

Non-state actors – such as civil society organizations, businesses and violent actors – play an increasingly important role in conflicts. They are involved in violent conflicts on the international, national and local levels and participate in discussions (disputes) about security-related topics such as freedom of expression and cyber security. Non-state actors can cause conflicts or struggle for recognition and acceptance, or they can get involved in global governance initiatives to address conflicts.

The 2015 PRIF Annual Conference taking place on 8 and 9 October will discuss the benefits and risks resulting from the involvement of non-state actors in violent and non-violent conflicts. Questions to be addressed include the following: Is the inclusion of non-state actors beneficial or detrimental to achieve peace and justice? Does the involvement of non-state actors contribute to finding and implementing effective solutions for security concerns? How does their involvement affect democracy and the legitimacy of political processes?

The 2015 PRIF Annual Conference aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from civil society and the private and public sectors to discuss these questions.

Public Forum Venue (8 October)

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Domplatz 3
60311 Frankfurt a.M.
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Conference Venue (9 October)

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Annual Conference 2015

Agents of Peace and Justice? Non-state Actors and World Order

8 and 9 October 2015



Programme

Thursday, 8 October 2015 (Haus am Dom)

19:00–20:30

Public Forum (in German):

Freiheit des Worts vs. Schutz der Religion: Von der Kontroverse zur Annäherung

Prof Dr Susanne Schröter (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Dr Volker Jung (President of the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau EKHN)

Dr Lale Akgün (former Member of Bundestag, SPD)

Tim Wolff (chief editor of “Titanic” magazine)

Moderation: **Dr Claudia Baumgart-Ochse** (PRIF)

Friday, 9 October 2015 (PRIF)

09:00–09:30

Introduction

Prof Dr Klaus Dieter Wolf (PRIF)

09:30–11:00

Panel I: Non-state Actors and the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law – Potential and Risk of their Inclusion

Introduction: **Konstanze Jüngling** (PRIF)

*NSAGs and the Implementation of IHL: Approaches and Strategies
Drawn from the Philippine Experience*

Prof Dr Miriam Coronel Ferrer (University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City)

*The Role of NGOs in Implementing International Humanitarian Law:
Opportunities and Limitations*

Andrea Prasow (Human Rights Watch, Washington D. C.)

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30–13:00

Panel II: Just and Inclusive Resource Governance – An (Im)pos- sible Task?

Introduction: **Andreas Jacobs** (PRIF)

*Cocoa in the Côte d’Ivoire: From a Conflict Resource to a Fundament
for a Better Livelihood?*

Friedel Hütz-Adams (Südwind-Institut, Bonn)

*Campaigning for a More Transparent and Accountable Extractive
Sector: Experiences from the Publish What You Pay Coalition and
the EITI*

Dr Asmara Klein (Publish What You Pay International, London)

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30

Panel III: Non-state Actors and the Securitization of the Internet

Introduction: **Dr Thorsten Thiel** (PRIF/University of Trier)

The Limits of State Power in Cyberspace

Myriam Dunn Cavelty (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology,
Zurich)

The Role of Non-state Actors in Cyberspace

Frank Rieger (Chaos Computer Club, Hamburg)

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00–17:00

Closing remarks

Introduction: **Prof Dr Klaus Dieter Wolf** (PRIF)

Prof Dr Nicole Deitelhoff (PRIF)

Prof Dr Jens Steffek (Technische Universität Darmstadt)