

Global/Local Crises as Challenges for Peace and Conflict Studies

Call for Papers and Panels

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The 21st century is full of global crises. Climate, energy, food and financial crises have grave consequences on local and national levels all around the world. These crises influence conflicts and are able to shift established lines and constellations of conflicts. In addition international institutions, rules and standards are (partly) in crisis. Some of the initiations of these institutions are questioning the results of multilateral cooperation which is (supposed) to secure peaceful co-existence. States as well as non-state actors are consciously disregarding rules and standards such humanitarian international law and fundamental human rights or using their abuse in order to legitimise violent intervention with reference to the protection of ‘women and children’.

- How do multiple global crises effect local conflicts?
- What consequences does the crisis of international institutions and norms have on different levels?
- To what extent do these global crises enhance or reduce the room for manoeuvre on the local level? To what extent are local actors and institutions instrumentalized or empowered, strengthened or weakened? What can local politics do and where are the limits?
- What effects do global crises and interventions have on gender dynamics and constellations of power?
- What contributions can Peace and Conflict Studies make with its established insights and its theoretical, methodological and conceptual tools? What points of contact do other research areas and academic disciplines offer which have already focused on the relationship between ‘global’ and ‘local’ processes (for example political economy, political ecology, global history, urban development, migration studies, geography, ethnology or cultural or gender studies)?

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic we had to postpone the annual conference of 2020 to 2021 which is why the main topic of the conference remains the same. With this Call for Papers and Panels we invite scholars and practitioners to hand submissions addressing the main topic of the conference. Submissions beyond the main topic are also highly welcome. Papers and panels that had been accepted for the conference of 2020 can be added to the programme of 2021. In that case please hand in your submission again, in order to confirm your participation.

Panels and Papers:

- **Panels:** Please send a panel proposal (max. 2 pages) including information on the chair, the participants and the discussant (if applicable) as well as abstracts for each individual contribution. Each panel will have 90 minutes and should be made up of no more than three papers.
- **Papers:** Please send a substantial abstract (max. 1 page).
- **Alternative panel and presentation formats:** We are happy to consider proposals for alternative panel or presentation formats. Please send an outline of the panel presentation format (max. 2 pages) as well as information on the participants and the content.

Please submit your proposals (English or German) by the **1st of October 2020** to [afk-gf\[at\]afk-web.de](mailto:afk-gf[at]afk-web.de).

The German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies is seeking third party funding in order to (partly) cover the travel and hotel expenses for presenters and discussants if needed. There will be no general coverage of travel or hotel expenses. If you have no other means of financing your travels, please apply for financial support already stating the sum of the expected transportation costs.

If needed, we can arrange for child care.