

# EVANGELISCHE AKADEMIE LOCCUM

**In War as in Peace:**  
**Youth Violence – A Challenge for International Co-operation**  
**International Conference, 14 – 16 November 2007**

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**Context matters:**  
**violence in war, post-war and non-war societies**

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## ***Relevant Questions***

- Differences between war, post-war and non-war
- Context variables
- Youth in different contexts
- Conceptualization of contexts

## ***Some conceptual notes***

- **Violence:** physical, structural and cultural forms
- **War:** quantitative and qualitative definitions and the involvement of a state or para-state forces
- **Non-war:** absence of war and the possibility of democracy and development
- **Post-war:** a specific social space and not a just phase of transition

## ***Some conceptual notes***

The blurring distinctions between war, post-war and non-war situations

- who is involved in organized violence?
- what are the goals of organized violence?
- what does this mean for the dynamics?
- how can organized violence be controlled?

## ***What is context***

- Political regime
- Economic reproduction and the material basis
- Symbolical order and social meaning
- ▶ interdependency as well as variations along historical and cultural patterns and due to social change
- ▶ homogenization due to globalisation

## I. Political regime

The concrete form of a political regime can be

- a cause of war (authoritarianism, dictatorship, violent regimes)
- change due to the dynamics of war
- shape the capacities to control and to end violence

## I. Political regime

### Political regimes in non-war contexts

- (theoretically) enable unarmed and non-violent participation
- may allow regime transformation without the resort to organized violence
- are influenced today by the global demands for democratisation

## I. Political regime

### Political regimes in post-war situations

- face the simultaneity of pacification and transformation
- are unlikely candidates for successful democratization
- are conflict-prone and hybrid regimes

## II. Economic reproduction

### Economic resources in war-situations

- can be a cause for violence
- are destroyed due to violence
- are subordinated or transformed to war economies
- are a basis for personal enrichment

## II. Economic reproduction

In non-war situations economic reproduction

- needs to serve at least to a minimum degree public or collective goods
- (depending on the political regime) can be a basis and source of development

## II. Economic reproduction

In post-war situations economic reproduction

- may produce a peace-dividend
- has to be (re-)directed to reconstruction and development challenges

### III. Symbolic orders

- are highly dependent on regional, historical and cultural features of a society
- are an essential element for collective organization and social cohesion
- can be used to legitimize or de-legitimize violence
- are important for the regulation and control of violent behaviour

### III. Symbolic orders

change due to

- processes of social change (e.g. secularization, urbanization)
- changes of the political regime (e.g. democratization)
- globalization and changes in the international environment that introduce new norms and values

## Intersections and social change

Three issues are rarely included systematically:

1. the importance of social change that is mostly not simultaneous in all three orders
2. the interdependence and reciprocity of change in the different orders and their interrelation with existing development features (path-dependency)
3. the consequences of war and widespread violence

## Relevance of context for youth and youth violence

Youth as a social category is related to social change (e.g. politics as the domain of elders)

globalization changes the environment for youth

- democratization and participation
- economic inclusion based on education
- global youth cultures the myth of youth

## Relevance of context for youth and youth violence

War, post-war and non-war situations shaping the options for participation of youth in

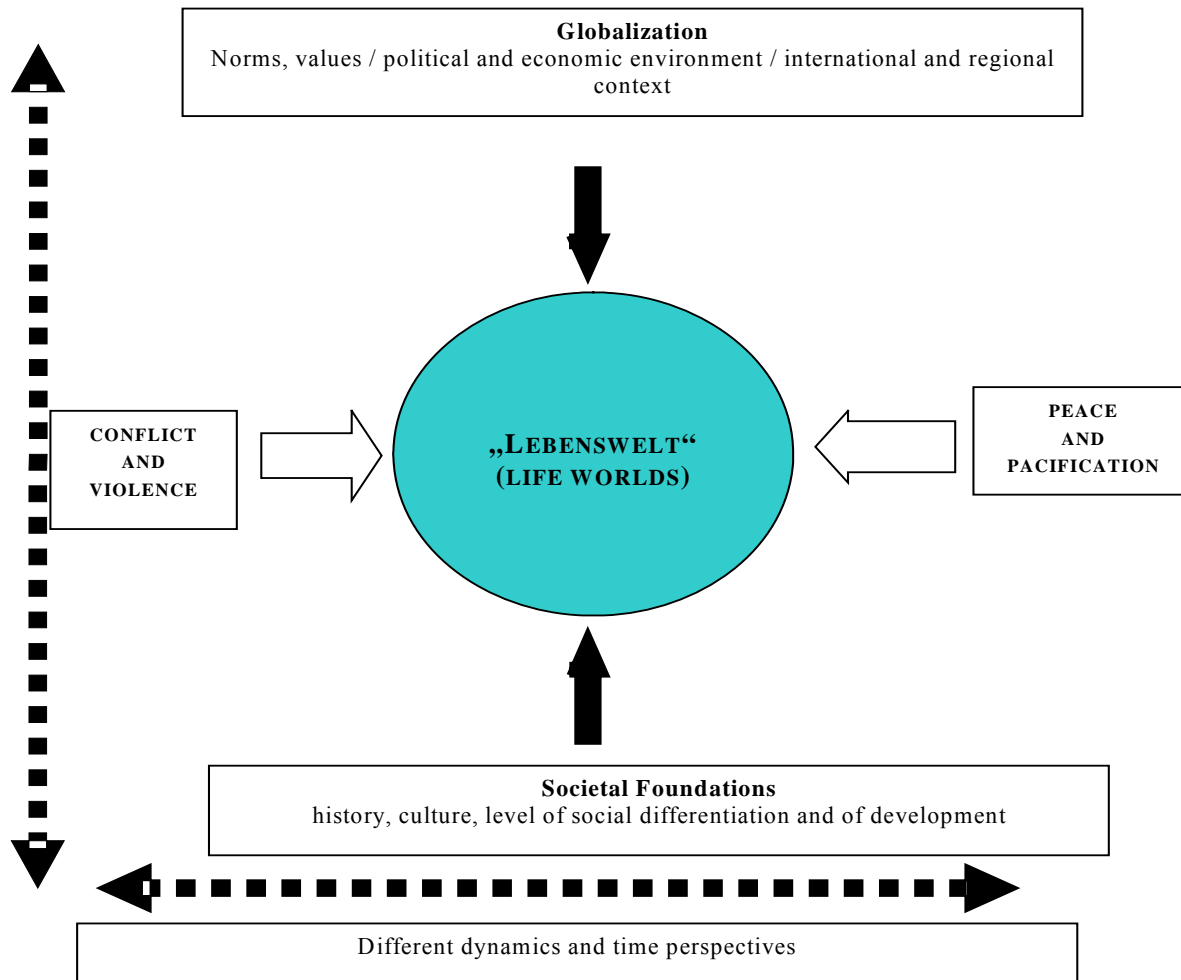
- the political regime – military versus civilian forms of participation and inclusion
- economic reproduction – social mobility via violence or education
- symbolic order – the instrumentalization (culture of violence) and/or the appreciation of youth

## Relevance of context for youth and youth violence

### Risk factors for violent behaviour of youth

1. personal experiences of violence,
  2. peer groups and other forms of collective organisation,
  3. perspectives for the future.
- ▶ war and post-war situations are a „good“ breeding ground for youth violence

# A contextual framework for the analysis of violence

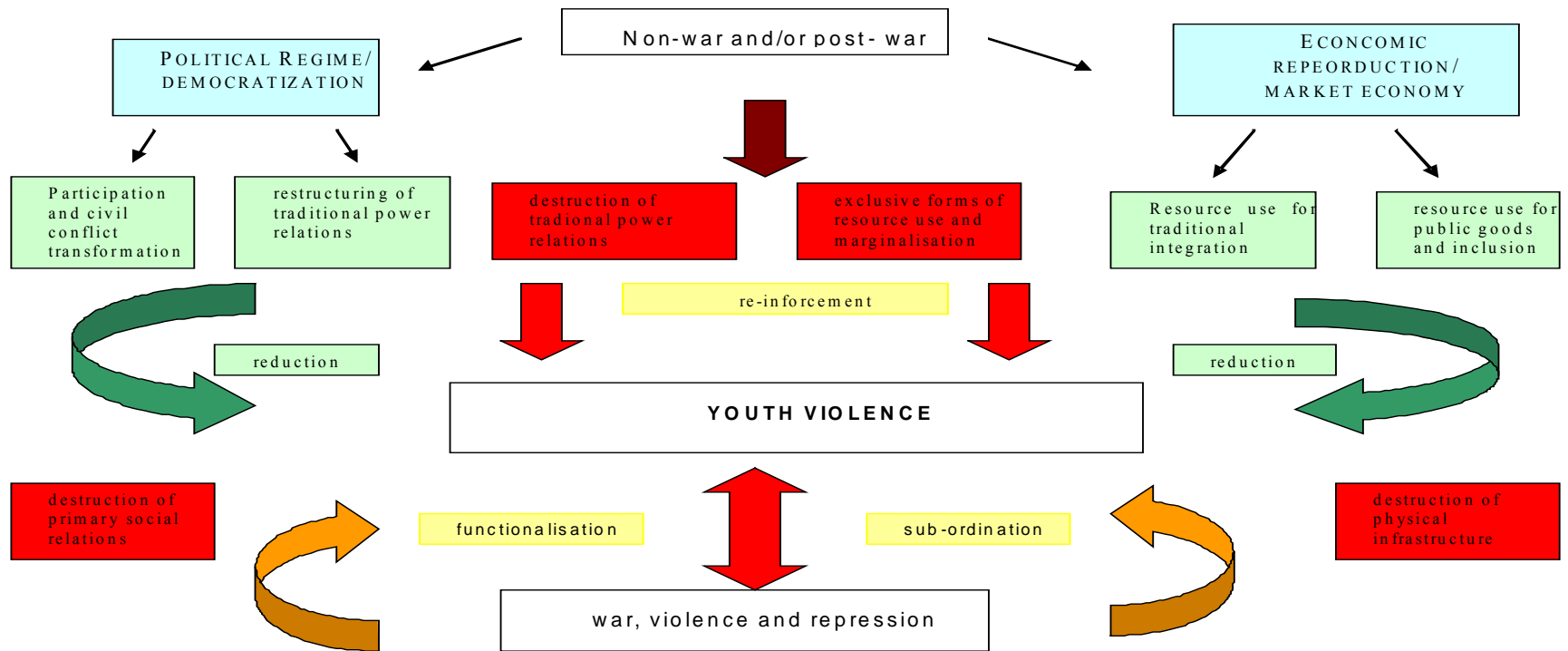


## Context and actors

Context shapes the perception and the options for civil, uncivil and armed actors and is important for

- legitimacy of violence
- possibilities of violence control
- options for non-violent behaviour

# Youth violence and context



risk factors for youth violence are coloured red , assumptions of the liberal peace -paradigma and/or traditional possibilities of violence control are coloured green , factors that can have an impact on the dynamics are coloured yellow.

## Challenges for the conference

- discuss the usefulness of this approach for the different contexts of youth violence
- identify patterns of similarities and differences between varying contexts of violence for cross cultural and cross regional comparisons

**D**rug crime in Rio, racist offences against immigrants, shootings at schools, harassment in Belfast's neighbourhoods, killing brothers and sisters in Ramallah, kids traumatized by war in Bosnia or in the Congo – the involvement of children and adolescents in political and criminal acts of violence in mega-cities, as well as in (post-)conflict zones of recent wars, is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon.

What do we know about the reasons and root causes of youth violence stemming from such a variety of political and cultural backgrounds and contexts? What do (post) war constellations have in common with the urbanized reality of western democracies? Do social exclusion, poverty, the absence of education, and the availability of small arms create contexts which enhance violence and may be considered as „grey zones“ between war and peace? How would we differentiate between politically motivated, socially, ethnically or religiously based, and other ritualized forms of violence? Which patterns of violence are specifically youth related?

The conference will look at recent results and findings of international research on youth violence. In order to better understand the driving forces behind, and to identify political strategies to deal with this critical development, we will try to compare and contrast (post) war and non-war constellations, and the causes or patterns of youth violence they present. What are promising approaches on communal and state levels, amongst civil society actors and those in the field of international co-operation, to tackle the challenge of youth violence?

You are cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this conference.

**Dr. Corinna Hauswedell**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach**, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)

**Andrea Grimm**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm**, Academy Director

### Conference Fees/Registration:

Room and meals: € 180,--.

For students (age 30 or under), members of the armed services and alternative service as well as unemployed with proper identification: € 90,--. Conference fees are to be paid in cash at the time of registration.

We request that you register by name, address, institution/ organization at:

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Registrations will be confirmed as long as places are available. Should you have to cancel your registration, please inform us as soon as possible.

### Accommodation and meals:

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms or double rooms, if preferred. All meals are served at the Academy. By prior arrangement, rooms and meals may be available before and after the conference.

### Directions:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony. The nearest airport is in Langenhagen airport near Hanover. The nearest train stations are Wunstorf, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

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### HOUSE SCHEDULE:

8.30 MORNING PRAYER, 8.45 BREAKFAST

12.30 LUNCH, 15.30 COFFEE/TEA,

18.30 DINER.

Opportunity to visit Loccum Monastery, Thursday 13:30 Uhr

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## ■ Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 15:30 Coffee/ Tea with cake  
16:00 Welcome and introduction  
*Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Loccum*
- 16:15 **Youth violence in the globalized world**  
- Introductions to the conference theme
- 18:30 **Context matters: violence in (post)war and non-war societies**  
*Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, INEF, Duisburg*
- Demographic data and findings concerning the social situation of youth in countries undergoing (post-)conflict and crisis-like situations of radical change**  
*Dr. Rüdiger Blumör, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*  
*Steffen Kröhnert, Berlin Institut für Bevölkerung und Entwicklung*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
- 19:30 **Current state and perspectives of international research on youth violence**  
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21:00 *Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Institute for Interdisciplinary Conflict and Violence Research, Bielefeld University*

## ■ Thursday, November 15, 2007

- 09:30 **Causes and contexts of youth violence – stocktaking** (work in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **A world of gangs**

*Prof. Dr. John Hagedorn, University of Illinois, Chicago*

### **Youth at risk programming – A crucial element to build citizenship**

*Clarissa Huguet, Children in Organized Armed Violence (COAV), Rio de Janeiro*

### **Nigeria: Youth violence and the challenges in the age of globalisation**

*Dr. Nick Idoko, Centre for Peace in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria*

### **Urban riots in France: History, patterns and the significance of institutional violence**

*Dr. Carsten Keller, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Rose Ngomba-Roth, Göttingen*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Peter Lock, Hamburg*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Israel-Palestine**

*Stephan Clauss, Akademie für Konflikttransformation, Bonn*

### **Northern Ireland**

*Dr. Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research, Belfast*

### **West Africa**

*Prof. Dr. Paul Richards, Wageningen University, Netherlands*

### **Afghanistan**

*Martin Hayes, Child Protection Specialist of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), Richmond/Virginia*

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*  
Rapporteur: *Prof. em. Dr. Peter Waldmann, Augsburg University*

- 16:00 **Strategies for dealing with youth violence and its causes**

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18:30 (work continued in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **Juveniles as target group and partner in development co-operation**

*Günter Sohr, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin*

### **Comprehensive public health strategies**

*Dr. Alberto Concha-Eastman, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Washington D.C.*

### **Intercultural youth exchange: opportunities for young people to prevent and de-learn violence and experience alternatives (beams of hope)**

*Christa-Berta Kimmich, European play work association (e.p.a.), Hamburg*

### **Neglect and trauma amongst young people in London – how to prevent and work with it at street level**

*Daniel Baltzer, Kids Company, London*

Facilitator: *Erich Marks, Geschäftsführer, Deutscher Präventionstag, Hannover*  
Rapporteur: *Andrea Grimm*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Linking development and peacebuilding: experiences from Bosnia**

*Dr. Martina Fischer, Berghof Centre for Conflict Research, Berlin*

### **Strategies for working with youth in the immediate post-accord period**

*Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Butler University, Indianapolis*

### **Demobilization and reintegration of children and adolescents – experience from the Congo**

*Achim Koch, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*

### **Strategies to confront youth violence – experiences from Nicaragua and Central America**

*José Luis Rocha, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua*

Facilitator: *Prof. em. Dr. Franz Nuscheler, INEF, Duisburg*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach*

- 19:30 **Youth violence in cultural contexts: film and Hip Hop music**

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21:00 *Katrin Lock, London*

## ■ Friday November 16, 2007

- 09:30 **Youth violence as a challenge facing international co-operation**

Final winding-up session, introduced by reports of the section rapporteurs

Ambassador *Friedrich Däuble*, Appointee for Conflict Prevention, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin  
*Dr. Winrich Kühne*, Center for International Peace Missions (ZIF), Berlin

*Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja*, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

- 12:30 Conference ends with lunch  
12:50 Departure of shuttle bus to Wunstorf train station (arrival around 13:30 hours)

Conference languages: German and English;  
simultaneous translation available