

A select digest of debates and scholarship on governance and peacebuilding



Exploring the implications of migration and displacement on peace and security

Forced migration is poised to be one of the defining issues of the 21st century, as it sits at the nexus of the most pressing issues the world faces today. Violent conflict, economic inequalities, and climate change are some of the most significant factors forcing people from the safety of their homes to seek refuge in other places. While people often migrate within their own countries, many are forced to make transnational journeys through dangerous environments. A journey marred by exploitation, disease, and violence is best addressed through prevention by investing in peace and stability at home. Conflict Dynamic's work in peacebuilding and governance is well-positioned to address many of these issues. This is why the theme of the September and October edition of the Peace Pulse is *Migration and displacement: implications for peace and security*.

In this edition of the Peace Pulse, you will find a variety of articles centered on different aspects of forced migration ranging from root causes, responses to receiving migrants, and best practices for integration into host communities. In Lili Cariou's piece for Impakter, she outlines how climate change will impact forced migration in East Africa, potentially leading to nearly 40 million displaced people in the region by 2050. Amalie Klitgaard writes about how better migration management can reduce xenophobia and contribute to the integration of migrants at the community level. Researchers at the University of Nigeria, Victor Chidubem Iwuoha & Casmir Chukwuka Mbaegbu, outline how multi and bilateral governance efforts could allow states to effectively address security concerns around migration while protecting the rights of migrants that move between them. The lessons learned from the selection of readings below demonstrate what CDI has experienced in the contexts that we work; that inclusive governance and localized efforts to understand the interests and needs of others can contribute to better policies that promote social cohesion and community resilience.

If you have suggestions for themes that you would like to see featured in future editions of the Peace Pulse, please send them to peacepulse@cdint.org Graduate students who would like to work on publications in the future are also encouraged to contact our team. See you next edition!

Migration and displacement

This section highlights articles that examine issues and topics around migration and forced displacement.

- [A Migration Crisis is Ballooning in Latin America, Daniela Mohor](#), CNN, 14 October 2021.
- [Border Governance and Its Complications in West Africa: What Can Be Learned from Constructivism?](#), Victor Chidubem Iwuoha & Casmir Chukwuka Mbaegbu, University of Nigeria, 3 September 2021.
- [Climate Migration in Africa: How to Turn the Tide](#), World Bank, 27 October 2021.
- [Europe's Deadly Border Policies](#), Judith Sunderland, EUObserver, 27 October 2021.
- [How better migration management is reducing xenophobia in the Canary Islands](#), Amalie Klitgaard, The New Humanitarian, 4 November 2021.
- [How does multi-level governance create capacity to address refugee needs, and with what limitations? An analysis of municipal responses to Syrian refugees in Istanbul](#), Rabia Karakaya Polat, Vivien Lowndes, Journal of Refugee Studies, 12 October 2021.
- [The Internal Climate Migration Crisis: Tens of Millions to be Displaced in East Africa by 2050](#), Lili Cariou, Impakter, 30 October 2021.
- [Making sense of the global: A systematic review of globalizing and localizing dynamics in refugee governance](#), Leiza Brumat, et al., Journal of Refugee Studies, 28 September 2021.
- [Transnational Migration and Environmental Security in Africa: Theory and Evidence from Nigeria](#), Deborah O. Obi et al., International Journal of Political Science, 2021.
- [When Internal Migration Fails: A Case Study of Central American Youth Who Relocate Internally Before Leaving Their Countries](#), Angel Alfonso Escamilla García, Journal on Migration and Human Security, 3 September 2021.

Peacebuilding

CDI's peace action work focuses on preventing conflict, peacemaking and building sustainable peace. Our main strategy for this is political accommodation - a method for enabling users to develop their own approaches to reconciling divergent interests equitably.

- [Addressing the Environment-Peace Nexus](#), Andrew Tirrell et al., Peace Review, 7 October 2021.
- [How 9/11 Changed Peacebuilding](#), Ashish Kumar Sen, United States Institute of Peace, 13 September 2021.
- [In Search Of Strategies for the Global Civilization: from "Education for War" to "Education for Peace](#), Serhii Terepyshchy, Philosophy and Cosmology, 1 October 2021.
- [Local Peace Processes](#), Nizar Ahmed, et al., The University of Edinburgh, 3 September 2021.
- [Post-Conflict Memory as Performative Justice](#), Stipe Odak, Peace Review, 6 October 2021.
- [Beyond Liberal Institution \(Re\)building: Conversations on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding in Sierra Leone](#), Eka Ikpe et al., Conflict, Security and Development, 27 September 2021.
- [What is the Point of Peace Research?](#), Roger Mac Ginty, Toda Peace Institute, 13 September 2021.

Governance

Governance arrangements and political dialogue processes provide structure to a political system and help guide whether or not it is inclusive and participatory. CDI's governance and process frameworks support groups from different backgrounds to identify drivers of conflict in the system and develop creative solutions for addressing them.

- [Can Democracy Survive the "Splinternet"?](#), Steven Feldstein, American Purpose, 1 September 2021.
- [Civil Society and the Global Pandemic: Building Back Different?](#), Richard Youngs,

- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 30 September 2021.
 - [COVID-19 highlights the need to strengthen health system governance at all levels](#), World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, 14 September 2021.
 - [Five Questions on the Taliban's Caretaker Government](#), Andrew Watkins, United States Institute of Peace, 9 September 2021.
 - [A Guidance Note on the Making and Shaping of Constitutions from a Gender Perspective](#), Nanako Tamaru, UN Women, 2021.
 - [One Size Fits All: The Origins of Mixed Governance in Namibia](#), Vladimir Chlouba, The Journal of the Middle East and Africa, 11 October 2021.
 - [Evolving State-Building Conversations and Political Settlement in Ethiopia](#), Medhane Tadesse, et al., Conflict Security and Development, 29 September 2021.
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Peacebuilding Contexts

Somalia and Somaliland

Since 2009, CDI has worked with local partners in Somalia to support dialogue among and between Somali leaders and communities to help reconcile different interests and build lasting peace.

- [Co-Financing Community-Driven Development Through Informal Taxation: Experimental Evidence from South-Central Somalia](#), Vanessa van den Boogaard and Fabrizio Santoro, Institute of Development Studies, September 2021.
- [Could Somalia Be the Next Afghanistan?](#), Omar S. Mahmood and Abdihakim Ainte, Foreign Policy, 22 September 2021.
- [Puntland's Political Association's Boycott Local Election Results](#), Garowe Online, 31 October 2021.
- [Puntland Shows Hunger for Democracy in Somalia](#), Michael Rubin, American Enterprise Institute, 29 October 2021.
- [Somalia's Ongoing Political Crisis Exposes Fundamental Problem for U.S. Policy](#), Michelle Gavin, Council on Foreign Relations, 15 September 2021.
- [Somalia's Politicians Play with Fire - Again](#), International Crisis Group, 14 September 2021.
- [The United Nations Role the Horn of Africa: The Case of Somalia](#), Dawn Nagar, Palgrave Macmillan, 29 September 2021.

South Sudan

CDI has supported South Sudan to construct a "House of Governance" that equitably serves all citizens and provides a framework for sustainable peace. We currently are exploring ways to support South Sudanese women's participation in governance and processes and the promotion of women's rights.

- [Hard Lessons from South Sudan](#), Mars Berdal and David Shearer, Survival: Global Politics and Strategy, 28 September 2021.
- [Land Governance and the Conflict in South Sudan](#), David K. Deng, London School of Economics, 27 October 2021.
- [Oil or Nothing: Dealing with South Sudan's Bleeding Finances](#), International Crisis Group, 6 October 2021.
- [Protection Through Peacebuilding in South Sudan](#), Timothy Donais & Ayiko Solomon, African Security Review, 26 August 2021.
- [South Sudan Faces a Bleak Development Outlook](#), Oxford Analytica, 24 September 2021.
- [South Sudan Faces a Rocky Road to Elections](#), Oxford Analytica, 4 October 2021.

Sudan

CDI works to prevent conflict and build sustainable peace in Sudan by supporting all stakeholders to develop inclusive frameworks, policies, and systems that will form the

foundation of a new era of governance in Sudan.

- [Beja Nazirs insist on cancellation of Eastern Sudan peace protocol](#), Dabanga, 6 October 2021.
- [Beja Nazirs reopen ports and roads in Eastern Sudan](#), Dabanga, 2 November 2021.
- [Dissecting Sudan's Coup](#), Manal Taha & Joseph Tucker, United States Institute of Peace, 27 October 2021.
- [Reversing Sudan's Dangerous Coup](#), International Crisis Group, 26 October 2021
- [Sudan Coup: Military Dissolves Civilian Government and Arrests Leaders](#), Annie Soy, BBC, 25 October 2021.
- [Khartoum barricaded by pro-democracy activists](#), BBC, 31 October 2021.
- [The United Nations Result Report for 2018, 2019, 2020](#), United Nations Sudan, 12 October 2021.

The United States

Although CDI's current work is primarily focused on East Africa, recent events have emphasized the pervasive effects of exclusion and inequality in the United States and the potential applicability of our work there.

- [Biden's Tricky UN Message to a Troubled World](#), Stewart M. Patrick, Council on Foreign Relations, 16 September 2021.
- [Freedom vs. Security: Analyzing the Connection between States' Prioritization of Security over Civil Liberties and Citizen Support for Democratic Norms](#), Carlyn Trumbull Madden, Hatfield School of Government, 27 September 2021.
- [Save the Environment, Save American Democracy](#), Robert O. Keohane and Jeff D. Colgan, Foreign Affairs, 20 September 2021.
- [Transforming the Colour of US Peacebuilding: Types of Dialogue to Protect and Advance Multi-Racial Democracy](#), Lisa Schirch, Toda Peace Institute, September 2021.
- ["With Politics, It's Easier to Talk to Them About It": Peer Racial Socialization and Sociopolitical Development Among Black College Students](#), Alexandra R. Golden, et al., Emerging Adulthood, 8 October 2021.

Books

This section includes some recent publications on the thematic and geographic regions that CDI focuses on. Be sure to check out Mari Fitzduff's [Our Brains at War: The Neuroscience of Conflict and Peacebuilding](#) which offers new ways of addressing conflict.

- [The Building and Breaking of Peace](#), Molly M. Melin, Oxford University Press, 14 October 2021.
- [The Grand Design: The Evolution of the International Peace Architecture](#), Oliver P. Richmond, Oxford University Press, 7 October 2021.
- [Peacebuilding in Africa: The Post-Conflict State and Its Multidimensional Crises](#), Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr., Rowman and Littlefield, August 2021.
- [Punctuated Peace in Nigeria's Oil Region](#), Obasesam Okoi, Palgrave Macmillan, September 2021.
- [Rethinking Institutions, Processes and Development in Africa](#), Ernest Tooche Aniche and Toyin Falola, Rowman and Littlefield, October 2021.
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Processes: Learning from the Solomon Islands](#), Karen Brounéus, Rowman and Littlefield, November 2021.
- [When Political Transitions Work: Reconciliation as Interdependence](#), Fanie du Toit, Oxford University Press, 30 September 2021.

The Peace Pulse seeks to inform readers about recent debates and scholarship related to peacebuilding and governance, and Conflict Dynamics' peacebuilding contexts: Somalia

and Somaliland, South Sudan, and Sudan. Conflict Dynamics' peacebuilding initiatives aim to prevent and resolve violent conflict and to foster political stability. In working toward this goal, Conflict Dynamics supports people and their representatives to develop, agree upon, and implement practical arrangements for political dialogue processes and governance that accommodate diverse political interests in a balanced way.

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