PROGRAMME

RETHINKING CRISES

VULNERABILITY, COMMUNITY AND STATE IN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

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NFU Annual Conference 2010. Many societies and communities in the South are faced with multiple crises in the form of armed conflicts and violence, HIV/AIDS, climate change and financial crises. This creates situations of fragility and vulnerability with weak and fragile state and community institutions. NFU Conference 2010 will put the focus on how states and communities address crises and respond to them.

Programme

Thursday, November 25

08:00-09:00 - Registration and coffee/tea

09:00-11:30 Opening: Opening remarks by Karl Olav Sandnes, Dean of Research, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Ingunn Moser, Rector, Diakonhjemmet University College, Knut G. Nustad, President, Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU), Berit Aasen, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

Plenary 1: Conflicts and Political Settlements - Professor James Putzel
Comments by Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona and Marit Haug
Chair: Berit Aasen

11:30-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-14:00 - Workshop session 1
(please see separate workshop programme)

14:00-14:15 - Break

14:15-15:30
Plenary 2: Religion, Conflict and Development – Professor Jeffrey Haynes
Comments by Stein Villumstad. Chair: Gunnar Heiene

15:30-16:00 - Break

16:00-17:30 - Workshop session 2
(please see separate workshop programme)

18:00-19:00 - Annual Meeting NFU

19:15 - Joint walk from MF / taxi from Thon Hotel Gyldenloye to Diakonhjemmet

19:30 - Dinner at Diakonhjemmet University College

Friday, November 26

09:00-10:15
Plenary 3: Climate Change and the Urban Poor in the Global South – Senior Fellow David Satterthwaite
Comments by Karen O’Brien. Chair: Hans Morten Haugen

10:15-10:30 - Break

10:30-11:45
Plenary 4 Policy Discussion: Silent Crises, Politics, Mobilization and Development Research
Panel: Sarah Cook, Hegg Hertzberg, Atle Sommerfeldt, Malcolm Langford (moderator)

11:45-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-14:00 - Workshop session 3
(please see separate workshop programme)

14:00-14:15 - Break

14:15-15:45 - Workshop session 4
(please see separate workshop programme)

15:45-16:00 - Closing Session:
Chair: Berit Aasen. Final reflections by James Putzel.
Closing remarks by Knut G. Nustad
Keynote Speakers and Respondents

Plenary 1: Conflicts and Political Settlements

James Putzel: Professor of Development Studies and Director of the Crisis States Research Centre in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He heads the Centre’s research programme on Crisis States. His research and publications range from work on the politics of financial crisis, to work on nationalism, political Islam, comparative politics of development in Southeast and East Asia, democratic transition, developmental states, the role of foreign aid in development and Politics of the HIV/AIDS crisis. His current research is focusing on politics and governance in crisis states including work in Africa and Asia on Understanding ‘Fragile States’ and the political economy of state-building and development.

Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona: United Nations Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty appointed by the Human Rights Council in May 2008. She is also a Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy in Geneva. Magdalena holds a Ph.D in International Human Rights Law from Utrecht University and has worked as a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations affiliated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. She also served as a consultant to the Department of International Protection of UNHCR and more recently to the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia. She is Associate Research Fellow at the Norwegian Center for Human Rights.

Marit Haug: Research Director at the Department for International Studies at the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research; emphasizing decentralization as a mechanism for resolving conflict and on social and political inclusion in post-conflict countries.

Plenary 2: Religion, Conflict and Development

Jeffrey Haynes: Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations, and Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation, London Metropolitan University. Among his more recent books are: ‘Religion and Politics in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa’ (editor, Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science, 2010), ‘The Handbook of Religion and Politics’ (editor, Routledge, 2008) and ‘Religion and Development: Conflict or Co-operation?’ (Palgrave, 2007). He is also convenor of the European Consortium for Political Research’s Religion and Politics Standing Group and Vice-chair of the International Political Science Association’s Research Centre on ‘Religion and Politics’.

Stein Villumstad: Deputy Secretary General of Religions for Peace; formerly working with Norwegian Church Aid in different positions, including Assistant General Secretary at Norwegian Church Aid, in charge of Department for Policy and Human Rights, and Regional Representative in Eastern Africa. He has written ‘Social Reconstruction of Africa: Perspectives from Without and Within’ (2005).

Plenary 3: Climate Change and the Urban poor in the Global South

David Satterthwaite: Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and Editor of the international journal ‘Environment and Urbanization’. A development planner by training with a Doctorate in social policy, he also teaches at the Devel-
opment Planning Unit, University College London. His recent books include: 'The Earthscan Reader on Sustainable Cities' (editor), Earthscan, 1999; 'Environmental Problems in an Urbanizing World' (with Jorge E. Hardoy and Diana Mitlin), Earthscan, 2001; and 'Adapting Cities to Climate Change' (co-editor with Jane Bicknell and David Dodman), Earthscan, 2009. He contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the Third and Fourth Assessments (1998 to 2007) on urban adaptation and is contributing to the Fifth Assessment that is currently underway. In 2004, he was awarded the Volvo Environment Prize and made an Honorary Professor at the University of Hull.

Karen O’Brien: Professor in the Department of Sociology and Human Geography at the University of Oslo, Norway. She has been working on climate change research for over twenty years, with an emphasis on how interacting processes of global change affect human security. She leads the Norklima-funded PLAN project on The Potentials of and Limits to Adaptation in Norway, which focuses on adaptation as a social process. She is a coordinating lead author on the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risk of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation.

Plenary 4, Policy Discussion: Silent Crises, Politics, Mobilization and Development Research

Sarah Cook: Director of the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). A development economist and China specialist, her research has focused principally on the social and distributional impacts of economic reform in China. Cook holds a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University.

Hege Hertzberg: Political Director for Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Responsible for developing new development policies. She has been in the field of development for nearly 30 years, various positions in civil society, Norad and the Ministry. Spent almost ten years in southern Africa.

Atle Sommerfeldt: Secretary General of Norwegian Church Aid, formerly Secretary General of Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations.

Malcolm Langford: Research Fellow at Norwegian Centre for Human Rights at the University of Oslo (UiO) and Director of the Centre's Socio-Economic Rights Programme. He chairs the 'MDG and Human Rights' Group under UiO's LEVE (Livelihood in developing countries) Network and is an advisor to various UN agencies on human rights and development issues.
**Workshops**

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**Session 1, November 25**
12:30-14:00

Room 405 - WS 2 (Kjøstvedt):
*The Role of Islamic Charitable Work*

**Chair**
PhD Candidate *Hilde Granås Kjøstvedt*, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

**Panellists**
*Elin Selboe*, Researcher, University of Oslo - [The politics and socio-economic functions of religious associations in Dakar](#)

*Stig-Jarle Hansen*, Associate Professor, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) - [The Muslim brotherhood’s humanitarianism in practice](#)

*Hilde Granås Kjøstvedt*, PhD Candidate, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) - [Women in Islamic Civil Society Organisations – the Palestinian Case](#)

Room 409 - WS 7 (Haugen):
*The Right to Food and the Right to Water*

**Chair**
Associate Professor Dr. *Hans Morten Haugen*, Diakonhjemmet University College

**Panellists**
*Stein Holden*, Professor and *Rodney Lunduka*, PhD Candidate, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) - [Impacts of the fertilizer subsidy program in Malawi: Targeting, household perceptions and preferences](#)

*Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi*, Assistant Professor, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Nigeria - [Land Mines, Cluster Bombs, Environmental Problems and Food Insecurity in Africa](#)

*Hans Morten Haugen*, Associate Professor Dr., Diakonhjemmet University College - [Human rights principles: Clarification and application to food and water](#)
Room 412 - WS 1 (Heiene):
Vulnerable Communities

Chair
Professor Gunnar Heiene, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Panellists
Vibeke Andersson, Associate Professor, Aalborg University Copenhagen - Indigenous people and forced migration – history and consequences
Arne Wiig, Senior Research Fellow, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) - Do natural resources reduce social trust?

Room 417 - WS 5 (Bøås):
Crisis Management and Peace Operations

Chair
Head of research Morten Bøås, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)

Panellists
Ingunn Bjørkhaug, Researcher, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo) - DDRed in Liberia: remobilisation as reintegration
Milfrid Tonheim, Research Fellow, Centre for Intercultural Communication (SIK) - ‘Who will comfort me?’ Stigmatization of former girl soldiers in the DRC
Kathleen M. Jennings, Researcher, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo) - Gendering SSR in post-conflict environments

Discussant
Ole-Jakob Sending, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Session 2, November 25
16:00-17:30

Room 405 - WS 4 (Kebede):
Measuring Social Vulnerability to Environmental Hazards

Chair
Researcher Tewodros A. Kebede, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)

Panellists
Tewodros A. Kebede, Researcher and Svein Erik Stave Researcher, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo) - Concepts and policy implications of vulnerability measurements: The case of Ethiopian vulnerability profiling project
Vikram Kolmannskog, Independent Consultant and Scholar, Norwegian Refugee Council - Climate change, displacement and protection
Sofie W. Skjeflo, PhD Candidate, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) - Measuring vulnerability to climate change: Why markets matter

Room 409 - WS 9 (Aasen):
Governing an Epidemic: HIV/AIDS and Scales of Governance

Chair
PhD Candidate Siri Byrkreim Hellevik, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

Panellists
Peris Jones, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) - ‘Mind the Gap’: Access to ARV medication, rights and the politics of scale in South Africa
Ruth Prince, Mellon Fellow / Visiting Scholar, University of Cambridge /University of Oslo - Food and medicines: exploring the politics and antipolitics of HIV/AIDS interventions in western Kenya
Room 412 - WS 6 (Fretheim):
Development, Religion and Ethics

Chair
Associate Professor Dr. Kjetil Fretheim, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Panellists
Genaro Zalpa, Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes, Mexico and Hans Egil Offerdal, Senior Executive Officer, University of Bergen - Between tension and harmony: religious subcultures in Latin America, ethics and development
Affiliation: The CLASCO-CROP Programme on Poverty Studies

Kjetil Fretheim, Associate Professor Dr., MF Norwegian School of Theology - Development, ethics and theology: interdisciplinary connections and challenges

Room 417 - WS 5 (Bøås):
Crisis Management and Peace Operations

Chair
Researcher Ingunn Bjørkhaug, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)

Panellists
Ole-Jakob Sending, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) - Archimedes v Africa: authority and the anatomy of peacebuilding
Morten Bøås, Head of research, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo) - The users of force: militia membership and social transformation

Einar Braathen, Senior Researcher and David Jordhus-Lier, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) - Churches and peace-building

Room 405 - WS 8 (Vedeld):
Rethinking the Climate Crisis: From Social Vulnerability to Social Transformation

Chair
Senior Researcher Trond Vedeld, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

Panellists
Asuncion Lera St. Clair, Professor, University of Bergen and Victoria Lawson, Professor, University of Washington, Seattle - Re-framing vulnerability: the political economy of environmental change, ethics and the poor
Ilan Kelman, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO) - Learning from the history of vulnerability and resilience discourse and practice for a better development future
Christian Webersik, Associate Professor, University of Agder - Climate Change, Mobility, and Human Security: A Gathering Storm of Global Challenges?

Room 409 - WS 9 (Aasen):
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Senior Researcher Peris Jones, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

in Eastern DRC and Northern Uganda: a multi-scalar, comparative reflection

Discussant
Kathleen M. Jennings, Researcher, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)
Panellists
Corinna Sorenson, Research Officer, London School of Economics and Political Science - Infectious disease surveillance in the US and the UK: from public goods to the challenges of new technologies

Moritz Hunsmann, PhD Candidate, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris and Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg - Policy Hurdles to Addressing Structural Drivers of HIV. A Case Study of Tanzania

Siri Bjerkreim Hellevik, PhD Candidate, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) - Governance reforms and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa

Room 412 - WS 6 (Fretheim):
Development, Religion and Ethics

Chair
Associate Professor Dr. Kjetil Fretheim, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Panellists
Gunnar Heiene, Professor, MF Norwegian School of Theology - Development and religion from a post-secular perspective

Arne Olav Øyhus, Professor, University of Agder - Religion, development and aid, with a focus on the Norwegian “discourse”

Room 417 - WS 5 (Bøås):
Crisis Management and Peace Operations

Chair
Researcher Kathleen M. Jennings, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)

Panellists
Paul Thangata, Research Fellow, Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere
Director, Int. Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO), Ethiopia and Orton Msukwa, Commanding Officer, Malawi Armed Forces College, Malawi - A framework for agricultural development in post-conflict situations: the role of UN civil-military coordination in humanitarian assistance

Mohamed Lamine Manga, PhD, University of Dakar, Senegal
The Casamance conflict: strategies implemented by the Senegalese state to quell the rebellion

Håvard Benum Lindanger, Anthropologist, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) - Rethinking vulnerability & resilience: The local in disaster-induced compressed globalization

Discussant
Morten Bøås, Head of research, Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo)
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Panellists
Trond Vedeld, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) - Urban vulnerability in Africa and new directions for climate risk governance
Karen O'Brien, Professor, University of Oslo - Towards a New Science on Climate Change

Room 412 - WS 1 (Heiene):
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Chair
Professor Gunnar Heiene, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Panellists
Borghild Tønnesen-Krokan, Advisor, Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM) - How controlling the arms trade can help vulnerable communities build peace and sustainable development
Melissa J. Lesamana, Assistant Professor, Gimlekollen School of Journalism and Communication - From Subsistence to Monetary Economy – lack of holistic analysis in development strategies
M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, Professor / Ex. Director, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh - Environmental Literacy and NGOs: Experience from the Micro-credit Based Social Forestry Program of Proshika in Bangladesh

Room 417 - WS 3 (Tveit)
Confronting the Healthcare Worker Crisis

Chair
Associate Professor Dr. Bodil Tveit, Diakonhjemmet University College

Panellists
Franklyn Link, Professor, University of Warwick, UK - From ‘Brain Drain’ to ‘Brain Gain’ – The ‘Diaspora Option’: Realizing the Potential of African Professional Networks in Developed Countries to meet Health Sector Needs in Sub-Saharan Africa
Bodil Tveit, Associate Professor Dr., Diakonhjemmet University College - Brain drain-strategies and the question of motivation for nursing - the case of Malawi
The dinner Thursday evening is hosted by Diakonhjemmet University College. A joint walk will be organized, leaving MF at 19:15.

For those leaving from Thon Hotel Gyldenløve, you are welcome to join the maxi taxi departing 19:15 from outside the hotel.

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