUNAYE
Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany

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Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 P.M. SECTION 6

Short presentations: Remember Violence – Ignore Violence

An “Ignorance that is active”: If “#NotAllMen”, then which #menaretrash? Understanding Violence Against Women in South Africa through the Lens of Epistemic Injustice and the Epistemologies of Ignorance

NOMPUMELELO ZINHLE MANZINI
Pennsylvania State University, USA

“As a National Hero”. Family and Institutional Memories on the State Forces Participation during the Internal Armed Conflict in Peru

MERCEDES FIGUEROA
Free University Berlin, Germany

Between Shinings. “Memories on the Armed Conflict in Peruvian Immigrants in Chile, 1980-2000” (online presentation)

JUAN CARLOS GARRIDO
Universidad de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile

Transitionnal Justice, Telenovelas and Reconciliation in Colombia

FRANZISKA ENGLERT
University of Cologne, Germany

Chair: MATHIAS BOS
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

2:00 P.M. KEYNOTE II (DIGITAL)

The Affordances and Limits of Ethnic Federalism in Dealing with Inter-group Violence in Africa: The Ethiopian Experience

DEREJE FEYISSA DORI
**Program**

College of Law and Governance, Centre for Federal Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

*Chair:* BRIGITTE REINWALD  
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

**3:30 P.M.**  
SECTION 7  
Dealing with Violence — Resources and perspectives for a Transregional Research Agenda

ANJA BANDAU  
WOLFGANG GABBERT  
HINNERNK ONKEN  
BRIGITTE REINWALD

*Chair:* CHRISTINE HATZKY  
Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

**4:00 P.M.**  
END OF SYMPOSIUM

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