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Session IX – 10:00 am CET

Human Security, Conflict and Cooperation

Workshop Organizers

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Description

Local, regional and international conflicts, driven by climate change, loss of biodiversity and other environmental challenges, pose a serious threat to human well-being, stability and peace. We explore the impact of climate change and other environmental threats on human security to identify ways to manage and resolve these conflicts. Environmental and climate change have a direct impact on human security. They are the cause of mass migration and human rights disputes, and place huge pressures on infrastructures and public services. These, in turn, lead to the further degradation of the human environment, exacerbating existing problems and leading to conflicts, or civil war and military interventions. Our research explores, from a variety of perspectives, how humans have dealt with these challenges in the past, highlighting the role of human nature, animals and conservation. This research agenda is linked to Stirling's Centre for Conflict and Co-Operation Research as well as the Human Security research group there.

The aim of the workshop would be to develop one or two research ideas that are 'ready to go' when the funding opportunity arises. So, after presentations of what we do at Stirling, we would like to hear from colleagues in the virtual room about their work and which ideas we might pursue further, and how.

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Programme

(The times of the programme items are indicated in CET.)

10:00 am Welcome

10:10 am Introduction to our Research Projects at Stirling

Infrastructures and the Environment

Holger Nehring

Conflicts over Biodiversity

Andrea Schapper

Nils Bunnefeld

Funding Options, Initial Ideas for Collaboration

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Holger Nehring

Andrea Schapper

11:00 am Coffee Break

11:10 am Discussion about Collaborations

11:55 am Closing

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