Reconstructing the Architecture of International Peacebuilding

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Overall Conference Theme

We are facing fundamental demographic changes in the world. There will be a critical rise of non-Christian population (including Muslims and Hindus) not only as victims of violence but also inhabitants of the Globe. At the same time, non-Western actors such as China, India, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia are emerging in the field of peacebuilding.

The existing discussion on hybrid peacebuilding has reminded us the importance of constructing mutually beneficial partnerships between local and external actors. The challenge facing us is how to manage such interactions and to utilise both internal and external transnational resources to enhance the power of locality to advance peace in post-conflict environments in the wake of changing global demography and emerging non-Western peacebuilding actors.

Under such circumstances, how global institutions such as the United Nations should incorporate non-western values, customs, norms and standards into their principles and practice of peacebuilding is questioned. How would the anticipated changes in the global demography affect the power-relations within hybridity? How could we integrate the interests of the Global North, newly emerging powers, and the Global South in the emerging global order? How should the International Peacebuilding Architecture be restructured to meet with these critical changes.

Thursday, September 12

Workshop 1: *Operationalizing Hybrid Peacebuilding in Asia*

Open event
9:00-11:00 (Venue: 26-1102)
Chair: Yuji Uesugi
9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introduction (Yuji Uesugi)
9:10-9:30 Self-Introduction of Participants
9:30-9:50 Student Presentation "Operationalizing Hybrid Peacebuilding in Asia"

- Anna Deekeling: "Developing a Prescriptive Mid-Space Actor Typology"
- Sophie Umeyama: "Effects of Identity in Cambodian Buddhist Monks' Bridge-Building"

9:50-10:00 Feedback (Oliver Richmond for Anna Deekeling)
10:00-10:10 Feedback (Joanne Wallis for Sophie Umeyama)
10:10-10:40 Free Discussion

Coffee Break 10:40-11:00

Symposium: *Restructuring the Architecture of International Peacebuilding in the Wake of Global Demographic Changes*

Open event
11:00-13:00 (Venue: 26-1102)
MC: Shukuko Koyama
11:00-11:05 Opening Remark (Yuji Uesugi)
11:05-11:30 Keynote Lecture: Oliver Richmond "A New Architecture of International Peacebuilding"
11:30-11:45 Q&A
11:45-12:35 Roundtable Discussion on the Main Theme
Chair (Shukuko Koyama)
Panelists: Yuji Uesugi; Joanne Wallis; Dahlia Simangan; Oliver Richmond
(Initial remarks by Yuji, Joanne and Dahlia for 10 min each)
Discussants: Hidekazu Sakai (for Yuji Uesugi); Hiroko Inoue (for Joanne Wallis); Kyoko Cross (for Dahlia Simangan)

- *Paper 1: Yuji Uesugi & Oliver Richmond: Beyond Hybridity in the Architecture of International Peacebuilding*
  This paper revisits two contributions by Oliver Richmond on hybrid peacebuilding—Beyond Local Ownership in the Architecture of International Peacebuilding, *Ethnopolitics*, 11:4 (2012), 354-375; Emerging Actors in International Peacebuilding and Statebuilding: Status Quo or Critical States?, *Global Governance* 20 (2914), 563-584; and Rescuing Peacebuilding? Anthropology and Peace Formation, *Global Society*, 32:2 (2018), 221-239—with a view of reconstructing the architecture of international peacebuilding to address existing defects and to meet with foreseen changes in the international relations. In the wake of global demographic changes, it seeks to assess the impact of decaying dominance of the conventional 'international' actors and growing influence of emerging powers, and to examine the subaltern change of power-relations within hybridity. An anthropological and ethnographic sensitivity gained through a hybrid lens allows us to rescue peacebuilding from neoliberal epistemological frameworks. At the same time, such micro understandings of interactions between local and international actors only help us to appreciate the complexities of the exchanges between local and international actors. However, local peacebuilding dynamics occur within national, regional and global systems, and emerging demographic changes would affect at all levels in the architecture of international peacebuilding. It is imperative, therefore, to understand ways in which these different systems and subsystems resonate with each other, if we are to restructure the global institutions for peace.

- *Paper 2: Joanne Wallis: The Social (Re)construction of the International Peacebuilding Architecture: a Micro, Meso and Macro-level Analysis*
  Peace is socially constructed product of human agency. Ideas and practices relating to peace are constituted and instantiated within intersubjective social contexts. Yet the international peacebuilding architecture, particularly under the auspices of the United Nations, is yet to fully recognise this. It remains largely guided by Western values, norms and practices, particularly the concept of the 'liberal peace'. This has seen both the discourse and practice of peacebuilding at the international level dominated by ontological individualism. However, in non-Western conflict-affected societies a reflexive and contextual approach is often needed which provides space for recognising a more relational ontology. This paper considers how the international peacebuilding architecture could be socially (re)constructed to better incorporate non-Western values, norms and practices into its principles and practices. Inspired by the recent 'micro-turn' in international relations theory and its rediscovery of the lives and people, it focuses on three levels of analysis: macro, meso and micro. While macro and meso-level studies of the international peacebuilding architecture have overlooked the significance of individuals, they are the elements through which macro and meso-level forces are filtered. While institutions reflect, restrain and enable individuals' behaviour, it is the behaviour of individuals that reproduces or transforms them.

- *Paper 3: Dahlia Simangan: Reflexive Peacebuilding: Lessons from the Anthropocene Discourse*
  This paper introduces and develops the concept of 'reflexive peacebuilding'. Academics and practitioners continue to debate on how to build and sustain peace in post-conflict societies. Peacebuilding has been conceptualized using different theoretical frameworks and operationalized across various levels of governance. This paper re-conceptualizes peacebuilding in the context of the growing discourse on the Anthropocene. Responding to ecological threats and addressing the elements of violent conflict share similar complex issues of implementation. Drawing on the work of John S. Dryzek and Jonathan Pickering (2019) on reflexivity in the Anthropocene, this paper highlights the 'pathological path dependency' of the international peacebuilding agenda and the need for reflexive

> peacebuilding institutions across agency, time, and space of peace formation. It specifically examines the peacebuilding architecture of the United Nations to identify the path dependency and potential for reflexivity of its institutions and practices. The Anthropocene discourse has lessons that could be useful in updating existing peacebuilding frameworks and informing ongoing peacebuilding operations. The discussion in this paper aims to contribute to recommendations for restructuring the international peacebuilding architecture and re-affirming its relevance to the evolving peace requirements of post-conflict societies.

12:35-12:50 Free Discussion
12:50-13:00 Concluding Remark (Mitsuru Yamada)

Workshop 2: *Restructuring the Architecture of International Peacebuilding in the Wake of Global Demographic Changes*

Open event
14:30-17:00 (Venue: 26-1102)
14:30-14:35 Housekeeping (Yuji Uesugi)
14:35-15:30 Free Discussion on 3 papers (follow up of roundtable discussion)
Chair: Shukuko Koyama

- Discussion on Paper 1 (Yuji Uesugi & Oliver Richmond): Beyond Hybridity in the Architecture of International Peacebuilding
- Discussion on Paper 2 (Joanne Wallis): The Social (Re)construction of the International Peacebuilding Architecture: a Micro, Meso and Macro-level Analysis
- Discussion on Paper 3 (Dahlia Simangan): Reflexive Peacebuilding: Lessons from the Anthropocene Discourse

Coffee Break 15:30-15:45

15:45-16:00 Student Presentation "The Rise of China's Developmental Peace and Its Impact on the Existing Architecture of International Peacebuilding" (Kwok Chung Wong)

> - *Paper 4: Kwok Chung Wong: The Rise of China's Developmental Peace and Its Impact on the Existing Architecture of International Peacebuilding*
>   The rise of large Asian powers such as China has brought new challenges to the notion and practice of peacebuilding. China has shown a style of 'developmental peace' with strong resemblance to illiberal peacebuilding in Asia, and doing the same in Africa. China is expanding this model across the globe that prioritizes economic development before good governance, and limiting interactions to the government level, at times neglecting locals. This is a departure from both traditional liberal peacebuilding and hybrid peacebuilding as well. China's strong materialistic power rapidly brings development could foster peace in societies that the West retreats from. Yet, this style may fundamentally change the principles and practices of peacebuilding that should foster lasting peace by creating a liberal society through including both the elites and ordinary people. We are looking at a transition period where China is rapidly pushing out a new style of peacebuilding and the world has yet to respond. How can traditional actors such as the US and Japan, or the United Nations help China take advantage of its materialistic capabilities while improving its practice to more effectively include locals? The rise of China's peacebuilding is a phenomenon that the world cannot leave unattended.

Chair: Cairen Zhuoma
16:00-16:10 Feedback (Shino Watanabe)
16:10-16:20 Feedback (Miwa Hirono)
16:20-16:45 Free Discussion

16:45-17:00 Concluding Remark "Suggestions for a Next Step" (Oliver Richmond)
17:30-20:00 Reception (Venue: Morino Kaze: 26-15F)

Workshop 3: *Hybridity in Peacebuilding and Development: Timor-Leste Focus*

Open Event
9:00-12:00 (Venue: 26-1102)
Chair: Yuji Uesugi
9:00-9:10 Housekeeping (Yuji Uesugi)
9:10-9:30 Special Guest Lecture "Hybrid Peacebuilding in Timor-Leste: Space for Liberal Peacebuilding?" (Joanne Wallis)
9:30-9:45 Q&A
9:45-11:00 Panel Discussion "Hybrid Peacebuilding in Timor-Leste"
(Each presenter has 15 min; each discussant has 10 min)
Chair: Yuki Nakamura

- Discussion Paper 1 (Yukako Sakabe): "Patterns of developing the State-Society Relationship in Timor-Lest: from accountability perspective"
  - ➤ Discussant: Joanne Wallis
- Discussion Paper 2 (Hiroko Inoue): "Modernity, Tradition, and Post-Coloniality: Dilemmas of International State-building in Timor-Leste"
  - ➤ Discussant: Nadine Ansorg
- Discussion Paper 3 (Minji Yoo): "Rethinking hybridity a spectrum of liberal individualism and communitarian dividualism in a case of Timor-Leste'"
  - ➤ Discussant: Keiichi Tanabe

Coffee Break 11:00-11:20

11:20-12:00 Free Discussion (Chair: Yuki Nakamura)

Workshop 4: *Hybridity in Security Sector Reform*

Open Event
14:00-17:00 (Venue: 11-1102)
Chair: Hidekazu Sakai
14:00-14:20 Special Guest Lecture "Hybridity in Post-Conflict Security Sector Reform" (Nadine Ansorg)
14:20-14:35 Q&A
14:35-15:50 Panel Discussion "Hybridity in Security Sector Reform"
(Each presenter has 15 min; each discussant has 10 min)

- Discussion Paper 1 (Yuji Uesugi): "Hybrid Security Sector Reform"
  - ➤ Discussant: Joanne Wallis
- Discussion Paper 2 (Hiromi Fujishige): "Hybridity and Non-Weberian SSR"
  - ➤ Discussant: Minji Yoo
- Discussion Paper 3 (Kyoko Cross): "Hybridity in Community Policing"
  - ➤ Discussant: Dahlia Simangan

Coffee Break 15:50-16:10
16:10-16:50 Free Discussion
16:50-17:00 Concluding Remark and Thanks (Yuji Uesugi)