All arrangements have been made to hold 27th General Conference of International Peace Research Association (IPRA) on 24th to 28th November 2018 in Ahmedabad, India with the conference theme of “Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace”. More than 242 peace scholars and practitioners are scheduled to present their research papers and peace promotion activities. The participants are representing 63 countries from Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, Oceania and Africa. Thus, representatives from all the continents are taking part in the conference. The conference is locally hosted by World Peace Centre (WPC), Gujarat Vidyapith Peace Research Center, and Foundation for Peaceful Change (FPC) in collaboration with International Peace Research Association Executive Committee.

Key Note Speeches, Panel Discussions, Research Paper Presentation Sessions, Peace Concerts, Local Cultural Events and Blessings from Indian Holiness and respected religious saints are the key part of the IPRA conference this year which will be spreaded in multiple venues including HT Parekh Convention Centre at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA), Shree Muktajeevan Smruti Mandir, World Peace Center, Gujarat Vidyapith and Gandhi Ashram Sabarmati Ashram Preservation & Memorial Trust. International Peace Research Association (IPRA) in collaboration with IPRA Foundation, individual peace scholars from Europe, America and Asia as well as with the support from local host has managed to award more than 55 full and partial grants to ensure participation from the global south.

The program is scheduled to start with the welcome address by the Co-secretary Generals of IPRA, Prof. Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, Mexico and Prof. Dr. Katsuya Kodama, Japan. The welcome program will be moderated by Dr. Ibrahim Shaw, Sierra Leone/UK, Former SG, IPRA. Opening Plenary will be on “Gandhi's Nonviolent Legacy: Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace” which will include the remarks from Dr. Mónica Sharma, Director, Gandhian Studies Centre. Names of key speakers at the conference includes Mansee Bal Bhargava (India), Prof. Dr. Andrew Collins (UK), Prof. Amar KJR Nayak (India), Dr. Anamik Shah, VC, Gujarat Vidyapith; Rajyogini BK
Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, Brahma Kumaris, Dr. Rajendra Khimani, Registrar of Gujarat Vidyapith, Dr. Prem Anand Mishra, introductory speech by Dr. Mukund Patel, Founder, Foundation for Peaceful Change. Keynote Address on Gandhi's Nonviolent Legacy: Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace, by Prof. Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies, Delhi, Mr. KH Patel (India), Dr. Anamik Shah, VC, Gujarat Vidyapith. The conference will observe the presence of Dr. Prem Anand Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Gandhian Studies, Peace Research Centre, Gujarat Vidyapith, by Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swami Maharaj, and Dr. Pradeep Dhakal, Secretary General of Pashupati Development Trust, a famous and holy Lord Shiva Temple of Kathmandu.

The local host will felicitate of Chief Peace Researchers as An Ambassador for Peace. Some of them are: SGs IPRA Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, Mexico; SGs IPRA Dr. Katsuya Kodama, Japan; Dr. Hans Günter Brauch, Germany; Diana de la Rua Eugenio, President of the IPRA Foundation (Argentina); Dr. Matt Meyer (USA); Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, International Peace Management Consultant, Brahma Kumaris; Dr. Prem Anand Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Gandhian Studies, Peace Research Centre, Gujarat Vidyapith; Shri Mukesh M. Patel, President, Indo-Japan Friendship Association and Past President AMA, and Shri KH Patel, Former Ambassador of India and Director Ministry of External Affairs,

The conference includes various special events. There will a session on meditation on Peace by Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak. Participants will get chance to visit of World Peace Centre. Local hosts will welcome with a band performance of Shree Muktajivan Swamibapa Pipe Band on the tunes representing Peace which will be followed up by Prayer on peace (Sanskrit Mantrochchar by Saints) and Bhakti Nritya (Dances) by Saints. Prof. Bijoy Anand Shivram, Principal, JG College of Performing Arts will lead a dance drama on “Mahatma Gandhi : Pilgrim of Peace”. An Interactive Talk on “Choosing Peace…No Matter What!” will be delivered by Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, International Peace Management Consultant, Brahma Kumaris. The conference will conclude with Music for Peace Concert (AMA) by Ms. Sayaka Ogawa, Mr. Hideshi Takatani, Mr. Hozan Yamamoto (2nd) and BK Mr. David on 20 instruments such as kalimba, Glockenspiel, Tibetan bowls, native American flutes, electronic will instrument (ewi) Chinese harp (guzeng) western concert flute, and Australian digeridoo and others.
India is a vast country of about 1.25 billion people surrounded by several smaller countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

Political, trade, sports relations exist between all these countries. There are some regional institutions such as SAARC, BIMSTEC that organise regular summits to promote these relations. In addition to the above interactions between India and these countries, a new area has recently emerged to foster peace and goodwill. This is Indian music.

Worldwide, there are many forms of music — western, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, mid-eastern and countless others practiced by tribals and indigenous peoples. Although they differ in terms of their forms and melodies and the instruments that are used for playing music, the common element of all of them is that music is charming, pleasing and gives joy to the artistes as well as the listeners.

In addition to the instrumental music, there is vocal music that is sung usually without any instruments or even if there are some drums or tabla the focus is on the voice and style of the singer. Again there are large number of styles and types of vocal music.

Being a large country India is able to share with and influence its neighbours in various aspects — religion, architecture, medical knowledge systems such as Ayurveda, technology etc. Similarly Indian form of music is also practiced in these countries.

Indian music has generally been of a different genre from Western music with musicians playing different instruments and different melodies. A well known modern musician has been Ravi Shankar who mesmerised the world with his Sitar. Bismillah Khan by playing a shehnai (a type of flute), won many awards including the highest Indian Bharat Ratna award before his death in 2006. Hari Prasad Chaurasia (on flute) and Zakir Hussain (on tabla — a type of drums) are other well known modern Indian musicians who have enriched classical Indian music.

Recently in February 2018, the Faculty of Music of University of Delhi organised a Seminar where musicologists, artists and scholars from the above countries as well as from India participated and discussed about the relevance and beauty of Indian music in their respective countries. Many scholars and musicians from these countries lauded the beauty and harmony of Indian music — both vocal and instrumental and explained how this influenced their own respective genres of music.

All told, it is a happy sign that Indian music is able to foster peace and goodwill among various countries of Asia. Similarly western music has been a means of promoting harmony and happiness among western nations.
NGO Peacebuilding in Bangladesh: What Best Lessons can We Learn?
By Anurug Chakma, Assistant Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Dhaka, E-mail: anurug.pacs@du.ac.bd

The Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) composed of three hill districts namely, Bandarban, Khagrachhari, and Rangamati is located in the south-eastern corner of Bangladesh bordered by India to the north and Myanmar to the east. The ethnic conflict of the CHT came into being in the Bangladesh period just after its independence in 1971 and continued for more than two decades with widespread violence, massacre, gross human rights violation and large-scale conflict-induced displacement.

This bloody conflict came to an end in 1997 when the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord was signed between the government of Bangladesh and Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanhati Samiti (PCJSS) on behalf of indigenous peoples of the region. International community not only welcomed this accord but also initiated post-conflict development interventions under the United Nations Development Programme Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (UNDP-CHTDF) with an international aid flow worth to USD 160.05 million. But it was unfeasible for donors as outsiders to work with all local communities directly, and this is the local NGOs that came up to work as “proxy clients” aimed at facilitating communication between local people and donors.

Moreover, the realization of active local participation and establishment of ownership over the entire peacebuilding process expressed in the Rangamati Declaration (1999), that obliges international and national donors to work with local partners, breeds the context of emergence of local NGOs in the post-conflict period (Interview with an informant on June 25, 2016 in Rangamati). Now the question arises: how do local NGO work with both sides – local communities and donors - in the post-conflict CHT?

Participants of this research reported that that they conduct consultation workshops and needs assessment survey at community level for gathering information required for identifying interventions and designing a development project. Moreover, local NGOs try to reach the most deprived, marginalized and decade-long insurgency affected groups of Bangladesh through their development

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project activities (Interview with an informant on June 20, 2016 in Bandarban). Currently, 52 registered NGOs are working in the CHT on health, water, sanitation, agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, education, environment and income generation training etc. These organizations basically work on non-sensitive issues of peacebuilding for example, education, health, sanitation and village common forest etc. As articulated by a local informant about how his organization works for education of deprived groups;

We started our voluntary activities with special focus on education at Alikadam upazila for 22 Mrong community villages. We also bought a piece of land for building a student hostel. Our great contribution is to produce doctors and government employees in the society. Currently, many are studying in different universities of Bangladesh and many have also migrated to Sri Lanka, Australia, and India after their higher studies (Interview with an informant on June 20, 2016 in Bandarban). In addition, local NGOs have set up tube-well in villages as part of their interventions under projects related to sanitation and water with the help of Union Parishad – the lowest administrative unit of Bangladesh (Interview with an informant on June 24, 2016 in Rangamati). All these NGO interventions in the CHT are not new inventions in the domain of peacebuilding as Bosnia, and Northern Ireland have also similar experience of NGOs engagement with almost every aspect of post-conflict reconstruction from education to training.

Apart from education, sanitation and health programs, local NGOs of the CHT have contributed to economic empowerment of local communities along with creating employment opportunities and providing training to local people on income generating activities and the use of bank loans in productive sectors. However, most of the local NGOs are entirely donor-driven since they work based on interests and needs of donors which are sometimes unparallel to local needs.
Dr. Ibrahim Seaga Shaw, who is ex-secretary general of International Peace Research Association (IPRA), has been appointed as Chairman/Information Commissioner, Right to Access Information Commission (RAIC) in Sierra Leone, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Right to Access Information Act, 2013.

Sierra Leone on 09 November 2018 approved Dr. Ibrahim Seaga Shaw as Chairman and Information Commissioner of the Right to Access Information Commission (RAIC).

Moving the motion for approval, the Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis, said having interviewed Dr. Shaw, the committee is satisfied with both his academic credentials and media experience and that he will bring the necessary changes to uplift the Right to Access Information Commission.

Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo, himself a pioneer of the Freedom of Information law in Sierra Leone, described Dr. Seaga Shaw as a hard worker and a good choice for an independent governance institution like RAIC. Hon. Mohammed Bangura admonished Dr. Shaw to use his knowledge and expertise to rebrand an institution that has faced challenges over the years.

Hon. Hassan Sesay reminded Dr. Shaw that the time for politics is over as it is now time to work in the interest of Sierra Leone, a reason why he should live up to the expectations of Sierra Leoneans.

Dr. Ibrahim Seaga Shaw, was editor of the award-winning Expo Times (online since 2000) in the mid 1990s.

Before his appointment, Dr Shaw worked as Senior Lecturer in Media and Politics at Northumbria University in Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK. He is author of four books, including his ground breaking book ‘Human Rights Journalism: Advances in the reporting of humanitarian Interventions (Palgrave-2012).

He is a graduate of Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone; He also holds an MSc in Development Studies (London Southbank University, UK) and a PhD in Information and Communication from the Sorbonne university in Paris, France.

The RAI Act, 2013 was enacted by the Sierra Leone Parliament in October, 2013 and the Commission established a year later. Source: http://www.thepatrioticvanguard.com
### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**IPRA General Conference 2018**
**Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace**
**Ahmedabad, India**

**Host institutions:** World Peace Centre (WPC), Gujarat Vidyapith Peace Research Center and Foundation for Peaceful Change (FPC)

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• Mansee Bal Bhargava (India): Institutional Analysis of the Robustness of the Indus Water Treaty(IWT) towards Peace Building Process between India and Pakistan
• Prof. Dr. Andrew Collins (UK): Measuring the Nature of Future Survivability
• Prof. Amar KJR Nayak (India): Building Sustainable Community Systems for Global Peace
Guest of Honor: Mr. KH Patel (India); Moderator: PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch (Germany) |
|        | **15:00-15:30** Opening Plenary: Gandhi’s Nonviolent Legacy: Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace
Dr. Mónica Sharma, Director, Gandhian Studies Centre
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Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, International Peace Management Consultant, Brahma Kumaris
Dr. Rajendra Khimani, Registrar, Gujarat Vidyapith Moderator; Dr. Prem Anand Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Gandhian Studies, Peace Research Centre, Gujarat Vidyapith |
|        | **15:30-15:40** Meditation on Peace by Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, International Peace Management Consultant, Brahma Kumaris
Vote of Thanks. Leaving for World Peace Centre 35 Minutes to reach WPC with buses |
|        | **World Peace Centre** 17:00-17:15 Welcome by Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj Visit of World Peace Centre and lightening the Lamp Smruti Mandir Ghodasar |
|        | **17:15-17:50** Welcoming the guests with band performance: Performance of Shree Muktajivan Swamibapa Pipe Band on the tunes representing Peace |
|        | **17:50-18:10** Prayer on peace (Sanskrit Mantrochchar by Saints) followed by Bhakti Nrutya by Saints |
|        | **18:10-18:25** Welcome addresses by Prof. Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, Mexico and Prof. Dr. Katsuya Kodama, Japan Introductory speech by Dr. Mukund Patel, Founder, Foundation for Peaceful Change, IVLP, Moderator: PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch |
|        | **18:25-19:00** Keynote Address: Gandhi’s Nonviolent Legacy: Innovation for Sustainable Global Peace
Prof. Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies, Delhi
Guest of Honor: Dr. Anamik Shah, VC, Gujarat Vidyapith; Moderator: Dr. Prem Anand Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Gandhian Studies, Peace Research Centre, Gujarat Vidyapith |
19:00-19:15 Felicitations of Chief Peace Researchers as An Ambassador for Peace
SGs IPRA Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, Mexico
SGs IPRA Dr. Katsuya Kodama, Japan
Dr. Hans Günter Brauch, Germany
Diana de la Rua Eugenio, President of the IPRA Foundation (Argentina)
Dr. Matt Meyer (USA);
Rajyogini BK Dr. Sunita Didi Chandak, International Peace Management Consultant, Brahma Kumaris;
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Shri Mukesh M. Patel, President, Indo-Japan Friendship Association and Past President AMA,
Shri KH Patel, Former Ambassador of India and Director Ministry of External Affairs,
by Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj

19:15-19:25 Felicitations of Core Team Members of Peace Conference as Messenger of Peace
Dr. Mithun Khandwala, Director, Foundation for Peaceful Change, IVLP, President, ELTAI
Mr. Bijoy Anand Shivram, Principal, JG College of Performing Arts,
Mr. Sandip Varia, Coordinator, Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan Maninagar
Prof. Sanjay Raja, Maneklal Nanavaty Law College, Gujarat Law Society.
Mr. Rashmin Rathod, Secretary, Sarvodaya Mandal Ahmedabad District
by Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj

19:25-19:30 Felicitations of His Holiness Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj by IPRA
Rev. Rajyogini BK Sarla Didi, Director-Gujarat Zone of Brahma Kumaris

19:30-20:30 Ashirvad by Shree Purshottampriyadasji Swamiji Maharaj

November 25 to 27, 2018

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Sunday, Nov.25
H T Parekh Convention Centre at AMA
Plenary II: History of Peace and the ongoing global social transformations
Prof. Dr. Liu Cheng, Director of Institute for Peace Studies, Nanjing University, China
Moderator: Dr. Sri Nuryanti, Convener of Human Rights Commission

Plenary III: Peace Education in the Anthropocene
Moderator:
- Candice Carter, USA, Convener of Peace Education Commission
- Lucía Rodríguez McKeon, National Pedagogic University of Mexico
- Subhash Chandra, Global Harmony Association, India
- Lokanath Mishra, Mizoram University, India
Moderator: Wim Laven

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Seminar Rooms at AMA: S-1 to S-7

Dinner

Monday Nov.26
HT Parekh Convention Centre at AMA
Plenary IV: Indigenous Wisdom, Experiences and Alternatives for Peace • AtahereTeAkaauWharehoka, Taranaki, New Zealand (film and discussion)
Moderator: Dr. Manjuri Sharma, Convener Indigenous People’s Right

Plenary V: IPRA Foundation: Participants:
- Seema Shakhawat
- Anna Snyder
- Lydia Wanjiru Gitan
- Andrea del P. Rodríguez Sánchez
Moderator: Diana de la Rua Eugenio, President of the IPRA Foundation (Argentina)

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| Wednes. Nov.28 | Plenary VI (10:00-12:00) | Lunch (12:00-1300) | Meeting with the new elected Council at AMA (J.B Auditorium) after 15:30 |
| Gujarati Vidyapith and AMA | Global leaders and Mothers for Peace (Nelson Mandela, Helen Suzman, Desmond Tutu, Miriam Makeba, Olympanic Elana Meyer), Film: "uMama" and discussion | J.B. Audito-rium | Closing Ceremony (16:00 pm) |
|                | Gustav  Keim, Cape-town, South Africa |                | Peace Performances: (50 Minutes) |
|                | Gujarat Vidyapith | Note: Those who would like to visit Gandhi Ashram they can visit. It takes 10 minutes from Gujarat Vidyapith. |
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**Abbreviations:**

- **CAT:** Peace Cultures, Art & Tourism
- **DEP:** Development & Peace
- **ECRFM:** Ecology, Conflict Risks, Forced Migration & Peace
- **GEP:** Gender & Peace
- **GPE:** Global Political Economy
- **HR:** Human Rights
- **ICR & R:** Internal Conflicts and Conflict Resolution
- **IPR:** Indigenous Peoples’ Rights
- **MCJ:** Media Conflicts & Journalism
- **NOM:** Nonviolence and Peace Movements
- **PEC:** Peace Education
- **PNMRTJ:** Peace Negotiation, Mediation, Reconciliation & Transitional Justice
- **PT & H:** Peace Theories & History
- **RSP:** Religion, Spirituality & Peace
- **SDCS:** Security, Demilitarization & Civil Society
- **YSP:** Youth, Sport & Peace

**CONFERENCE VENUES**

**Date, time**

**Venue, Address with exact street, bus or metro stops**

**November 24**

11:30 am to 3:40 pm

Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) - S-3/5, (Ground Floor)
Torrent-AMA Management Centre,
Core-AMA Management House,
ATIRA Campus, ÄMA Complex,
Dr. V S Marg, Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad 380 015 - Ph.: 079-26308601-2-3-4- 5

**November 24**

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Shree MuktajeewanSwamibapaSmrutiMandir
World Peace Centre,
Ghodasar,
Ahmedabad,
Gujarat - 380 050 -India

**November 25-27**

9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA)
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H.T. Parekh Convention Centre (300) (First Floor)
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Venues at AMA

**November 28**

9:30 am to 1.00 pm

Gujarat Vidyapith
Nr. Income Tax Office, Ashram Road,
Ahmedabad - 380 014

Gujarat State, India.
Phone: 079-27541148, 079-27540746, 079-40016200

**November 28**

2:00 pm to 15.30 pm

Gandhi Ashram Sabarmati Ashram Preservation & Memorial Trust
Gandhi Ashram, Gandhi SmarakSangrahalya
Ahmedabad, Gujarat - India - 380 027
+91.79.2755.7277 / +91.79.2756.0369
8:30 AM to 6:30 PM - 27540746, 079-40016200
Post-conflict Security, Peace and Development


This book examines links between post-conflict security, peace and development in Africa, Latin America, Europe and New Zealand. Young peace researchers from the Global South (Uganda, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Brazil, Colombia) as well as from Italy and New Zealand address in case studies traumas in Northern Uganda, demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatants in the Ivory Coast, economic and financial management of terrorism in Kenya, organised crime in Brazil, mental health issues in Colombia, macro realism in Europe and global defence reforms within the military apparatus since 1990.

The book reviews linkages between regional stability, development and peace in post-conflict societies while adding on to the post 2015 international agenda and discusses linkages between peace, security and development. More is at: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783030017392>.

An Academic Pioneer on the Soviet Union, Peace and Conflict Studies, and a Peace and Feminist Activist


This is an autobiography of an unusual and versatile woman, focusing on her academic development and achievements as well as her international activism.

In addition to a discussion of the origins and path of the author’s academic work and activism (for peace and for women’s rights), that deals with the author’s work in US intelligence and immigration to Israel in the 1960s, the volume includes ground-breaking articles from the different, often controversial areas of her academic specialisations (Czechoslovak communism, Soviet foreign policy; peace studies, the Arab-Israeli conflict; women’s rights).

The volume also includes photos of the author at work and in action. More at: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783319952123>.

Úrsula Oswald Spring: Pioneer on Gender, Peace, Development, Environment, Food and Water

Oswald Spring, Ursula (Ed.): Úrsula Oswald Spring: Pioneer on Gender, Peace, Development, Environment, Food and Water (Cham: Springer, 2019).

This book aims to initiate among students and other readers critical and interdisciplinary reflections on key problems concerning development, gender relations, peace and environment, with a special emphasis on North-South relations. This volume offers a selection of the author’s research in different parts of the world during 50 years of contributing to an interdisciplinary scientific debate and addressing social answers to urgent global problems.

After the author’s biography and bibliography, the second part analyses the development processes of several countries in the South that resulted in a dynamic of underdevelopment. The deep-rooted gender discrimination is also reflected in the destructive exploitation of natural resources and the pollution of soils, water and air.

Since the beginning of the Anthropocene in the mid-20th century, the management of human society and global resources has been unsustainable and has created global environmental change and multiple conflicts over scarce and polluted resources. Peace and development policies aiming at gender equity and sustainable environment-management, where water and food are crucial for the survival of humankind, focus on systemic alternatives embedded in a path of sustainability transition.


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With a Foreword by Birgit Deichmann

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This book examines links between post-conflict security, peace and development in Africa, Latin America, Europe and New Zealand. Young peace researchers from the Global South (Uganda, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Brazil, Colombia) as well as from Italy and New Zealand address in case studies traumas in Northern Uganda, demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatants in the Ivory Coast, economic and financial management of terrorism in Kenya, organised crime in Brazil, mental health issues in Colombia, macro realism in Europe and global defence reforms within the military apparatus since 1990.

The book reviews linkages between regional stability, development and peace in post-conflict societies while adding on to the post 2015 international agenda and discusses linkages between peace, security and development. More is at: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783030017392>.
EClimate Change, Disasters, Sustainability Transition and Peace in the Anthropocene


This book provides insight into Anthropocene-related studies by IP-RA’s Ecology and Peace Commission. The first three chapters discuss the linkage between disasters and conflict risk reduction, responses to socio-environmental disasters in high-intensity conflict scenarios and the fragile state of disaster response with a special focus on aid-state-society relations in post-conflict settings.

The two following chapters analyse climate-smart agriculture and a sustainable food system for a sustainable-engendered peace and the ethnology of select indigenous cultural resources for climate change adaptation focusing on the responses of the Abagusii in Kenya.

A specific case study focuses on social representations and the family as a social institution in transition in Mexico, while the last chapter deals with sustainable peace through sustainability transition as transformative science concluding with a peace ecology perspective for the Anthropocene.


A Pioneer in Critical Security Analysis and Public Engagement


This book brings together a collection of writings over the past half century from Professor Paul Rogers. As a leading peace researcher he has gained an international reputation for the critical, independent and rigorous analysis of international security and the underlying causes of global conflict.

His work on the responses to 9/11 and the continuing failure of the war on terror, in particular, has shown prescience that has attracted widespread attention. Moreover, he has coupled his academic analysis with a determination to communicate widely beyond the university environment. With many thousands of radio and television interviews, hundreds of public lectures and a world-wide following for his web publishing, this extramural engagement consistently seeks to raise the level of public debate on international security issues.

- Provides a radically different perspective on global security, based on 50 years of analysis.
- Uniquely integrates economic, environmental and security analysis into a single overview.


Women in Peacemaking and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda


The book analyses the two decades of the brutal civil war of northern Uganda. The author modified Led-erach’s peacebuilding framework to include peacemaking to bring out the argument that women and men make significant contributions to the peace processes and point out women’s position as top leadership actors. The book uncovers the under-emphasised role of women in peacemaking and building. From grassroots to national level, women were found to have organised themselves and assumed roles as advocates, negotiators and mobilisers. The actions by women became evident at the stalemated Juba peace talks when women presented the Peace Torch to the peace negotiating teams who on the occasion shook hands for the first time and peace was ushered in. Their initiatives and non-violent actions offer lessons to resolve civil conflicts in Africa. The book recommends that women should undergo relevant training in times of peace as this would make them more effective in times of need.

- Reference for research institutions interested in new insights that contribute to the body of knowledge in peace processes.
- Unveils the often not publicly recognized or acknowledged contributions of women to conflict resolution.
- Teaches students and practitioners to create awareness that women are also actors in resolving African conflicts.

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**Child Soldiers and Restorative Justice: Participatory Action Research in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo**


This book investigates how, while children used as soldiers are primarily perceived as victims of offences against international law, they also commit war atrocities. In the aftermath of armed conflict, the mainstream justice system targets warlords internationally, armed groups and militias’ commanders who abduct and enrol children as combatants, leaving child perpetrators not being held accountable for their alleged gross human rights violations.

Attempts to prosecute child soldiers through the mainstream justice system have resulted in child rights abuses. Where no accountability measures have been taken, demobilised young soldiers have experienced rejection, and eventually, some have returned to soldiering. This research provides evidence of the potential of restorative justice peacemaking circles and locally-based jurisprudence – specifically the Baraza - to hold former child soldiers accountable and facilitate their reintegration into society.

- Describes policies, and local and international standards on child soldiering accountability
- Enhances child soldiers’ reintegration and prevention through restorative justice and locally-based approaches e.g. Baraza (conflict resolution forum)
- Serves as entry point to making former child soldiers peacemakers in their communities through peacemaking circles and Baraza

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**Child Change Impacts on Basin Agro-ecosystems**

Watanabe, T., Kapur, S., Aydin, M., Kanber, R., Akça, E. (Eds.): *Climate Change Impacts on Basin Agro-ecosystems* (Cham: Springer, 2019).

This book is based on the outcomes of a Turkish-Japanese bilateral project dealing with the impacts of climate change on basin agro-ecosystems. The book is unique in showing an up-to-date knowledge for the developing world.

The chapters are related to: a) the development and improvement of a regional climate model for a more accurate prediction with higher resolution of future changes in regional climate, b) the structure of land and water management systems in arid areas, especially to quantitatively evaluate the relationships among cropping systems, hydrological cycle and water balance in farmland and its environments, c) the assessment of the impact of climate change and its adaptation on agricultural production systems, mainly on the aspect of land and water management, and d) the vulnerability of agricultural pro-duction systems from natural changes and the measures for enhancing sustainability of agri-culture. More at: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783030010355>.

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**Healing the Wounds of Gukurahundi in Zimbabwe**


This book is based on a participatory action research project carried out with a group of former Zimbabwe People’s revolutionary Army (ZPRA) which was the armed wing of the Zimbabwe African People’s Union (ZAPU) which was led by the late Joshua Nkomo. ZPRA was the primary target of Gukurahundi, a pogrom by the Mugabe government which left an estimated 20 000 civilians dead and countless others tortured in the early 1980s in Matebeleland, Zimbabwe. It has been almost 30 years since the violence ended, but there has never been an official healing and reconciliation programme or truth commission into the atrocities. The government chose the path of amnesia by granting a blanket amnesty to all involved. The regime has enforced a culture of silence over the event through repression and intimidation. The book is a culmination of a two year journey, by the group and the author, of an exploration of group-based self-healing approaches to the pain caused by the violence of Gukurahundi.

- Offers insights into the complexities of dealing with mass political violence at community level
- Contributes to our understanding of the potential of small self-help groups in recovering from
Trauma-sensitivity and Peacebuilding: Considering the Case of South Sudanese Refugees in Kakuma Refugee Camp


This book identifies a gap in peacebuilding theory and practice in terms of sensitivity to trauma and its impact on the survivors of war and other mass violence. The research focuses on the traumatic experiences and perceptions of peace of South Sudanese refugees in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Northwestern Kenya. It further explores the possibilities for peacebuilding identified in these perceptions.

A lack of sensitivity to the trauma experienced by the survivors of conflict and mass violence leads to interventions that are at best removed from, and at worst detrimental to the welfare of the survivors. Interventions that take into consideration the complex and multifaceted ways in which the survivors experience and respond to the traumatic events, encourage capacities for resilience in the survivors, engage the creative arts in peacebuilding, and emphasise the centrality of community and relationships, are seen to assist the survivors in recovery from trauma and to facilitate peacebuilding.

- Diverse anecdotes and real life stories from the research participants.
- The journey as a recurring motif throughout the book, weaved in a clear, easy to read style of writing.

Culture, International Transactions and the Anthropocene


This book analyses how global transactions have been progressively conducted and negotiated in the last 25 years. Achieving a new understanding of sustainability transition in the Anthropocene requires a deeper analysis on culture. The development of new positions of international institutions, national governments, scientific organizations, private fora and civil society movements on culture and nature shows how global transactions must take place in a rapidly transforming world. In her book the author provides a multi-situated ethnography of live debates on culture, global environmental change, development and diversity directly recorded by the author as a participating and decision-making anthropologist from 1988 to 2016. She examines the politicization and international-lization of culture by recognizing, negotiating and diversifying views on cultures and re-thinking culture in the Anthropocene. The merging of science and policy in taking up cultural and natural challenges in the Anthropocene is discussed.


Knowing the Salween River: Resource Politics of a Contested Transboundary River


This book offers a collection of empirical case studies on the contested politics of water and associated resources in the Salween basin. The Salween River, shared by China, Myanmar, and Thailand, is increasingly at the heart of pressing regional development debates. The basin supports the livelihoods of over 7 million people, and within it there is great socio-economic, cultural and political diversity.

Given the paucity of grounded social science studies in this contested basin, this book provides conceptual insights at the intersection of resource governance, development, and politics relevant to researchers, policy-makers and practitioners at a time when rapid change is underway: the basin is witnessing intensifying dynamics of resource extraction, alongside large dam construction, conservation and development intervention, that is unfolding within a complex terrain of local, national and transnational governance.

Today, the earth is screaming with pains of conflicts and was as well as environmental destruction. It has a number of serious ‘pains’ such as regional conflicts, terrorism, poverty and pollution of water (the sea, the river), land (the mountain), air (the sky), the drying-up of natural resources, the water shortage, the decrease of the forest, the disappearance of the species, the desertification, and the food shortage.

We do need to change the “zero-sum” way of thinking to create one’s own wealth by sacrificing others and at the cost of others, to the “plus sum” way of thinking to create prosperity together and to be prosperous together. The problem is the lack of the conscience. For the prosperity of the human race i.e. humanity and the preservation of the global environment i.e. nature, it is decisively vital to regain the lost conscience and to build-up the new earth culture based on the conscience.

We need to make innovation for sustainable global peace in many ways. New ways of thinking, culture, politics, business, society are all needed.

In the place where Mahatma Gandhi was born and raised, IPRA shall discuss new ways and thinking for realizing global peace. We invite all the peace researchers and peace workers to the historical conference in India.

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AMA (Ahmedabad Management Association), Gujarat Vidyapeeth University, Gandhi Ashram, Ahmedabad: Ahmedabad is the sixth largest city with 6.5 million population in India, and it’s India’s first UNESCO World Heritage City. It is the commercial hub of the state of Gujarat where the economy is booming. As Mahatma Gandhi was born and raised in Gujarat. A host university, Gujarat Vidyapeeth was founded by Mahatma Gandhi. Though Climate of Ahmedabad is generally hot, December when the conference is to be held is comfortable, and best for conference and tourism.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the IPRA General Conference 2018 which will be held in Ahmedabad, INDIA, 24-28 November 2018.

We welcome papers, posters and panel proposals from peace researchers related to the following IPRA Commissions.

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