

PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSFER

The Friedensgutachten and the Global Trends series are collaborative products with other institutions.



Project series allow us to publish findings of third-party funded research projects. We share the latest information about our work via our website, our newsletter, and social media.

We publish the results of our basic research in national and international academic journals and edited volumes. In addition, some of our publications make an important contribution to transferring our research into the political and public spheres. Our INEF transfer profile summarizes the goals and structure of our communication and outreach activities.

Together with three other peace research institutes (BICC/IFSH/PRIF), INEF publishes the annual Friedensgutachten (Peace Report). In it, scholars from various disciplines examine international conflicts from a peace-oriented perspective and provide clear policy recommendations. Through its presentation at the Federal Press Conference in Berlin, discussions in ministries, the Chancellor's Office, Bundestag committees, and parliamentary caucuses, as well as numerous media appearances, the Friedensgutachten receives widespread attention in political and public spheres.

We also provide further knowledge transfer through institutionalized partnerships. INEF collaborates particularly closely with the Development and Peace Foundation (sef). Together, we publish the series Global Trends: Perspectives on Development and Peace, in which current events and challenges are assessed and contextualized against the backdrop of longer-term trends. Moreover, options for addressing pressing global problems are outlined.

INEF researchers contribute their expertise to the dialogue between practitioners and academia through workshops and consultations. As part of externally funded projects, INEF also makes research findings accessible through a series of project publications, which remain permanently available on our website even after the projects have been concluded. Currently, the project on "African Non-Military Conflict Intervention Practices" (ANCIP), funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space (BMFTR), is publishing its own project publications. Through blog posts – both on the INEF website and within project consortia – INEF researchers address current developments of social and political relevance and situate them within broader discussions. We provide further insights into our work via LinkedIn and Bluesky.



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ENABLING POLITICAL SPACES IN A MULTIPLEX WORLD



MISSION AND TASK

We work on issues at the interface of development and peace. Across our research areas, we examine how development, peace, and security are interconnected, where their paths overlap, and what mechanisms shape their relationships. Deliberately reversing the oft-cited “shrinking spaces”, we are looking at “enabling spaces” in which negotiation processes and shaping joint political actions can unfold at various levels. We are also interested in the diverse set of actors operating within those spaces. In doing so, we also aim to identify potential factors influencing social transformation, particularly with regard to the transfer and contested nature of norms. At the same time, we focus on how and by whom identified problems can be addressed and managed – both transnationally and globally (global governance) as well as nationally and locally – thereby emphasizing the role of private and civil society actors.

As part of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen and in cooperation with a number of German and international partners, we are able to combine basic with applied research. In doing so, we contribute to both academic debates and political discussions. We provide in-depth background knowledge as well as specific policy recommendations for institutions and decision-makers. A diverse set of third-party funded research projects allows us to generate basic knowledge on politically relevant issues and to collect data as part of our field research. This enables us to contextualize current trends and provide scientifically sound policy advice.



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OUR RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Ensuring peace and development faces new challenges in view of the erosion of the international liberal order. The INEF research agenda is based on the assumption that focusing on stabilizing a multipolar balance of power is neither analytically nor politically sufficient for peacemaking and global development.

With our current research programme, we want to emphasize that – despite the media’s focus on the actions of state leaders – global dynamics continue to be shaped by a multitude of politically, ideologically and culturally diverse actors, institutions and practices, and should be empirically studied in all their diversity.

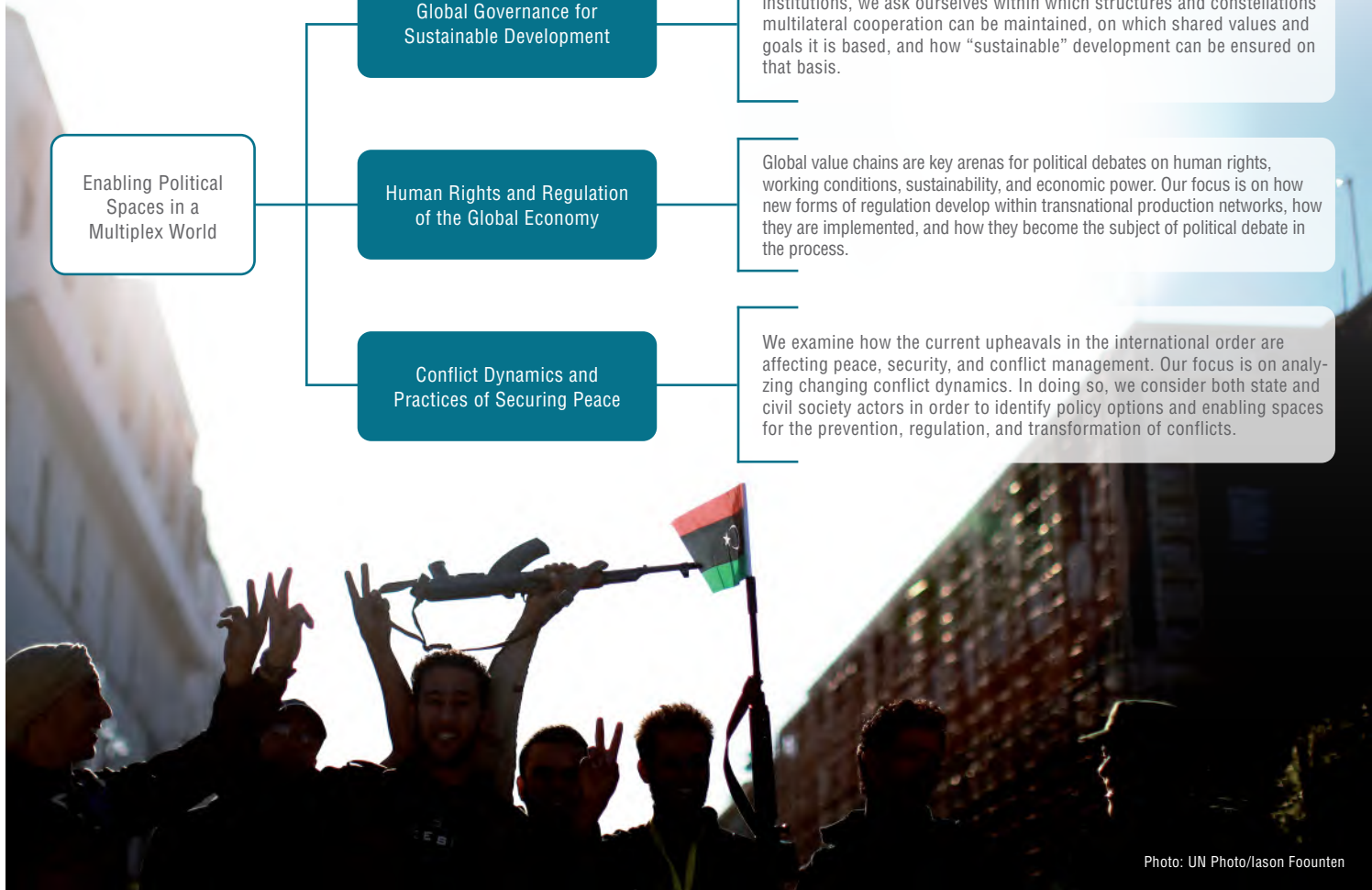


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