





The Impact of Peace Research

PRIO Director Kristian Berg Harpviken

Peace Research is the search for new knowledge that has the potential to make the world a better place. PRIO scholars are driven by the conviction that meticulous investigation and solid understanding are essential to preventing conflict, to ameliorating its consequences, and to its resolution.

In 2015, we were challenged by the Research Council of Norway, in the context of its evaluation of the country's social science institutes, to document the societal impact of our work. The exercise has been rewarding, enlightening, and reassuring. We have learnt that our work makes a difference.

We have also reconfirmed that research excellence alone, while essential, does not guarantee impact. We need to be similarly excellent in research communication. To succeed there, we need the best professionals, a set of targeted tools, and – most importantly – an organizational culture where we have a finger on the global pulse and where we celebrate innovative communication.

PRIO's Migration Research Group is renowned for its ability to define the agenda through effective communication of its research insight to all of PRIO's three main audiences: the general public, stakeholders (including policy-makers and practitioners), and the academic community. In 2015, what is known as the 'Refugee Crisis' has been at the forefront of the debate in Norway and Europe. PRIO researchers – with their competence on the causes of migration, the consequences for migrants and sending communities alike, and the impact of new policy measures – have been in high demand.

The consequences of climate change on armed conflict have been a central theme at PRIO for many years. Our research has challenged common assumptions about the mechanisms by which – and to what extent – climate change affects armed conflict. These insights have had a major impact on the global debate, and have also been incorporated into the agenda-setting work of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In 2015, Halvard Buhaug was awarded PRIO's first ever European Research Council (ERC) grant, for the project "Climate Variability and Security Threats (CLIMSEC)". The grant is testimony to Buhaug's unique contributions, based on innovative use of spatial statistics and modelling, to one of the most important debates of our time.

PRIO has a unique position among research institutes in its ownership and hosting of world-class scholarly journals. Our long-time flagship, the Journal of Peace Research (JPR), is in the top three of global rankings of academic journals in both Political Science and International Relations categories. JPR is now the highest ranked European journal in both categories, and the impact factor for 2015 is the highest ever measured for the journal. The journal is edited by PRIO's Henrik Urdal and Ragnhild Nordås in collaboration with twelve associate editors. The result for 2015 reaffirms the importance of JPR as the



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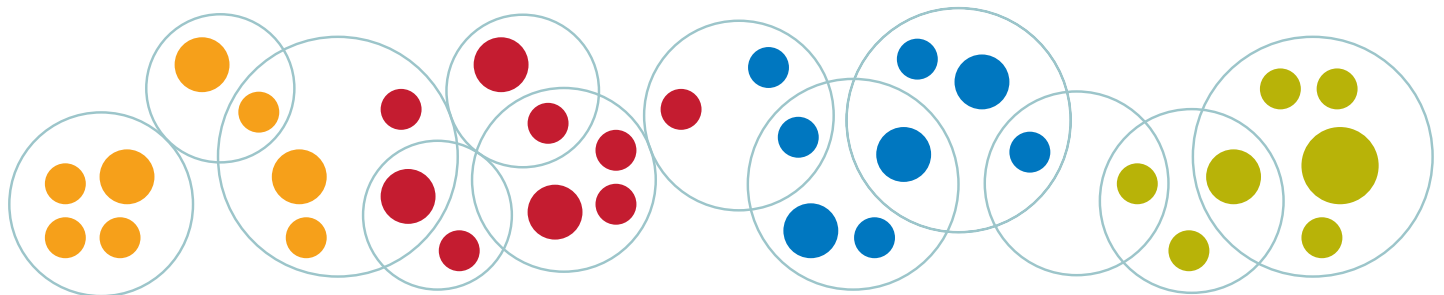
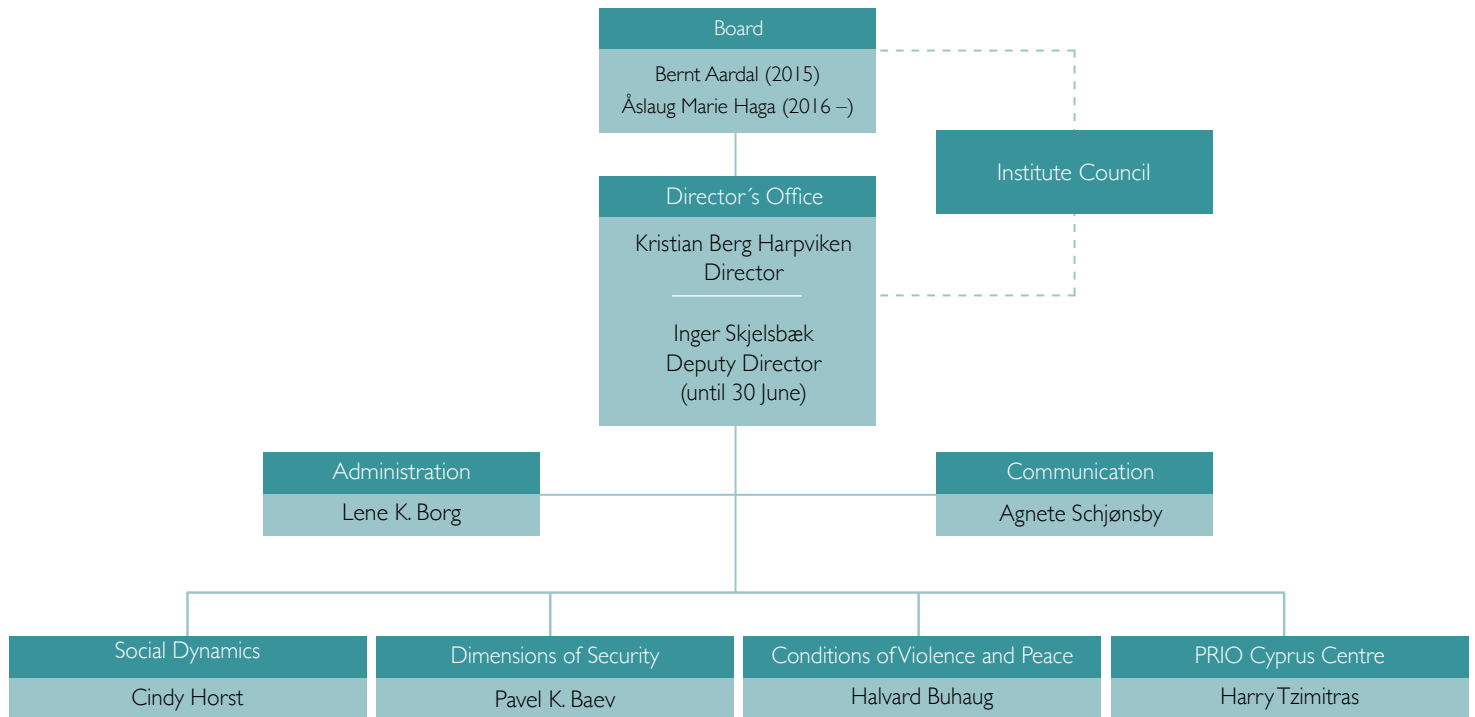
foremost scholarly outlet on peace and conflict, an essential forum for setting the agenda and driving research innovation.

These are only three examples to illustrate how PRIO and its staff strive in order to push the research frontier on peace and conflict, and to become even better in our ongoing communication with multiple audiences, ultimately contributing to a world in which peace is the norm and violence is the exception. Read on, follow PRIO's research across all platforms of communication, and engage in the dialogue we depend upon to ensure that our work contributes to a more peaceful world!

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PRIO Organization

Structure



Research Groups

- Business and Peace
- Civilians in Conflict
- Conflict Patterns
- Gender
- Governance
- Humanitarianism
- Law and Ethics
- Media

- Migration
- Non-State Conflict Actors
- Peacebuilding
- Regions and Powers
- Religion
- Security
- Urbanization and Environment

Centres and Special Initiatives

- Conflict Trends
- Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies (with CMI and NUPI)
- Norwegian Initiative on Small Arms Transfers (NISAT)
- PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security

● Projects administered by a specific Department ○ Cross-cutting thematic Research Groups

Strategic goals

2014–2017

Agenda

1. Develop new research initiatives within the following thematic areas:
 - Technological Change
 - Inequalities and Insecurities
 - Contested International Engagements

Audiences

2. Maximize synergies across communication channels and audiences

3. Pursue the highest standards in academic publishing

4. Inspire public discourse, inform debate and challenge established truths

5. Engage in informed exchange with policy-makers, practitioners and conflict actors

Assets

6. Cultivate recognition of the PRIO brand

7. Be an attractive employer which celebrates diversity, flexibility, initiative, and learning

8. Secure a robust financial base

9. Expand strategic collaboration with one or more Norwegian universities

10. Cultivate a leading editorial role in scholarly publishing

Dimensions of Security

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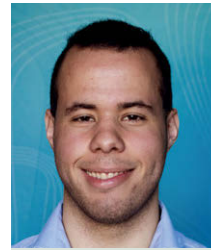
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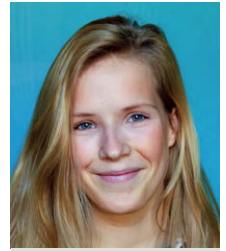
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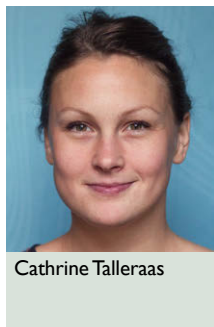
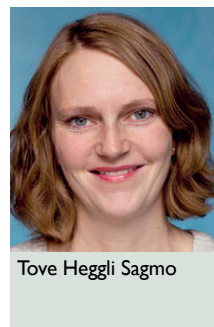
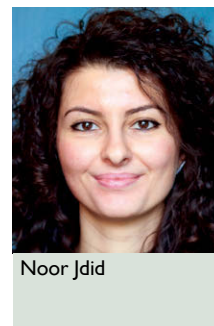
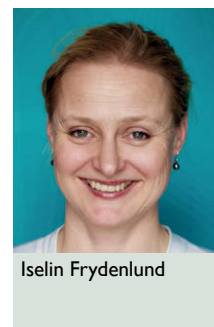
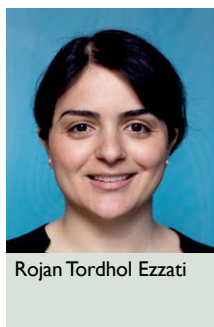
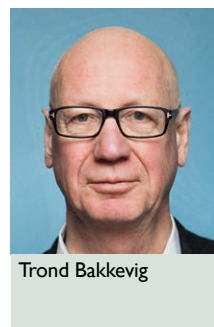
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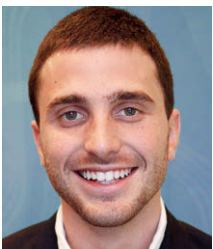
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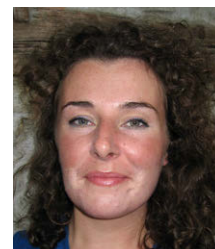
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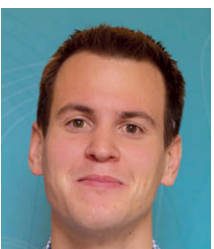
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Projects in 2015

- Best Practices Regarding Combating Human Trafficking in Cyprus and the Region. Juliette Dickstein
- Building Peace at Home. Olga Demetriou
- Conversations Across the Divide. Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Mete Hatay
- Crisis, Conflict, and Regional Migrations. Olga Demetriou
- Cypriot Youth. Mete Hatay (project leader), Giorgos Charalambous
- Cyprus and East Mediterranean Hydrocarbons. Ayla Gürel (project leader), Laura Le Cornu, Fiona Mullen, Harry-Zachary Tzimitras
- Gender Rights and Peacebuilding. Olga Demetriou
- Historical Reconciliation. Mete Hatay
- Internal Displacement and the Property Issue. Ayla Gürel
- Movement Structures and Participatory Democracy During the Crisis in Cyprus. Giorgos Charalambous
- Nationalism, Religion and Violence in South-East Europe. Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Rebecca Bryant
- Political Culture in Unrecognized States. Mete Hatay
- Religion in Cyprus: Mapping Cyprus' New Religious Landscape. Mete Hatay
- Security in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean. Ayla Gürel (project leader), Giorgos Charalambous
- The Property Issue in the Cyprus Conflict. Ayla Gürel
- The Rise of the Radical Right in Cyprus in the Context of the European Experience and Cypriot Particularities. Giorgos Charalambous
- Vernacular Reconciliation. Mete Hatay

Events in 2015

- 5 June. Panel discussion followed by 10th year PCC anniversary celebrations
- 18 June. Panel discussion on The Aftermath of the Recent Turkish General Elections: What Next for Turkey and Cyprus?
- 29 June – 10 August. Summer School: Nationalism, Religion and Violence
- 28 September. Conference on International Best Practices in Combating Human Trafficking
- 9 – 10 October. Annual Conference on The Everyday Lives of Sovereignty: Contests and Conflicts in a Transnational Era
- 2 November. Report update: The Cyprus Peace Dividend Revisited: A 2015 Update
- 5 November. Conference on The European Far Right: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- 12 November. Conference on Cyprus-Israel Relations: The current state of affairs
- 16 November. Conference on Global Energy Debates and the East Mediterranean
- 16 December. Conference on Intersections of crisis: Conflict, gender and migration in Europe's periphery

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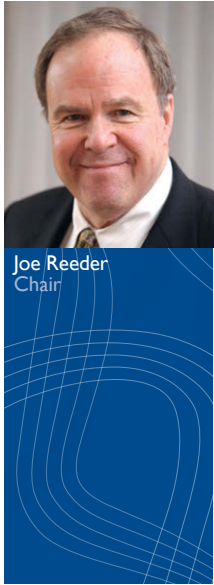
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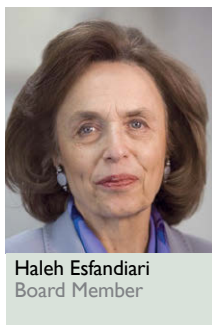
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Research Groups



How the actors in peacebuilding can influence the peacebuilding agenda

Coordinator: Wenche Iren Hauge

Projects:

- *Attitudes for Peace*. Karin Dyrstad (project leader), Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Wenche Iren Hauge
- *Building Peace at Home*. Olga Demetriou
- *Conversations Across the Divide*. Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Mete Hatay
- *Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management in Haiti: Insight from Marginalized Communities*. Wenche Iren Hauge (project leader), Rachele Doucet, Alain Gilles
- *Gender Dimensions of DDR in Colombia*. Wenche Iren Hauge
- *Imagined Sovereignities: Frontiers of Statehood and Globalization*. Åshild Kolås (project leader), Covadonga Morales Bertrand, Ola Tunander
- *Internal Displacement and the Property Issue*. Ayla Gürel
- *Peacekeeping, Poverty, and Development: Towards an Understanding of the Gendered Peacekeeping Economies in the DRC, Sudan, and Liberia*. Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Vernacular Reconciliation*. Mete Hatay

Completed Doctoral Projects

- Sagmo, Tove Heggli: *Return Migration and Social Change: Creating Distinctions in the Social Field*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Jørgen Carling)

Events

- 26 February: *Building Peace in Permanent War: Terrorist Listing & Conflict Transformation*
- 14 – 15 May: *A Multidisciplinary Approach to Processes of Sovereignty Construction*
- 19 – 20 August: *Virtual Zones of Peace and Conflict*
- 9 – 10 October: *The Everyday Lives of Sovereignty*
- 9 December: *National Dialogue Processes – What Everybody Ought to Know*



How urban and demographic transitions create conditions for peace and conflict

Coordinator: Kristian Hoelscher

Projects

- *Armed Violence in Urban Settings: New Challenges, New Humanitarianisms*. Simon Reid-Henry
- *Climate Anomalies and Violent Environments (CAVE)*. Halvard Buhaug (project leader), Tor Arve Benjaminsen, Clionadh Raleigh, Elisabeth Lio Rosvold, Ida Rudolfsen
- *Climate Variability and Security Threats (CLIMSEC)*. Halvard Buhaug (project leader), Jonas Nordkvelle, Elisabeth Lio Rosvold
- *Conflict Trends*. Henrik Urdal (project leader), Halvard Buhaug, Scott Gates, Håvard Hegre, Håvard Mogleiv Nygård, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Ida Rudolfsen, Siri Aas Rustad, Håvard Strand, Andreas Forø Tollefsen
- *Cyprus and East Mediterranean Hydrocarbons*. Ayla Gürel (project leader), Laura Le Cornu, Fiona Mullen, Harry-Zachary Tzimitras
- *Female Empowerment in Eastern DRC*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Lynn P. Nygaard, Siri Aas Rustad, Gudrun Østby
- *Forecasting Civil Conflict under Different Climate Change Scenarios*. Halvard Buhaug (project leader), Elisabeth Gilmore, Håvard Hegre, Jonas Nordkvelle
- *From a Curse to a Blessing? Transparency and Accountability in Managing High-Value Natural Resource Revenues*. Siri Aas Rustad
- *Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict (SVAC)*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Karim Bahgat, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Scott Gates, Siri Aas Rustad, Inger Skjelsbæk, Gudrun Østby
- *The Property Issue in the Cyprus Conflict*. Ayla Gürel
- *The Social, Economic and Political Impacts of the Extractive Industries in Brazil*. Siri Aas Rustad (project leader), Kristian Hoelscher
- *The Sudan: Peacekeeping in an Oil-Booming Subsistence*. Øystein H. Rolandsen

- *Urbanizing India (URBIN) – Urbanization, Exclusion and Climate Challenges*. Halvard Buhaug (project leader), Kristian Hoelscher, Jason Miklian

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Chi, Primus Che: *The Impact of Armed Conflict on Maternal and Women's Reproductive Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Henrik Urdal)
- Nordkvelle, Jonas: *Climate Change and Civil Conflict: Investigating Long Term Mechanisms*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Håvard Hegre)

Events

- 12 October: *Sustainable Urbanisation and the African City: Challenges, Opportunities and Measuring Progress*



How non-state actors contribute to peace and conflict

Coordinator: Øystein H. Rolandsen

Projects:

- *Conflict of Interest? 'Business For Peace' as Development Aid in Volatile Environments*. Cindy Horst (project leader), Jason Miklian, Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Conflict, Strategies, and Violence: An Actor-based Approach to Violent and Non-Violent Interactions (CSV)*. Kristian Skrede Gleditsch (project leader), Håvard Strand
- *Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Political Outcomes*. Kristian Skrede Gleditsch (project leader), Erica Chenoweth, Scott Gates, Ida Rudolfsen
- *Female Empowerment in Eastern DRC*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Lynn P. Nygaard, Siri Aas Rustad, Gudrun Østby
- *Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict*. Ragnhild Nordås
- *Protection of Civilians: From Principle to Practice*. Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Cindy Horst, Kristoffer Lidén, Maral Mirshahi, Simon Reid-Henry, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Pinar Tank
- *The Dynamics of State Failure and Violence*. Øystein H. Rolandsen (project leader), Ingrid Marie Breidlid, Fanny Nicolaisen, Kristin Bergtora Sandvik

- *The Future of South Sudan and its Relations with Uganda: Diplomacy and Economic Engagement in a Regional Perspective.* Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *The Sudan: Peacekeeping in an Oil-Booming Subsistence.* Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Jihadization of the PLO?.* Jacob Høigilt

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Breidlid, Ingrid Marie: *Youth, Identities and State-Society Relations in the Dynamics of Violence in South Sudan.* (Supervisor at PRIO: Øystein H. Rolandsen)
- Dahl, Marianne: *Desisting from Violence: The selection of non-violent vs. violent strategies.* (Supervisors at PRIO: Scott Gates & Kristian Skrede Gleditsch)

Events

- 8 January: *Will 2015 be the Year of Peace in Sudan?*
- 7 May: *Nonviolent Campaigns for Democracy and Human Rights*
- 18 May: *The Fight Against Jihadism in the Horn of Africa*
- 14 October: *Combatting Radicalization through Non-Violent Means – The Case of Nigeria*



How norms and rules contribute to peaceful relations and justice

Coordinator: Kristoffer Lidén

Projects:

- *Communicating Risk in the Digital Age (DIGICOM).* Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova, J. Peter Burgess, Elida K. U. Jacobsen, Mareile Kaufmann, Kristoffer Lidén
- *Humanitarian Crisis in the Mediterranean.* Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert
- *Negotiating Values: Collective Identities and Resilience after 22/7 (NECORE).* Henrik Syse (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Rojan Tordholl Ezzati, Annik Cecilie Saxegaard Falch, Mareile Kaufmann, Jennifer Wu
- *Protection of Civilians: From Principle to Practice.* Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Cindy Horst, Kristoffer Lidén, Maral Mirshahi, Simon Reid-Henry, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Pinar Tank

- *Regulating Cyberwar: Understanding Challenges to Norwegian Security and International Law.* Kristin Bergtora Sandvik
- *Virtual Centre of Excellence for Research Support and Coordination on Societal Security (SOURCE).* J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Stine Bergersen, Nina Boy, Anne Duquenne, Kristoffer Lidén, Marit Moe-Pryce

Events

- 26 February: *Building Peace in Permanent War: Terrorist Listing & Conflict Transformation*
- 6 March: *The Hidden Role of Nuclear Weapons in Today's Security Environment*
- 11 June: *From Innovation to Imposition: How Technology is Shaping EU Security Policy and Transforming European Values*
- 10 November: *Boklansering: Det vi sier til hverandre – Om tanke, tale og toleranse*
- 2 December: *Extending the Boundaries of Transitional Justice*
- 4 December: *Drones in Humanitarian Action: Uses, Opportunities and Challenges*
- 10 December: *Lethal Autonomous Weapons: The Challenge of Accountability*



How the humanitarian system changes with new tools, donors, and perceptions of local dynamics

Coordinator: Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert

Projects:

- *Aid in Crisis? Rights-Based Approaches and Humanitarian Outcomes.* Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Kaja Borchgrevink, Jacob Høigilt, Julieta Lemaitre, Marte Nilsen, Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Armed Violence in Urban Settings: New Challenges, New Humanitarianisms.* Simon Reid-Henry
- *Brazil's Rise to the Global Stage (BraGS): Humanitarianism, Peacekeeping and the Quest for Great Powerhood.* Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Eric Cezne, Kristian Hoelscher, Kristin Bergtora Sandvik
- *Conflict of Interest? 'Business For Peace' as Development Aid in Volatile Environments.* Cindy Horst (project leader), Jason Miklian, Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Diaspora Return: Implications for Somalia.* Cindy Horst

- *Emerging Powers in the 21st Century: The Regional and Global Significance of Brazil, India, Indonesia, China, South Africa and Turkey.* Pinar Tank (project leader), Hilde Wallacher
- *Humanitarian Crisis in the Mediterranean.* Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert
- *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction.* Kristian Berg Harpviken (project leader), Kaja Borchgrevink, Marta Bivand Erdal
- *Protection of Civilians: From Principle to Practice.* Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Cindy Horst, Kristoffer Lidén, Maral Mirshahi, Simon Reid-Henry, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Pinar Tank
- *The Humanitarian Innovation Lab.* Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Eric Cezne, Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Borchgrevink, Kaja: *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction in Pakistan and the Diaspora.* (Supervisor at PRIO: Kristian Berg Harpviken)

Events

- 26 February: *Building Peace in Permanent War: Terrorist Listing & Conflict Transformation*
- 3 March: *After Ebola?*
- 17 March: *Humanitarianism and Return: Compromising protection?*
- 20 May: *A Humanitarian Crisis on the Doorstep of Europe*
- 10 June: *Brazil: An Emerging Humanitarian Power?*
- 28 September: *International Best Practices in Combating Human Trafficking*
- 2 December: *Humanitarian Markets: Challenges and Opportunities for Innovation*
- 4 December: *Drones in Humanitarian Action: Uses, Opportunities and Challenges*
- 10 December: *Lethal Autonomous Weapons: The Challenge of Accountability*



How migration and transnational ties interact with societal change during peace and conflict.

Coordinator: Marta Bivand Erdal / Jørgen Carling

Projects:

- *Active Citizenship in Culturally and Religiously Diverse Societies (ACT)*. Cindy Horst (project leader), Jorick Jeroen Albers, Marta Bivand Erdal, Noor Jdid
- *Assisted Return Migration to Nigeria*. Erlend Paasche
- *Best Practices Regarding Combating Human Trafficking in Cyprus and the Region*. Juliette Dickstein
- *Crisis, Conflict, and Regional Migrations*. Olga Demetriou
- *Diaspora, Development and Norwegian Development Policy*. Marta Bivand Erdal
- *Diaspora Return: Implications for Somalia*. Cindy Horst
- *Dimensions of Accountability in Somaliland*. Cindy Horst (project leader), Øystein H. Rolandsen, Tove Heggli Sagmo
- *Governing and Experiencing Citizenship in Multicultural Scandinavia (GOVCIT)*. Marta Bivand Erdal (project leader), Tove Heggli Sagmo
- *Humanitarian Crisis in the Mediterranean*. Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert
- *Migrant Smuggling in West and Central Africa*. Jørgen Carling
- *Negotiating Values: Collective Identities and Resilience after 22/7 (NECORE)*. Henrik Syse (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Annik Cecilie Saxegaard Falch, Mareile Kaufmann, Jennifer Wu
- *Negotiating the Nation: Implications of Ethnic and Religious Diversity for National Identity (NATION)*. Marta Bivand Erdal (project leader) Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Åshild Kolås, Mette Strømsø, Cathrine Talleraas
- *Possibilities and Realities of Return Migration (PREMIG)*. Jørgen Carling (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Ceri Oeppen, Erlend Paasche, Tove Heggli Sagmo, Cathrine Talleraas, Jennifer Wu
- *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction*. Kristian Berg Harpviken (project leader), Kaja Borchgrevink, Marta Bivand Erdal

- *Return and Reintegration: A Comparative Study*. Erlend Paasche
- *The Property Issue in the Cyprus Conflict*. Ayla Gürel
- *Transnationalism from Above and Below: Migration Management and how Migrants Manage (MIGMA)*. Jørgen Carling
- *Transnational Lives in the Welfare State (TRANSWEL)*. Jørgen Carling (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Cathrine Talleraas

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Carretero, María Hernández: *Leaving to Belong: Migration, Transnational Connectedness and Social Becoming*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Jørgen Carling)
- Ezzati, Rojan Tordhol: *Collective Identities in Post-Terror Norway*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Marta Bivand Erdal)
- Jdid, Noor: *Performances of Citizenship: Enactment as a Way of Becoming a Citizen*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Cindy Horst)
- Paasche, Erlend: *Possibilities and Realities of Return Migration: Case Study on Iraqi Kurds*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Jørgen Carling)
- Sagmo, Tove Heggli: *Return Migration and Social Change: Creating Distinctions in the Social Field*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Jørgen Carling)
- Strømsø, Mette: *(Re)productions of the Everyday Nation*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Marta Bivand Erdal)
- Talleraas, Cathrine: *Transnationalism in the Welfare State*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Jørgen Carling)

Events

- 21 January: *What's Time Got to Do With It? Integration in a Temporal Perspective*
- 17 March: *Humanitarianism and Return: Compromising protection?*
- 20 May: *A Humanitarian Crisis on the Doorstep of Europe*
- 22 May: *Reintegration of Returnees and Deportees to Afghanistan*
- 29 May: *Frokostseminar: Innvandreres tilknytning til Norge og sitt opphavsland*
- 20 – 21 August: *Thinking About Going 'Home'*
- 28 September: *International Best Practices in Combating Human Trafficking*
- 6 November: *Forhandler vi om norskhet?*
- 9 November: *Somali Women in Diaspora*
- 10 November: *Boklansering: Det vi sier til hverandre – Om tanke, tale og toleranse*

- 1 December: *Religiøs praksis, sosialt engasjement og utviklingsarbeid - perspektiver fra Pakistan og Oslo*
- 16 December: *Intersections of Crisis: Conflict, Gender and Migration in Europe's Periphery*



How political institutions contribute to peace and conflict

Coordinator: Tore Wig / Helga Malmin Binningsbø

Projects:

- *Best Practices Regarding "Destabilising Accumulation" as an Arms Transfer Control Criteria*. Nicholas Marsh
- *Beyond the Civil Democratic Peace: Subnational Political Institutions and Internal Armed Conflict*. Tore Wig (project leader), Håvard Hegre
- *Conflict Prediction*. Håvard Hegre (project leader), Scott Gates, Elisabeth Gilmore, Lisa Hultman, Joakim Karlsen, Jonas Nordkvelle, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Espen Geelmuyden Rød, Martin Smidt, Håvard Strand, Henrik Urdal
- *Conflict, Regime Change, and Democratic Consolidation*. Håvard Mokleiv Nygård
- *Democracy and Peacebuilding in Myanmar*. Marte Nilsen
- *Movement Structures and Participatory Democracy During the Crisis in Cyprus*. Giorgos Charalambous
- *Reassessing the Role of Democracy: Political Institutions and Armed Conflict (PIAC)*. Håvard Hegre (project leader), Matthias Basedau, Ragnhild Belbo, Hanna Bugge, Hanne Fjelde, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Idunn Kristiansen, Jonas Nordkvelle, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Ida Rudolfson, Espen Geelmuyden Rød, Martin Smidt, Tore Wig, Gudrun Østby
- *The Dynamics of State Failure and Violence*. Øystein H. Rolandsen (project leader), Ingrid Marie Breidlid, Fanny Nicolaisen, Kristin Bergtora Sandvik
- *The Sudan: Peacekeeping in an Oil-Booming Subsistence*. Øystein H. Rolandsen

Events

- 22 – 24 April: *Early Warning and Conflict*



How security actors and practices affect concepts and understandings of security

Coordinator: Mareile Kaufmann

Projects:

- *Communicating Risk in the Digital Age (DIGICOM)*. Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova, J. Peter Burgess, Elida K. U. Jacobsen, Mareile Kaufmann, Kristoffer Lidén
- *Cyprus and East Mediterranean Hydrocarbons*. Ayla Gürel (project leader), Laura Le Cornu, Fiona Mullen, Harry-Zachary Tzimitras
- *Driving Innovation in Crisis Management for European Resilience (DRIVER)*. Mareile Kaufmann (project leader), Stine Bergersen, J. Peter Burgess, Covadonga Morales Bertrand
- *European Security Trends and Threats in Society (ETTIS)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova
- *Increasing Resilience in Surveillance Societies (IRISS)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova, Stine Bergersen, Maral Mirshahi
- *Large Scale Information Exploitation of Forensic Data (LASIE)*. Dariusz Kloza (project leader), Synnøve Ugelvik
- *Nordic Centre of Excellence for Security Technologies and Societal Values (NordSTEVA)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova, Kristian Berg Harpviken, Mareile Kaufmann, Kristoffer Lidén
- *Protection of European Borders and Seas through the Intelligent Use of Surveillance (PERSEUS)*. Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Stine Bergersen, J. Peter Burgess, Kristoffer Lidén
- *Public Perception of Security and Privacy (PACT)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova
- *Security in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean*. Ayla Gürel (project leader), Giorgos Charalambous
- *Tactical Approach to Counter Terrorists in Cities (TACTICS)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Bellanova, Kristoffer Lidén, Synnøve Ugelvik

■ *Virtual Centre of Excellence for Research Support and Coordination on Societal Security (SOURCE)*. J. Peter Burgess (project leader), Stine Bergersen, Nina Boy, Anne Duquenne, Benjamin Hayes, Kristoffer Lidén, Marit Moe-Pryce

Completed Doctoral Projects

■ Jacobsen, Elida Undrum: *Biopolitics in India: Identity Management and the Unique Identification System*. (Supervisor at PRIO: J. Peter Burgess)

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

■ Kaufmann, Mareile: *Resilience - Governance and In/security in Interconnected Societies*. (Supervisor at PRIO: J. Peter Burgess)

Events

- 26 February: *Building Peace in Permanent War: Terrorist Listing & Conflict Transformation*
- 20 May: *A Humanitarian Crisis on the Doorstep of Europe*
- 28 May: *Social Media in Crisis Management*
- 29 May: *End User Seminar on Authorities, Crisis Management and Social Media*
- 11 June: *From Innovation to Imposition: How Technology is Shaping EU Security Policy and Transforming European Values*
- 12 June: *Bringing the "Cloud" Down to Earth*
- 28 – 29 September: *The Organisation of Societal Security in Europe: Technology, Values and Institutional Choices*
- 11 November: *Digital Communication and Risk in the 'Refugee Crisis'*



Civilian agency and victimization in conflict and post-conflict situations

Coordinator: Ragnhild Nordås

Projects:

- *Armed Conflict and Maternal Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Gudrun Østby (project leader), Ragnhild Belbo, Primus Che Chi, Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Henrik Urdal
- *Attitudes for Peace*. Karin Dyrstad (project leader), Kristin Bakke, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Wenche Iren Hauge
- *Conflict Trends*. Henrik Urdal (project leader), Halvard Buhaug, Scott Gates, Håvard Hegre, Håvard Mogleiv Nygård, Øystein H.

Rolandsen, Ida Rudolfsen, Siri Aas Rustad, Håvard Strand, Andreas Forø Tollefsen

■ *Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Political Outcomes*. Kristian Skrede Gleditsch (project leader), Erica Chenoweth, Scott Gates, Ida Rudolfsen

■ *Female Empowerment in Eastern DRC*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Lynn P. Nygaard, Siri Aas Rustad, Gudrun Østby

■ *Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict*. Ragnhild Nordås

■ *Protection of Civilians: From Principle to Practice*. Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (project leader), Cindy Horst, Kristoffer Lidén, Maral Mirshahi, Simon Reid-Henry, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Pinar Tank

■ *Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict (SVAC)*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Karim Bahgat, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Scott Gates, Siri Aas Rustad, Inger Skjelsbæk, Gudrun Østby

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

■ Breidlid, Ingrid Marie: *Youth, Identities and State-Society Relations in the Dynamics of Violence in South Sudan*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Øystein H. Rolandsen)

■ Chi, Primus Che: *The Impact of Armed Conflict on Maternal and Women's Reproductive Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Henrik Urdal)

■ Dahl, Marianne: *Desisting from Violence: The selection of non-violent vs. violent strategies*. (Supervisors at PRIO: Scott Gates & Kristian Skrede Gleditsch)

Events

■ 7 May: *Nonviolent Campaigns for Democracy and Human Rights*

■ 14 October: *Combatting Radicalization through Non-Violent Means – The Case of Nigeria*



How media play a key role in the strategic planning of different actors within conflict

Coordinator: Jason Miklian / Rojan Tordhol Ezzati

Projects:

- *Active Citizenship in Culturally and Religiously Diverse Societies (ACT)*. Cindy Horst (project leader), Jorick Jeroen Albers, Marta Bivand Erdal, Noor Jdid
- *Communicating Risk in the Digital Age (DIGICOM)*. Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Vicky Ackx, Rocco Belanova, J. Peter Burgess, Elida K. U. Jacobsen, Mareile Kaufmann, Kristoffer Lidén
- *Conversations Across the Divide*. Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Mete Hatay
- *Negotiating Values: Collective Identities and Resilience after 22/7 (NECORE)*. Henrik Syse (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Annik Cecilie Saxegaard Falch, Mareile Kaufmann, Jennifer Wu
- *Negotiating the Nation: Implications of Ethnic and Religious Diversity for National Identity (NATION)*. Marta Bivand Erdal (project leader), Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Åshild Kolås, Mette Strømsø, Cathrine Talleraas
- *Peacebuilding, Diversity and Human Security*. Jason Miklian (project leader), Åshild Kolås
- *Transnational Lives in the Welfare State (TRANSWEL)*. Jørgen Carling (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Cathrine Talleraas

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Ezzati, Rojan Tordhol: *Collective Identities in Post-Terror Norway*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Marta Bivand Erdal)

Events

- 21 January: *What's Time Got to Do With It? Integration in a Temporal Perspective*
- 19 August: *Film Screening: 'Syria Through a Lens'*
- 10 November: *Boklansering: Det vi sier til hverandre – Om tanke, tale og toleranse*
- 11 November: *Digital Communication and Risk in the 'Refugee Crisis'*



How religious actors, ideas, and institutions influence social and political change

Coordinator: Kaja Borchgrevink

Projects:

- *Has Buddhism Something to Do with It? Buddhism, Politics and Conflict in Asia*. Iselin Frydenlund
- *Nationalism, Religion and Violence in South-East Europe*. Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Rebecca Bryant
- *Negotiating the Nation: Implications of Ethnic and Religious Diversity for National Identity (NATION)*. Marta Bivand Erdal (project leader), Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Åshild Kolås, Mette Strømsø, Cathrine Talleraas
- *Negotiating Values: Collective Identities and Resilience after 22/7 (NECORE)*. Henrik Syse (project leader), Marta Bivand Erdal, Rojan Tordhol Ezzati, Annik Cecilie Saxegaard Falch, Mareile Kaufmann, Jennifer Wu
- *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction*. Kristian Berg Harpviken (project leader), Kaja Borchgrevink, Marta Bivand Erdal
- *Religion in Cyprus: Mapping Cyprus' New Religious Landscape*. Mete Hatay
- *Tracing the Jerusalem Code*. Gregory M. Reichberg

Completed Doctoral Projects

- Lende, Gina: *The Rise of Pentecostal Power: Exploring the Politics of Pentecostal Growth in Nigeria and Guatemala*.

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Borchgrevink, Kaja: *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction in Pakistan and the Diaspora*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Kristian Berg Harpviken)
- Ezzati, Rojan Tordhol: *Collective Identities in Post-Terror Norway*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Marta Bivand Erdal)
- Jdid, Noor: *Performances of Citizenship: Enactment as a Way of Becoming a Citizen*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Cindy Horst)

Events

- 20 March: *Religion og konflikt*
- 13 May: *Clash of Universalisms?*
- 16 June: *Insurgencies, Counterinsurgencies*

and the Question of 'Buddhist Violence'

- 7 October: *Does Buddhism Support Democracy? The Role of Buddhism in the 2015 Myanmar Elections*
- 10 November: *Boklansering: Det vi sier til hverandre – Om tanke, tale og toleranse*
- 1 December: *Religiøs praksis, sosialt engasjement og utviklingsarbeid - perspektiver fra Pakistan og Oslo*



What are the trends in conflict?

Coordinator: Marianne Dahl

Projects:

- *Conflict Prediction*. Håvard Hegre (project leader), Scott Gates, Elisabeth Gilmore, Lisa Hultman, Joakim Karlsen, Jonas Nordkvelle, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Espen Geelmuyden Rød, Martin Smidt, Håvard Strand, Henrik Urdal
- *Conflict, Strategies, and Violence: An Actor-based Approach to Violent and Non-Violent Interactions (CSV)*. Kristian Skrede Gleditsch (project leader), Håvard Strand
- *Conflict Trends*. Henrik Urdal (project leader), Halvard Buhaug, Scott Gates, Håvard Hegre, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Øystein H. Rolandsen, Ida Rudolfson, Siri Aas Rustad, Håvard Strand, Andreas Forø Tollefsen
- *Disaggregating the Conflict Trap: A Spatial Analytical Approach*. Andreas Forø Tollefsen (project leader), Håvard Strand
- *Do Recent Demographic Trends in East Asia Support Peace?*. Henrik Urdal
- *Forecasting Civil Conflict under Different Climate Change Scenarios*. Halvard Buhaug (project leader), Elisabeth Gilmore, Håvard Hegre, Jonas Nordkvelle
- *Norwegian Initiative on Small Arms Transfers (NISAT)*. Nicholas Marsh (project leader), Stig Aga Aandstad, Gugu Dube, David Isenberg, Thomas Jackson, Lora Lumpe, Anne Thurin, Jonas Aga Uchermann, Hilde Wallacher
- *Reassessing the Role of Democracy: Political Institutions and Armed Conflict (PIAC)*. Håvard Hegre (project leader), Matthias Basedau, Ragnhild Belbo, Hanna Bugge, Hanne Fjelde, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Idunn Kristiansen, Jonas Nordkvelle, Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Ida Rudolfson, Espen Geelmuyden Rød, Martin Smidt, Tore Wig, Gudrun Østby

- *Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict (SVAC)*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Karim Bahgat, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Scott Gates, Siri Aas Rustad, Inger Skjelsbæk, Gudrun Østby
- *Small Arms Survey*. Nicholas Marsh

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Marsh, Nicholas: *'Armed Groups' Procurement of Small Arms*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Halvard Buhaug)
- Nordkvelle, Jonas: *Climate Change and Civil Conflict: Investigating Long Term Mechanisms*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Håvard Hegre)

Events

- 22 – 24 April: *Early Warning and Conflict*
- 19 – 20 August: *Virtual Zones of Peace and Conflict*



How armed conflicts affect women and men differently

Coordinator: Torunn L. Tryggestad

Projects:

- *Armed Conflict and Maternal Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Gudrun Østby (project leader), Ragnhild Belbo, Primus Che Chi, Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Henrik Urdal
- *Building Peace at Home*. Olga Demetriou
- *Equal Peace? Women's Empowerment and Multicultural Challenges in War-to-Peace Transitions*. Inger Skjelsbæk (project leader), Elin Martine Doeland, Helga Hernes, Jenny Kathrine Lorentzen, Torunn L. Tryggestad
- *Female Empowerment in Eastern DRC*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Lynn P. Nygaard, Siri Aas Rustad, Gudrun Østby
- *Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict*. Ragnhild Nordås
- *Gender, Conflict and Peacebuilding Research at PRIO*. Helga Hernes (project leader), Suk Chun, Julie Marie Hansen, Jenny Kathrine Lorentzen, Christin Marsh Ormhaug, Inger Skjelsbæk, Torunn L. Tryggestad
- *Gender Dimensions of DDR in Colombia*. Wenche Iren Hauge
- *Gender in Politics in Somalia: Access and Influence in a Post-Conflict State*. Cindy Horst

(project leader), Inger Skjelsbæk, Torunn L. Tryggestad

- *Gender Rights and Peacebuilding*. Olga Demetriou
- *High-Level Seminar on Gender and Inclusive Mediation Processes*. Torunn L. Tryggestad (project leader), Julie Marie Hansen, Helga Hernes, Jenny Kathrine Lorentzen, Inger Skjelsbæk
- *Making Women Count for Peace: Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia*. Åshild Kolås (project leader), Ida Roland Birkvad, Elida K. U. Jacobsen, Jason Miklian, Torunn L. Tryggestad
- *Peacekeeping, Poverty, and Development: Towards an Understanding of the Gendered Peacekeeping Economies in the DRC, Sudan, and Liberia*. Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Positioning Women for Research Professorship (POWER)*. Lynn P. Nygaard (project leader), Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Nina Boy, Olga Demetriou, Marta Bivand Erdal, Wenche Iren Hauge, Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert, Marte Nilsen, Ragnhild Nordås, Siri Aas Rustad, Kristin Bergtora Sandvik, Inger Skjelsbæk, Pinar Tank, Torunn L. Tryggestad, Gudrun Østby
- *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction*. Kristian Berg Harpviken (project leader), Kaja Borchgrevink, Marta Bivand Erdal
- *Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict (SVAC)*. Ragnhild Nordås (project leader), Karim Bahgat, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, Ingebjørg Finnbakk, Scott Gates, Siri Aas Rustad, Inger Skjelsbæk, Gudrun Østby
- *Women's Empowerment and Multicultural Challenges in War-to-Peace Transitions: Rwandan Experiences*. Jenny Kathrine Lorentzen (project leader), Inger Skjelsbæk

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Borchgrevink, Kaja: *Private Islamic Charity and Approaches to Poverty Reduction in Pakistan and the Diaspora*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Kristian Berg Harpviken)
- Chi, Primus Che: *The Impact of Armed Conflict on Maternal and Women's Reproductive Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Henrik Urdal)
- Jdid, Noor: *Performances of Citizenship: Enactment as a Way of Becoming a Citizen*. (Supervisor at PRIO: Cindy Horst)

Events

- 30 January: *UN Security Council Resolution 1325: How Far Have We Come?*

- 21 – 22 February: *Women and Peacebuilding: A Policy Dialogue*
- 11 March: *Women Trafficking: An Invisible Problem*
- 24 – 26 March: *Fifth High-Level Seminar on Gender and Inclusive Mediation Processes*
- 13 April: *Breathing Life into the UN's Vision for Women, Peace, and Security*
- 1 June: *Gender Research Group Meeting*
- 18 June: *International Mediation as the Management of Complexity*
- 21 August: *Cracking the Glass Ceiling*
- 26 – 28 August: *Missing Peace Practitioners' Workshop on Accountability for Sexual Violence*
- 18 September: *Women, Peace and Security – Review and Outlook in Africa*
- 14 October: *Gender and Inclusive Mediation Processes*
- 9 November: *Somali Women in Diaspora*
- 27 November: *Public Launch of the Nordic Women Mediators' Network*
- 1 December: *Religiøs praksis, sosialt engasjement og utviklingsarbeid - perspektiver fra Pakistan og Oslo*



How physical factors condition human affairs

Coordinator: Gregory M. Reichberg

Projects:

- *Conflict of Interest? 'Business For Peace' as Development Aid in Volatile Environments*. Cindy Horst (project leader), Jason Miklian, Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *Engaging the Business Community as a New Peacebuilding Actor*. Gregory M. Reichberg (project leader), Jason Miklian, Henrik Syse, Harry-Zachary Tzimitras
- *Internal Displacement and the Property Issue*. Ayla Gürel
- *The Social, Economic and Political Impacts of the Extractive Industries in Brazil*. Siri Aas Rustad (project leader), Kristian Hoelscher

Ongoing Doctoral Projects

- Must, Elise: *When Does Inequality Cause Conflict? The Role of Perceptions*.

Events

- 2 December: *Humanitarian Markets: Challenges and Opportunities for Innovation*



How the global power balance affects regional conflict dynamics

Coordinator: Pavel K. Baev

Projects:

- *Afghanistan in a Neighbourhood Perspective.* Kristian Berg Harpviken (project leader), Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh
- *Arctic Politics and Russia's Ambitions.* Pavel K. Baev
- *Brazil's Rise to the Global Stage (BraGS): Humanitarianism, Peacekeeping and the Quest for Great Powerhood.* Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert (project leader), Eric Cezne, Kristian Hoelscher, Kristin Bergtora Sandvik
- *Cypriot Youth.* Mete Hatay (project leader), Giorgos Charalambous
- *Cyprus and East Mediterranean Hydrocarbons.* Ayla Gürel (project leader), Laura Le Cornu, Fiona Mullen, Harry-Zachary Tzimitras
- *Democracy and Peacebuilding in Myanmar.* Marte Nilsen
- *Do Recent Demographic Trends in East Asia Support Peace?.* Henrik Urdal
- *Emerging Powers in the 21st Century: The Regional and Global Significance of Brazil, India, Indonesia, China, South Africa and Turkey.* Pinar Tank (project leader), Hilde Wallacher
- *Europe's Experience with North Korea: Imperfect Prospects for Future US Policy.* Stein Tønnesson
- *Historical Reconciliation.* Mete Hatay
- *Imagined Sovereignties: Frontiers of Statehood and Globalization.* Åshild Kolås (project leader), Covadonga Morales Bertrand, Ola Tunander
- *India in the World: Emerging Perspectives on Global Challenges (INDWORLD).* Åshild Kolås (project leader), Ida Roland Birkvad, Elida K. U. Jacobsen, Jason Miklian

- *India's Regional Relations: Aspirations, Priorities and Practices in a New International Order.* Jason Miklian
- *Nationalism, Religion and Violence in South-East Europe.* Harry-Zachary Tzimitras (project leader), Rebecca Bryant
- *Peacebuilding, Diversity and Human Security.* Jason Miklian (project leader), Åshild Kolås
- *Political Culture in Unrecognized States.* Mete Hatay
- *Religion and Political Activism among Youth in the West Bank and Gaza after 2007.* Jacob Høigilt
- *Russia in Search of a new role in the Middle East.* Pavel K. Baev
- *Russian and Caspian Energy Developments (Russcasp).* Pavel K. Baev
- *Russia Makes War in Ukraine and Confronts Europe.* Pavel K. Baev
- *Thailand's Missing Peace.* Stein Tønnesson (project leader), Marte Nilsen
- *The East Asian Peace (EAP) Program.* Stein Tønnesson (project leader), Pavel K. Baev
- *The Future of South Sudan and its Relations with Uganda: Diplomacy and Economic Engagement in a Regional Perspective.* Øystein H. Rolandsen
- *The Ideology and Sociology of Language Change in the Arab World.* Jacob Høigilt (project leader), Kristian Takvam Kindt
- *The Impact of the Ukrainian Crisis on the Strategic Partnership between Russia and China.* Stein Tønnesson
- *The New Middle East.* Jacob Høigilt
- *The Rise of the Radical Right in Cyprus in the Context of the European Experience and Cypriot Particularities.* Giorgos Charalambous
- *The Taliban in Context.* Rahmatullah Hashemi
- *Turkey's AKP and the Politics of Contention.* Pinar Tank

Completed Doctoral Projects

- Jacobsen, Elida Undrum: *Biopolitics in India: Identity Management and the Unique Identification System.* (Supervisor at PRIO: J. Peter Burgess)

Events

- 12 January: *Shared Sovereignty and Territory in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*
- 5 March: *A Brief History of the Afghan Insurgency*
- 17 March: *How can the Russia-China Partnership Affect Global Economics and Politics?*
- 23 – 27 March: *Afghanistan Week 2015*
- 25 March: *The Price of Peace*
- 27 March: *Afghanistan and its Neighbors*
- 15 April: *Brazil's Future Foreign Policy*
- 14 – 15 May: *A Multidisciplinary Approach to Processes of Sovereignty Construction*
- 4 June: *Perils of North Korean Collapsism*
- 4 June: *The Srebrenica Genocide's Lasting Legacy*
- 10 June: *Brazil: An Emerging Humanitarian Power?*
- 15 June: *South Sudan: The Economic Cost of Civil War and its Implications for IGAD-led Peace Negotiation*
- 3 – 4 September: *The Diversity of Violence in Eastern Africa*
- 11 September: *Towards the ASEAN Community: Prospects and Challenges*
- 28 September: *International Best Practices in Combating Human Trafficking*
- 26 October: *India and its Neighbourhood: Challenges and Opportunities*
- 27 – 28 October: *IDS-PRIO Workshop 2015*
- 2 November: *To End a Civil War: Norway's Peace Engagement with Sri Lanka*
- 5 November: *The European Far Right: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*
- 12 November: *Cyprus-Israel Relations: The Current State of Affairs*
- 16 November: *Global Energy Debates and the East Mediterranean*
- 16 December: *Intersections of Crisis: Conflict, Gender and Migration in Europe's Periphery*

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John Mueller addressing the audience at the PRIO Annual Peace Address. Photo: Differ Media



Commentator Åsne Seierstad, PRIO Director Kristian Berg Harpviken and speaker John Mueller engaged in discussion. Photo: Differ Media





PRIO's Conflict Trends project collaborates with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to answer questions relating to the causes, consequences and trends in conflict. The project will contribute to new conflict analyses within areas of public interest, and works to produce thorough and quality based analysis for the MFA. The project builds on the existing competence of PRIO with a strong emphasis on research and new data analysis.

The Center for the Study of Civil War (2003-2013) was engaged in path-breaking research on war and peace. The Conflict Trends project sustains and makes use of the competence and international connections that PRIO has developed. The project also aims to reduce the gap between science and research and to assure that the resources and knowledge obtained are beneficial to the public in general.

Project Themes

The project currently focuses on the following thematic areas:

■ Natural resources and conflict

Both shortages and abundance of resources have increasingly been linked to conflict activity. How will the increased pressure on land and water resources affect conflicts in the world? Natural resources such as oil and diamonds can affect the likelihood of conflict, but also contribute to its prevention. The project focuses the role of industry, and how regional and local conditions can affect the positive potential that natural resources may have on institutional development and distribution of goods.

■ Youth, development and conflict

Large youth bulges can increase the risk of armed conflicts and regime change. At the

same time, youth bulges can have a positive impact on society and contribute to economic growth. The project seeks to obtain increased

knowledge on how access to education and work will affect the likelihood of conflict in countries with large youth bulges.

■ Political change and stability

In the past years, many have warned that democratic institutions have deteriorated in several countries. The project will examine democratic development from different perspectives, and report on statistical trends.

■ Human costs of conflict

The human costs of conflict often go well beyond those who are killed in direct battle. The project focuses especially on the consequences of conflict on maternal health, and inequality in access to education between women and men, and between groups.

■ Output: The project publishes a series of Conflict Trends Policy Briefs (see the publication list at page 30), and maintains the blog Monitoring South Sudan.

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The Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies is a joint CMI, NUPI and PRIO initiative which aims to promote and facilitate critical and relevant research on key humanitarian issues. The centre serves as a hub for research and policy discussion, and features a national network of scholars working on humanitarian issues from outside the three core institutions. It also features an extensive network of international humanitarian scholars.

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PRIO Centre on
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and Security

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- 24 June: Education in emergencies and conflict/post-crisis with a particular focus on girls June 24, 2015 (workshop). CMI & UiB
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- 10 December: Lethal Autonomous Weapons: The Challenge of Accountability. PRIO
- 9 June: Workshop - Brazil's Rise to the Global Stage. PRIO

The PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security is a newly established resource hub at PRIO for gender, peace and security studies. Its activities include research and publishing, teaching, training and policy advice. The centre also holds conferences, seminars and workshops, providing a space for research and policy discussions among networks of national and international scholars, policymakers, NGOs, the media and students.

The centre has been developed out of PRIO's Gender, Conflict and Peacebuilding Research project, which was established in 2006 in response to the need for more scholarly resources in Norway on gender in relation to peace and security. Over the past decade, the project has been central in positioning PRIO as a leading research environment on gender, peace and security, and the centre will continue to further develop PRIO's knowledge and expertise in this field. The project has been led by Dr Torunn L. Tryggestad, senior researcher at PRIO, who now takes up the role as Director of the centre.

The centre publishes the quarterly PRIO Gender, Peace and Security Update newsletter.

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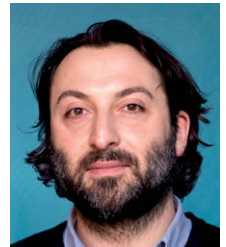
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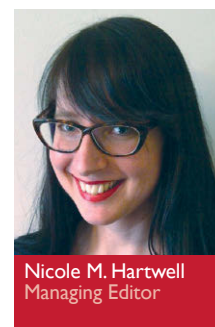
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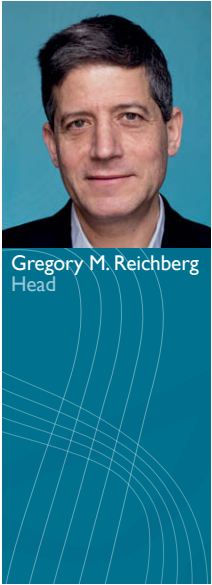
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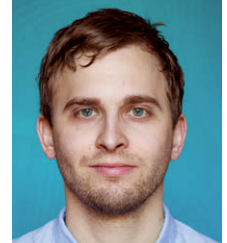


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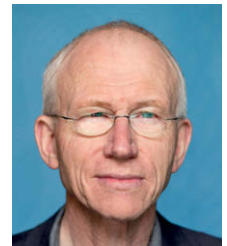


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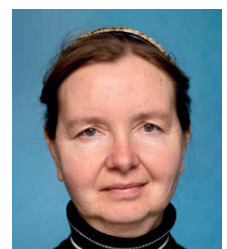


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Report from the Board 2015

The purpose of the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) is to engage in research concerning the conditions for peaceful relations between nations, groups and individuals.

Since its foundation in 1959, PRIO has played a central international role in developing peace research as an important academic discipline. PRIO is led by Kristian Berg Harpviken, who is engaged in his second 4-year term as Director of the Institute until 30 June 2017.

The members of PRIO's Board of Directors in 2015 were as follows: Bernard Enjolras, Ragnhild Nordås, Tora Skodvin, Ragnhild Sohlberg, Georg Sørensen and Henrik Urdal, with Bernt Aardal as Chair of the Board. Six board meetings were held in 2015.

PRIO is based in offices in Oslo. In addition, the Institute has a branch office in Nicosia, Cyprus, home to the *PRIO Cyprus Centre*.

The research at PRIO is organised into research groups, projects and departments, of which the research groups serve as a driving force in innovation and project development. The research groups are structured thematically, reflecting the Institute's research agenda. At end of 2015, PRIO has 15 research groups:

- Business and Peace
- Civilians in Conflict
- Conflict Patterns
- Gender
- Governance
- Humanitarianism
- Law and Ethics
- Media
- Migration
- Non-state Conflict Actors
- Peacebuilding
- Regions and Powers
- Religion
- Security
- Urbanization and Environment

The value generated by the research projects constitutes the basis for the Institute's operations, and both the research staff and the projects are anchored in the three research departments:

- Conditions of Violence and Peace
- Dimensions of Security
- Social Dynamics

PRIO owns the two world-class journals *Journal of Peace Research (JPR)* and *Security Dialogue (SD)*, both published by SAGE. Furthermore, PRIO staff play key roles in the editorial teams of the journals *International Area Studies Review* and *Journal of Military Ethics*.

2015 has been a good year for PRIO, with a high level of activity. The following research output is emphasised:

- 5 scientific monographs/books (4 in 2014)
- 67 peer reviewed articles in international journals (68 in 2014)
- 36 articles in anthologies/collections of articles (28 in 2014)
- 3 doctoral degrees completed (7 in 2014)

Total operating revenue for the Institute was NOK 123.1 million, up 6.3% from 2014. The financial statements for 2015 show a total profit after tax of NOK 10.4 million, including 1.1 million in back payment of income tax from 2008 as well as 3.4 million in reversed pension liabilities (see below). By comparison, the financial statements for 2014 show a profit after tax of NOK 12.8 million.

PRIO has for several years been in dialogue with the tax authorities about its tax return for 2008 and whether PRIO is partly or fully liable for corporate taxation. The authorities have now concluded that PRIO as a non-profit organization is exempted from tax on its income or assets. Only the portion of PRIO's income that stems from for-profit activities is considered subject to income tax. In 2008, this portion constituted 38% of total income. 1.1 million NOK of excess corporate tax for 2008 has been paid back to PRIO in 2015 and accounted for as income.

In 2015 PRIO entered into an agreement with the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund about change of its pension premium model, into a model without fictitious funds. This pension plan is accounted for in accordance with Norwegian Accounting Standard 6, where the yearly premium paid is equal to the pension cost. A pension liability of 3.4 million NOK accounted for in earlier years has been reversed in the 2015 accounts.

PRIO has a long-term strategic aim of building up its equity, and the result for 2015 contributes positively towards this aim. The profit will be transferred to equity, which will subsequently total NOK 71.3 million, equivalent to 57% of total capital. The cash flow analysis shows a net increase in the cash and cash equivalents held by the Institute at 31 December 2015 of NOK 5.8 million when compared with year-end 2014. PRIO's liquidity situation is considered good. At 31 December 2015, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 2.4. The Board is of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of PRIO's assets, liabilities, result and financial situation as of 31 December 2015.

In 2015, the core grant represented 14% of the Institute's operating revenues. A further 40% of revenue came from the Research Council of Norway through ordinary project grants. The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is one of the most important contributors to PRIO's activities. Project grants from the MFA provided 20% of PRIO's operating revenues in 2015. Additional revenue was obtained from various other sources, such as the European Commission and the Norwegian Ministry of Defence. It is a strategic goal to diversify the funding base in order to reduce vulnerability. Focused efforts are also directed towards increasing the share of international funding, which in 2015 constituted 17%.

For 2016, PRIO has budgeted a turnover of NOK 115.9 million, including a core grant of NOK 17.7 million. At the start of the year, 88% of the budgeted revenue was considered secure. The Institute has budgeted for a positive result from operations in 2016, and the Board is of the opinion that the conditions for continued operation are present.

PRIO enjoys a good internal working environment. Routines for health, safety and the environment have been established. PRIO employees participate in decision-making at the Institute through membership of, or representation on, the Institute Council and the PRIO Board. Reported sick leave in 2014 and 2015 was 2.2%. No accidents involving physical injury were reported in 2015. The Institute's activities cause very little pollution of the external environment.

On average, 94 people were employed at PRIO during 2015, comprising 72 full-time equivalents. The corresponding figures for 2014 are 72 full-time equivalents and 93 employees on average. A total of 110 persons were engaged by PRIO during 2015, 18 doctoral candidates and three Master's degree students benefited from scholarships and/or workspace at PRIO.

PRIO promotes gender equality for its employees. In 2015, work carried out by research staff and other personnel at the Institute amounted to 53.9 full-time equivalents. Among junior researchers and doctoral candidates, the ratio of women was 74%, while women accounted for 58% of the senior researchers holding doctoral degrees and 22% of the Research Professors. The female proportion of the 17.8 full-time equivalents performed by administrative and other staff was 59%. PRIO makes active efforts to prevent discrimination on the basis of functional disability, ethnicity, national origin, skin colour, or religious or philosophical orientation. Activities performed in this regard include recruitment, remuneration and

working conditions, promotional schemes, career development programmes and protection against harassment.

The Board is of the clear opinion that PRIO's activities are well managed, and in compliance with the Institute's Statutes, approved strategies, and annual plans of action. PRIO is internationally very well-recognised within the research field of peace and conflict. In the short term, the demand and funding prospects for PRIO's research are expected to remain robust. In the longer term, challenges may arise from Norwegian research policy. Possible scenarios include a research policy that aims at cultivating the institute sector as an arena for applied research, at the same time as universities and colleges are also increasingly expected to obtain supplementary funding from external sources. Expansive consultant companies and new public think-tanks may narrow down the space for the institute sector in general, and for strong academic research milieus like PRIO in particular. At the same time, PRIO demonstrates that solid academic competence is the best base for research relevance.

We consider the research milieu at PRIO to be unique in a Norwegian as well as international setting. We are continually developing new and stronger alliances with other research environments, and we are therefore of the opinion that in the long term, PRIO will prove itself as a research institute with unique qualities and a strong international profile, and well positioned for further growth.

Oslo, 7 April 2016

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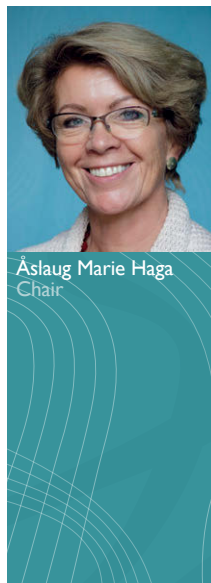
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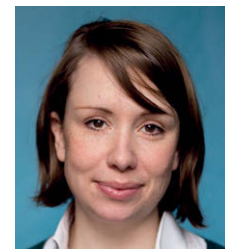
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All figures in NOK thousands

Income Statement			
	2015	2014	
Operating Revenues			
Core grants	16.681	16.111	
Project grants	96.721	90.072	Note 4
Sales revenues	7.232	6.941	
Other revenues	2.438	2.658	
Total operating revenues	123.072	115.782	Note 3
Operating Expenses			
Salaries and social costs	54.007	47.596	Notes 8, 11
Professional fees	25.779	21.386	
Other personnel costs	1.932	2.214	
Office costs	16.929	12.511	Notes 6, 10
Running costs for field office	3.875	3.988	
Travel, representation and seminars	11.335	11.358	
Depreciations	477	620	Note 5
Total operating expenses	114.334	99.673	
Operating surplus (deficit)	8.738	16.109	
Financial Income/Expenses			
Financial income	1.973	1.850	
Financial expenses	237	221	
Net financial items	1.736	1.629	
Net Surplus			
Net surplus before corporate tax	10.474	17.738	
Corporate tax	77	4.942	Note 12
Net surplus for the financial year	10.397	12.796	
Disposal of Net Surplus			
Transferred to other equity capital	10.397	12.796	Note 13
Cash Flow Statement			
	2015	2014	
Cash Flow From Operating Activities			
Annual surplus	10.474	17.738	
Taxes paid for the period	(2.017)	(1.899)	
Depreciations	477	620	
Change project advances from funders	(4.053)	(7.976)	
Change debtors	(2.338)	761	
Change other receivables	(1.430)	1.766	
Change accounts payable and other liabilities	7.450	2.941	
Effect of pension fund	(3.368)	(6.565)	
Change in other periodized items	860	533	
Net cash flow from operating activities	6.055	7.919	
Cash Flow from Investment Activities			
Payments for purchase of fixed assets	(292)	(831)	
Net cash flow from investment activities	(292)	(831)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	5.763	7.089	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	95.529	88.440	
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	101.292	95.529	

Balance Sheet

	2015	2014	
Assets			
Fixed assets			
Deferred tax assets	684	1.196	Note 12
Machines and furniture	622	808	Notes 5, 6
Total fixed assets	1.306	2.004	
Current assets			
Debtors	19.626	17.288	Note 4
Other receivables	3.632	2.202	
Bank and cash in hand	101.292	95.529	Note 2
Total current assets	124.550	115.019	
Total assets	125.856	117.023	
Net Assets and Liabilities			
Net assets			
Basic capital	6.197	6.197	
Other equity capital	65.107	54.710	Note 13
Total net assets 31 December	71.304	60.907	
Allocation for liabilities			
Pension liabilities	-	3.368	Note 7
Long term liabilities, employees	2.326	1.401	Note 11
Total allocation for liabilities	2.326	4.769	
Current liabilities			
Withholding tax, social security, VAT	4.218	4.283	
Project advances from funders	24.540	28.594	Note 4
Accounts payable	3.677	2.699	
Current income tax payable	698	3.151	Note 12
Other liabilities	19.093	12.620	
Total current liabilities	52.226	51.347	
Total net assets and liabilities	125.856	117.023	

Oslo, 7 April 2016

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Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2015

Note 1: Accounting Principles

The annual accounts are produced in accordance with the Accounting Act of 1998 and sound accounting practice.

Valuation and Classification of Assets and Liabilities

Long-lived assets aimed at permanent utilization or ownership are classified as fixed assets. Other assets are classified as current assets.

Items falling due within one year are classified as current assets and liabilities. The classification of current and non-current liabilities is based on the same criteria.

Fixed assets are stated at historical cost net of accumulated depreciation or at estimated fair value if less than book value and the decline in book value is not perceived as temporary.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to amortize each asset over

its expected economic lifetime. Current assets are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Assets and liabilities in foreign currency are valued at year-end exchange rates.

Income

Revenue is recognized when it is earned.

Costs

Costs are accounted for in line with the matching principle.

Pensions	Participants in a multi-employer defined-benefit pension plan are obliged to account for its portion of the benefit-based pension	obligation, as well as assets and costs associated with the plan. However, when insufficient information is available in order to account for a multi-employer plan as a defined-benefit plan,	the plan may be accounted for as if it were a defined-contribution plan.
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Note 2: Separate Bank Account for Withholding Taxes The balance in the separate bank account for withholding taxes at 31 December 2015 was NOK 1,980,985. The corresponding figure at 31 December 2014 was NOK 2,145,847.

Note 3: Operating Revenues

	2015	2014
Core grant	16 681 000	16 111 000
Project grants	96 721 189	90 072 524
Sales revenues	7 231 644	6 940 991
Other revenues	2 438 112	2 657 775
Total operating revenues	123 071 945	115 782 290

PRIO receives an annual result-based core grant through the Research Council of Norway. The core grant is used to support long term knowledge and competence building, in line with the *Guidelines for Governmental Funding of Research Institutes*.

Research at PRIO is organised in projects, and project grants consist of revenues from funding sources in Norway and abroad, including project grants from the Norwegian Research Council, ministries, and the European Commission. Sales revenues consist of royalty income generated through the publishing of *Journal of Peace Research* and *Security Dialogue* by SAGE.

Other revenues consist of income generated through PRIO's engagement in education, including the Research School on Peace and Conflict in collaboration with the University of Oslo and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, as well as the Peace Research course at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo.

Note 4: Project Accounts

The method of accounting used for projects is the percentage-of-completion method (Norwegian Accounting Standard 2, Construction Contracts). Project revenues are accounted for according to progress and reflect earned income. Project expenses are accounted for according to the accrual principle of accounting. The project balance and any outstanding income are regarded as sufficient to cover future expenses needed for the completion of the project. Earned non-invoiced revenues are included in the sum for debtors in the balance. On account payments and project advances from funders are presented as current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Projects at 31 December	2015	2014
Earned non-invoiced revenues on ongoing projects	7 869 692	9 221 371
Pre-invoiced production	24 540 326	28 593 828

Note 5: Machines and Furniture

	2015	2014
Cost price 1 January	11 602 312	10 771 309
New investments	291 694	831 003
Decline/sales during the year	0	0
Accumulated previous depreciations	10 794 639	10 174 403
This year's depreciation	477 011	620 236
Net book value at 31 December	622 355	807 672

Depreciation of machines and furniture is calculated using the linear method over three years.

Note 6: Leasing

On 1 August 2005, PRIO entered into an agreement with the Norwegian Red Cross for rent of office space in Hausmanns gate 3. The agreement was in 2014 extended until 31 July 2020 and the annual rent is NOK 2.9 million. After expiry, PRIO has the right to extend the agreement for another five years, at market-regulated rent. Each of the parties can claim an annual regulation of the rent equal to 100% of the change in Statistics Norway's consumer price indices.

Note 7: Pension Expenses, Pension Assets and Pension Liabilities

PRIO's employees are members of the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. The pension plan is regulated by the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund Act. The pension plan comprises retirement pensions, disability pensions and contingent life pensions (contingent life pensions include joint life pensions and children's pensions). The plan also comprises contractual pensions from 62 years. The pension plan is coordinated with pensions from the National Insurance Scheme. Membership is mandatory for all employees who qualify according to current regulations. At 31 December 2015, 76 employees were included in the fund, and the number of pensioners was 3.

As of 1 January 2016, PRIO has been transferred to a new pension premium model in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. The new premium model is a multi-employer plan where PRIO as employer is not assigned its own fictitious fund. For this reason, insufficient information is available in order to account for the pension plan as a defined-benefit plan, and it's therefore accounted for as a defined-contribution plan in line with Norwegian Accounting Standard 6 on pensions. In 2015, PRIO has accounted for a pension premium cost in the amount of NOK 4,457,262. The effect of the change of premium model on the accounts can be seen in the tables below.

	2015	2014
Present value of earned pensions this year	5 164 651	4 517 165
Interest expense on pension liabilities	1 638 001	2 340 724
Return on pension assets	(1 451 982)	(1 801 678)
Effect of estimate deviation	2 258 973	1 110 825
Regulatory plan changes	0	(7 326 330)
Accrued payroll tax	774 825	(300 619)
Administration cost	144 543	138 070
Ordinarily accounted for pension expense	8 529 011	(1 321 843)
Effect of change of premium model	(5 913 005)	
Net effect on profit/loss 2015	2 616 006	

	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
	Assets < liabilities	Assets < liabilities
Accrued pension liabilities		71 428 872
Pension plan assets (at market value)		42 418 369
Estimate deviations not recognized		(26 058 384)
Net pension liability, before payroll tax		(2 952 119)
Accrued payroll tax		(416 249)
Net pension liability, after payroll tax		(3 368 368)

Economic Assumptions

	2015	2014
Discount interest	2.70%	2.30%
Expected salaries regulation	2.50%	2.75%
Expected pension regulation	1.75%	1.75%
Expected G regulation	2.50%	2.50%
Expected return on funds	3.30%	3.20%

The regular presuppositions of the insurance industry are used as actuarial assumptions for demographic factors and retirement.

Note 8: Specification of Salaries and Social Costs

Total salaries and social costs consist of the following items:

	2015	2014
Salaries	46 005 054	43 643 724
Payroll tax	6 922 616	6 702 873
Pension costs	1 079 462	(2 751 212)
Total	54 007 132	47 595 385

Note 9: Number of Employees During the Financial Year

The average number of employees at PRIO during 2015 was 94, performing a total of 72 person-years (the corresponding figures for 2014 were 93 and 72). Additionally, the institute had 3 graduate students with scholarships and/or office space at PRIO during the year (the corresponding figure for 2014 was 5).

Note 10: Auditors' Fee

Fees to Deloitte AS and cooperating firms have been divided as follows:

	2015	2014
Statutory audit fee	287 100	210 000
Other audit services	271 800	112 500
Tax advice fees	23 250	23 400
Total excl. VAT	582 150	345 900

Note 11: Remuneration of the Leadership

For each year employed in the Institute Director position, the Institute Director accrues 1.5 months of salary, payable upon completion of the Institute Director term.

	Salary	Pension	Other
Director	1 051 734	111 273	5 657
Board	219 000		

Note 12: Tax

PRIO has for several years been in dialogue with the tax authorities about whether PRIO's operations are partly or fully liable for corporate taxation. A conclusion has now been reached for the 2008 income year, in that PRIO is only liable for corporate tax for the portion of its income that stems from for-profit activities. This principle has also been applied in the calculation of corporate tax for 2015. Deferred tax benefit as of 31 December 2015 pertains to the taxable portion of PRIO's operations. Consequent to the authorities' decision, PRIO has received back payment of excess corporate tax paid for the 2008 income year. This reduces the cost in 2015 to an effective income tax rate of 10.1%.

Specification of income tax expense:	2015	2014
Current income tax payable	698 262	3 151 276
Changes in deferred tax	(454 531)	1 791 268
Effect of change in portion of operations subject to taxation	912 714	0
Effect of change in taxation rules	54 686	0
Excess tax paid in earlier years	(1 133 995)	0
Tax on profit/(loss)	77 136	4 942 544

Specification of current income tax payable:	2015	2014
This year's payable income tax expense	698 262	3 151 276
Current income tax payable in balance sheet	698 262	3 151 276

Reconciliation from nominal to real income tax rate:	2015	2014
Profit/(loss) before taxation	763 147	17 738 366
Estimated income tax according to nominal rate (27%)	206 050	4 789 359

Tax effect of the following items:	2015	2014
Other non-deductable expenses	37 682	155 005
Other non-taxable income		(1 820)
Excess tax allocated in earlier years	(1 133 995)	0
Effect of change in portion of operations subject to taxation	912 714	0
Effect of change in taxation rules and -rates	54 686	0
Income tax expense	77 136	4 942 544
Effective income tax rate	10.1%	27.9%

Specification of the tax effect of temporary differences and losses carried forward:

	2015	2014
Fixed assets	(57 551)	(286 979)
Cost allocations	(626 019)	0
Pension liabilities	0	(909 460)
Total	(683 570)	(1 196 439)
Off-balance sheet deferred tax benefits	0	0
Net deferred benefit/liability in balance sheet	(683 570)	(1 196 439)

The deferred tax benefit is included in the balance sheet on the basis of future income.

Note 13: Net Assets

	2015	2014
Basic capital	6 197 000	6 197 000
Other equity capital, 1 January	54 710 180	41 914 358
Net surplus	10 396 865	12 795 822
Other equity capital, 31 December	65 107 046	54 710 180
Total net assets, 31 December	71 304 046	60 907 180

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To the Board of Peace Research Institute Oslo
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the foundation Peace Research Institute Oslo, showing a profit of NOK 10.396.865. The financial statement comprises of the balance sheet as at December 31, 2015, and the income statement and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors and the Managing Director determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the foundation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the foundation's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the law and regulations and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the foundation Peace Research Institute Oslo as at December 31, 2015 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Opinion on the Board of Directors' report

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, it is our opinion that the information presented in the Board of Directors report concerning the financial statements and the going concern assumption, is consistent with the financial statements and complies with the law and regulations.

Opinion on Registration and documentation

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, «Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information», it is our opinion that the foundation's management has fulfilled its duty to produce a proper and clearly set out registration and documentation of the foundation's accounting information in accordance with the law and bookkeeping standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Opinion on affairs

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, «Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information», it is our opinion that the foundation's management of affairs have been undertaken in accordance with law, the object of the foundation and other respects of the articles of the foundation.

Oslo, April 7, 2016
Deloitte AS

Torgeir Dahle
State Authorised Public Accountant (Norway)

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§ 1: Aim and Purpose

The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), herein also referred to as “the Institute”, is an independent international research institute. Its purpose is to engage in research concerning the conditions for peaceful relations between nations, groups and individuals.

In addition to this main purpose, the Institute shall:

- stimulate research cooperation nationally and internationally
- undertake training and teaching
- hold conferences and seminars
- disseminate information based on its own research as well as that of other institutions.

- The Institute is free to choose its research projects.
- The results of its research shall be available to the public.

The name of the Institute is, in Norwegian, “Institutt for fredsforskning” and, in English, “Peace Research Institute Oslo”, with “PRIO” as the official abbreviation in both languages.

§ 2: The Foundation

The Peace Research Institute Oslo, is an autonomous non-profit foundation, independent of ideological, political or national interests.

The “basis capital” (grunnkapital) of the Institute (as of 31 December 1996) stands at NOK 6.197 million.

§ 3: Governing Bodies

The Institute has the following governing bodies:

- the Board
- the Institute Director
- the Institute Council.

§ 4: The Board

The Board shall consist of seven members with personal deputies. Board members are appointed for a three-year period, in such a way that 4 and 3 members, respectively, are to be appointed at a time.

Members are appointed by the following bodies:

- One member by the Institute for Social Research
- Two members by the Norwegian Research Council (NFR)
- One member by the University of Oslo
- One member from the other Nordic countries, appointed by the Nordic International Studies Association
- Two members by the Institute Council (IC). These two members shall be chosen from among the PRIO staff. The Institute Director, the Deputy Director and the Administrative Director are not eligible.

The Institute Director, Deputy Director and the Administrative Director take part in the meetings of the Board, without voting rights.

Consideration shall be given to achieving reasonable representation of both sexes.

The Board elects its own Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

If any Board member finds it necessary to leave the Board during his/her period of appointment, a new appointment should be made for the duration of the period.

A quorum of the Board shall be constituted by the presence of at least five members; or by the presence of four, including the Chairperson. The Chair has a double vote in the case of a tie.

The Board shall be convened when demanded by the Chair or by two of its members.

The Board shall keep minutes of its meetings. Minutes are to be available to the members of the Institute staff.

§ 5 Board: Functions

The Board shall discuss and approve the work plan of the Institute, approve the budget and accounts, and evaluate the activities of the Institute in relation to the Institute’s aim and purpose and its work plan.

The Board shall appoint the Institute Director (cf § 6), the Administrative Director, researchers employed in permanent positions and other researchers when these are engaged for a period of over one year. Notice of termination for these same personnel categories is likewise to be approved by the Board.

§ 6: Appointment of Institute Director and Deputy Director

The Institute Council and the Board jointly prepare the appointment of a new Institute Director. The Institute Council is to deliver an annotated recommendation to the Board. Before delivering its recommendation, the Council is to obtain statements from outside experts.

The Institute Director shall be appointed by the Board to serve for a period of four years, with the possibility of an extension of up to four years. If the Institute Council, within two weeks of the Board’s first decision on the hiring of a new Director, by at least a 3/4 majority, notifies the Board in writing of its reasoned disagreement with the decision, the Board must consider the hiring anew.

The Board shall appoint the Deputy Director for two years at a time, following nomination by the Director and the recommendation of the IC. The Deputy Director may be re-appointed.

§ 7: Institute Director: Functions

The Institute Director is in charge of leading the activity of the Institute.

The Institute Director has overarching responsibility for the planning, running, co-ordinating and financing of the scholarly activities of the Institute, within the framework set by the work plan and the budget adopted by the Board. The Institute Director is to see to it that the staff are provided with possibilities to develop their competence.

The Institute Director has main responsibility for information about the Institute externally. He/She shall also determine what is to be published in the name of the Institute.

The Deputy Director shall execute the daily functions of the Institute Director when the latter is prevented from performing them.

§ 8: The Institute Council

The Institute Council (IC) is composed of all employees in permanent positions, as well as all employees in non-permanent positions employed for 50 % or more of standard working hours

for more than 6 months. All these have voting rights in the IC. The conscientious objectors and the students elect one representative each with voting rights – with personal deputies. These are to be chosen at separate, annual elections. Further rules concerning these elections shall be determined by the IC.

A quorum of the Institute Council shall be constituted by the presence of at least 3/5 of its members with voting rights. Unless otherwise determined, matters are to be decided by simple majority vote. The Chair has a casting vote in the case of a tie.

The Institute Council shall be convened when requested by the Institute Director or three of its members.

The Institute Director takes part in the meetings of the IC, without the right to vote.

At the beginning of each meeting the IC is to decide who shall chair that session.

The Administrative Director normally acts as secretary to the IC. The IC shall keep minutes of its meetings.

§ 9: Institute Council: Functions

The Institute Council is a consultative body for the Board and the Director. All matters which, according to § 5 above, are to be dealt with by the Board (including work plan, budget and accounts, appointment of the Administrative Director, researchers in permanent positions and other researchers when they are engaged for a period of over one year) are to be presented first to the IC for its recommendation. Unless special circumstances are an impediment, the Institute Director and the staff representatives to the Board shall also present to the IC all other matters which they intend to put before the Board.

Personnel matters are not to be dealt with by the Institute Council. The Institute Council itself determines whether a matter falls within its mandate.

The Institute Council elects two members of the PRIO staff to the Board. The IC can require these to take up specific matters before the Board.

§ 10: Freedom of speech

All staff members have full freedom of expression, internally and externally.

§ 11: Statutes

These Statutes are available in both Norwegian and English. In the case of any discrepancies, the Norwegian text shall apply.

Amendment of the Statutes requires both a 2/3 majority of the Institute Council, and a 5/7 majority of the Board.

§ 12: Dissolution

Dissolution of the Institute requires a 2/3 majority of the Institute Council, and a 5/7 majority of the Board.

Should this take place, any funds shall go to the Institute for Social Research or be used for a research purpose designated by the latter Institute.



- Non-profit **research institute** founded in 1959
- **Independent foundation** with headquarters in Oslo
- **International staff** of about 100 people with different academic backgrounds and expertise
- Financed on a **project basis** with funding from national research councils, government ministries, international organizations, foundations, corporations and individuals
- Nurtures **international partnerships**, on project basis as well as with our programme for PRIO Global Fellows, the Peace Research Endowment (New York), and the PRIO Cyprus Centre (branch office in Nicosia)
- Publishes findings in major **international journals** and with the leading publishing houses
- Engages actively in **teaching and training**, including the hosting of the Research School on Peace and Conflict for PhD scholars in collaboration with Norwegian partners
- **Communicates and engages** on various arenas, such as with international academic networks, multilateral organizations, governmental agencies and civil society actors
- Collects and maintains **statistical data on peace and conflict**, and serves as a data hub for researchers worldwide
- Owns and houses two internationally renowned academic journals: **Journal of Peace Research** and **Security Dialogue**