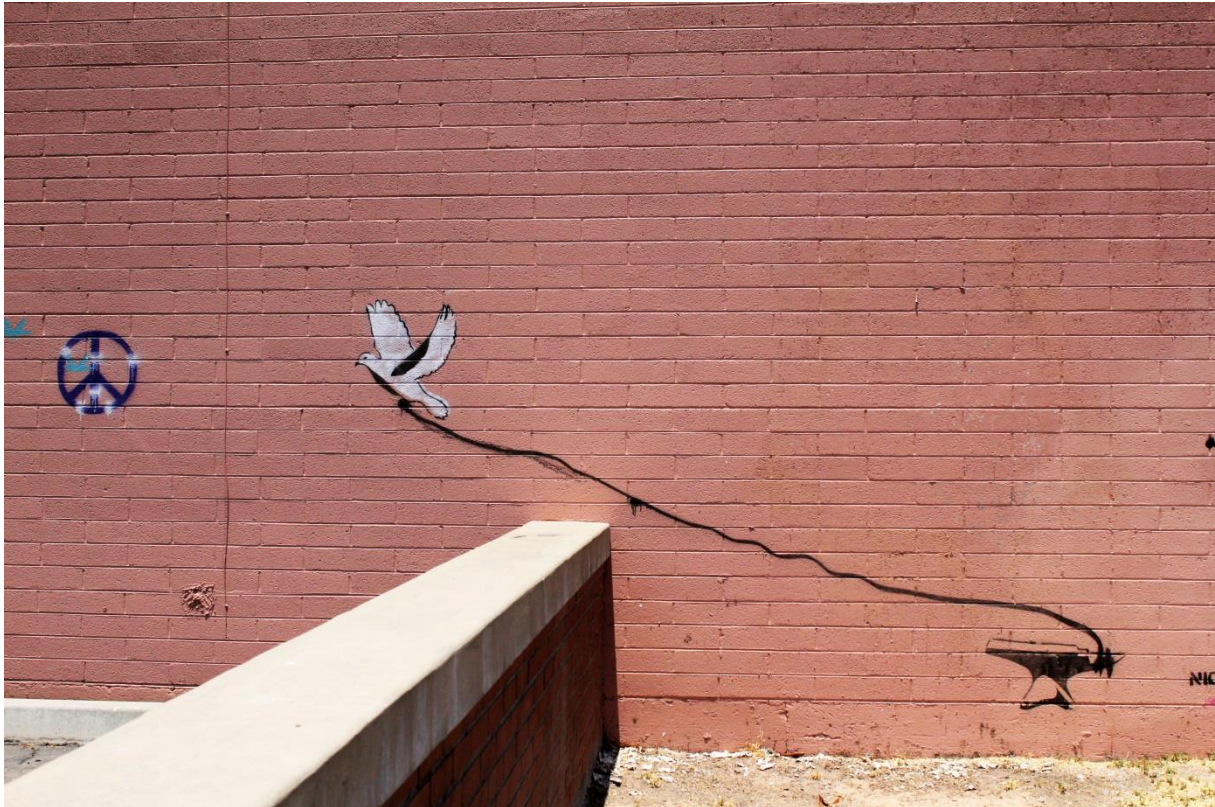


# Impossible Peace?

## Finding Solutions to the Most Challenging Intra-State Conflicts

*Workshop, Friday 11 March 2016, P/T/111 (Physics Building)*



### **Workshop outline:**

All intra-state conflicts are difficult to solve, but some appear more immune to peaceful solutions than others. This includes conflicts that involve many factions and/or external actors, that are characterised by extreme levels of violence, that have lasted for decades and where fears, grievances and mistrust have become deeply entrenched, or where the rebel forces have gained de facto independence. Much existing conflict resolution literature is based on analyses of lower intensity conflicts, but the strategies and institutional designs that worked here may not be applicable in these extreme cases of intra-state conflicts.

This workshop brings together conflict experts, area specialists, and practitioners to discuss what can be done in case of conflicts that seem beyond resolution. Must we just wait for the right moment to arise or can third parties help create this? Is there a space, and a need, for non-traditional conflict resolution? What types of solutions are realistic: Is the answer partition, some form of interim agreement, or can a solution be found that maintains the existing state? The speakers will draw on

and discuss a range of different cases; both ongoing conflicts and conflicts where some form of solution was found, including Liberia, East Timor, Sudan, Fiji, Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh, Israel-Palestine, and Syria.

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**When:** Friday 11 March 2016, 10:00-16:30

**Where:** University of York, P/T/111 (Physics Building)

**Admission:** Free and open to all

**Registration:** <http://impossiblepeace.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Contact:** For any questions, please, contact [Nina Caspersen](#).

**Workshop programme:**

<b>10:00-10.15</b>	<b>Coffee/Registration</b>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Nina Caspersen</b> (University of York)
<b>10:30-12:15</b>	<b>Panel 1: Creating Conditions for Peace</b> Chair: <b>Lars Waldorf</b> (University of York) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alan Kuperman</b> (University of Texas): Liberia: How Diplomacy &amp; Intervention Ended a 13-Year Civil War</li><li>• <b>Kristin Bakke</b> (University College London): Challenges with fragmented insurgencies</li><li>• <b>Jacob Eriksson</b> (University of York): Mediation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: a happy medium between facilitation and coercion</li><li>• <b>Andy Carl</b> (Founder of Conciliation Resources): Over this mountain - another mountain? Reflections on 21yrs running Conciliation Resources</li></ul>
<b>12.15-13.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.00-14.30</b>	<b>Panel 2: From Process to Outcome</b>

	<p>Chair: <b>Claire Smith</b> (University of York)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sally Holt</b> (University of East London): Do inclusive processes foster peace?</li> <li>• <b>Gëzim Visoka</b> (Dublin City University): Neo-Functional Peace: The Interplay between the Technical and Political in the EU-facilitated Dialogue between Kosovo-Serbia</li> <li>• <b>Ciaran O'Toole</b> (Conciliation Resources): Constitutional Development in Fiji: Lessons from the 2012 Process</li> </ul>
<b>14.30-14.45</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>14:45-16.15</b>	<p><b>Panel 3. Possible Solutions</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Jacob Eriksson</b> (University of York)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stefan Wolff &amp; Argyro Kartsonaki</b> (University of Birmingham): Fit for purpose? The Utility of Territorial Self-governance Mechanisms for Conflict Mitigation</li> <li>• <b>Nina Caspersen</b> (University of York): The Trouble with Interim Peace Agreements: An analysis of six cases</li> <li>• <b>Claire Smith</b> (University of York): The light and dark of democratic transitions: A tale of comparative civil war endings in Indonesia</li> </ul>
<b>16:15-16:30</b>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Nina Caspersen</b>, University of York</p>