Zentrumstage 2026

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The Zentrumstage 2026 take place at the Deutscher Sprachatlas. The main events are held in its lecture hall (001 DSA). Parallel panel discussions take place in the neighbouring Seminar Building (201 SEM).

Day 1 | 22.10.2026

15:30	Welcome and Opening | 001 DSA
16:00	Vergangenheit & Gegenwart der Konfliktforschung in Marburg & Deutschland (Roundtable **A**) **DE** | 001 DSA
17:30	*Coffee Break*
18:00	Critical Voices & Collective Actions for the Future of Peace & Conflict Studies (Roundtable **B**) | 001 DSA
19:30	*Reception*

Day 2 | 23.10.2026

	001 DSA	201 SEM
9:30	Intern. Interventions for Peace & Security [**1**]	Unequal Access to Political Power [**2**]
11:00	*Coffee Break*	
11:30	Environmental Conflicts: Varieties or Extraction [**3**]	Doing Human Rights in Migrant Societies [**4**]
13:00	*Lunch Break*	
14:30	Intern. Law, Intern. Rel. & the Hope for Peace [**5**]	Engaging with Victims and Perpetrators [**6**]
16:00	*Coffee Break*	
16:30	Keith Krause: Peacemaking in the Shadow of War (Keynote Lecture) | 001 DSA	
17:30	*Reception*	

Day 3 | 24.10.2026

	001 DSA	201 SEM
9:30	Justice, Memory, & Accountability [**7**]	Navigating Conflict in Higher Education [**8**]
11:00	*Coffee Break*	
11:30	Gender and Feminist Approaches to Peace [**9**]	Postcolonial Hierarchies of Peace [**10**]
13:00	*Coffee Break*	
13:30	The Future of Building Peace: Re-imagining Utopias in an Age of Crisis (Roundtable **C**) | 001 DSA	
15:00	Closing	

Day 1 | 22.10.2026

Registration & Welcome Coffee | 14:00-15:30 | Lobby DSA

Begrüßung und Eröffnung | 15:30-16:00 | 001 DSA

► Prof. Dr. Sabine Pankuweit
(Philipps-Universität Marburg, Vizepräsidentin)
► Prof. Dr. Susanne Buckley-Zistel
(Philipps-Universität Marburg, ZFK,
Geschäftsführende Direktorin)

Roundtable A | 16:00-17:30 | 001 DSA
Vergangenheit und Gegenwart der
Konfliktforschung in Marburg und Deutschland

► Prof. Dr. Mathias Bös (Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institut für Soziologie;
ehem. Geschäftsführender Direktor ZFK)
► Dr. Thomas Held (Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung DSF, Geschäftsführer)
► Prof. Dr. Ulrich Wagner (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Sozialpsychologie;
ehem. Geschäftsführender Direktor ZFK)
► Prof. Dr. Ralf Zoll (Philipps Universität Marburg, ZFK; Gründer des ZFK)

Moderation von Prof. Dr. Thorsten Bonacker
(Philipps-Universität Marburg, ZFK)

Coffee break | 17:30-18:00 | Lobby DSA

Roundtable B | 18:00-19:30 | 001 DSA
Critical Voices and Collective Actions
for the Future of Peace & Conflict Studies

► Dr. Roy Karadağ (University of Bremen, Institute of Intercultural and International Studies InIIS; KriSol)
► Laura Kotzur (Free University of Berlin, INTERACT Center for Interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Research; Editorial team of UNEINS magazine)
► Dr. Philipp Lottholz (Marburg University, CCS; AFK AK Herrschaftskritische Friedensforschung)
► Andréa Noël (University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute of Political Science; AFK Frauen*FLINTA Representative)
► Dr. Patricia Rinck (University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute for Political Science; AFK AK Feminist Peace Research)
► Dr. Siddharth Tripathi (University of Erfurt, Postcolonial Hierarchies in Peace and Conflict; AFK Diversity Representative)

Moderated by Nilgün Yelpaze (Marburg University, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies CNMS; CCS)

Reception | 19:30-20:30 | Lobby DSA

Day 2 | 23.10.2026

Registration & Welcome Coffee | 08:30-09:30 | Lobby DSA

Panel 1 | 09:30-11:00 | 001 DSA
International Interventions for Peace and Security

► The Politics of Security and the Limits of International Intervention — Dr. Werner Distler (Marburg University, CCS)
► Effects of Humanitarian Interventions on Deadly Conflict Violence — Dr. Thorsten Gromes (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt PRIF)
► Peacebuilding in the Age of Transactionalism: From Local Ownership to Deal-Making — Dr. Julius Heise (German Federal Foreign Office, Stabilization Desk Officer/East Africa, Berlin)
► Colonial Difference under UN Supervision? Racialized Status Hierarchies and the Reconfiguration of Empire in the UN-Trusteeship System — Dr. Maria Ketzmerick-Caladrino (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient ZMO, Berlin)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Thorsten Bonacker (Marburg University, CCS)

Panel 2 | 09:30-11:00 | 201 SEM
Unequal Access to Political Power

► Crisis Framing and Electoral Demand for Business Politicians — Dr. Letícia Barbabela (Marburg University, CCS; Institute for Political Science)
► Tracing Distributive Consensus: Argumentative Overlap in German Bundestag Tax Reform Debates and Implications for Inequality Reduction — Dr. Aiden Gnoth (Marburg University, CCS; Institute for Political Science)
► Multilateralism Seen from the South: Agency of the Weak in Global Tax Governance — Dr. Katharina Kuhn (Technical University of Darmstadt, Institute of Political Science)
► Unequal Influence in Tax Policy-Making in the UK and Germany — Dr. İbrahim Kuran (Marburg University, CCS; Institute for Political Science)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Miquel Pellicer (Marburg University, CCS)

Coffee break | 11:00-11:30 | Lobby DSA

Panel 3 | 11:30-13:00 | 001 DSA
Environmental Conflicts: Varieties of Extraction?

► From Environmental Conflicts to Conflicting Ecologies: Extraction, Ontological Conflicts, and Disturbance — Prof. Dr. Ernst Halbmayer (Marburg University, Social and Cultural Anthropology)

► “Sacrificable” Bodies or Sacrifice Zones? Quilombolan Resistance to Extractive Violence on Ilha de Maré, Bahia/Brazil — Johanna Kocks (Marburg University, CCS)
► Beyond Hydrocarbons? Mining, Environmental Conflict, and Authoritarian Extractivism in Algeria — Prof. Dr. Rachid Ouaissa (Marburg University, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies CNMS)
► No Future for the People? The Role of the Far-Right in Interpreting the Energy Transition in a Car-Loving Germany — Heloísa Traiano (Marburg University, CCS)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Felix Anderl (Marburg University, CCS)

Panel 4 | 11:30-13:00 | 201 SEM
Doing Human Rights in Migrant Societies

► How Non-refoulement Became a Human Right: Origins and Contemporary Challenges to the Right to Asylum — Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bast (University of Giessen, Public Law and European Law; Research Group MeDiMi)
► Visualizing Violent Migration Control: Non-state Actors Making Human Rights Claims in the European Border Regime — Dr. Laura Holderied (University of Giessen, Public Law and European Law; Research Group MeDiMi)
► Whose Rights? Colonial and Androcentric Origins of the 1951 Refugee Convention — Prof. Dr. Ulrike Krause (University of Münster, Institute of Political Science)
► Belonging in Urban Spaces: Situational Infrastructures — Tasnim Jabali and Sebastian Weste (both: Marburg University, Institute for Sociology; CCS, Research Group MeDiMi)

Moderated by Maria Hartmann and Dr. Mina Ibrahim (both: Marburg University, CCS, Research Group MeDiMi)

Lunch break | 13:00-14:30



Prof. Dr. Keith Krause
Geneva Graduate Institute

Panel 5 | 14:30-16:00 | 001 DSA
International Law, International Relations, and the Hope for Peace | Roundtable Format

► Prof. Dr. Stefanie Bock (Marburg University, Marburg Law School; International Centre for War Crimes Trials ICWC)
► Dr. Thilo Marauhn (University of Giessen, Public Law & International Law; Peace Research Institute Frankfurt PRIF)
► Dr. Tareq Sydiq (Marburg University, CCS)
► Prof. Dr. Stefan Peters (University of Giessen, International Relations and Peace Research; German-Colombian Peace Institute CAPAZ)
► Prof. Dr. Jonas Wolff (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt PRIF; Goethe University Frankfurt)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Anika Oettler (Marburg University, Institute for Sociology; CCS)

Panel 6 | 14:30-16:00 | 201 SEM
Engaging with Victims and Perpetrators

► Assembling the "Islamic State Woman": Gendered Narratives of Women Associated with the Perpetration of Political Violence Across Biographies, Advocacy, and Propaganda — Astrid Juckenack (Marburg University, CCS)
► Resisting, reframing and reimagining: The ongoing struggle for dignity and victim reparations in Guatemala — Kim Baudewijns (Ghent University, Human Rights Centre) and Dr. Eva Willems (Ghent University, Department of History)
► Who Are Today's Perpetrators? Agency and Intent from Social Media to AI-Enabled Atrocity — PD Dr. Timothy Williams (University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Institute of Cultural Studies, Institute of Political Science)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Thorsten Bonacker (Marburg University, CCS)

Coffee break | 16:00-16:30 | Lobby DSA

16:30 | 001 DSA

Peacemaking in the Shadow of War
Keynote Lecture

Introduced and moderated by Prof. Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach (German Institute for Global and Area Studies GIGA, Hamburg; Marburg University, CCS)

Day 3 | 24.10.2026

Welcome Coffee | 8:30-09:30 | Lobby DSA

Panel 7 | 09:30-11:00 | 001 DSA
Justice, Memory, and Accountability in a Fragmented World | Roundtable Format

► Dr. Güneş Daşlı (Loughborough University, Dep. of International Relations, Politics, and History)
► Prof. Dr. Rosario Figari Layús (University of Bonn, Center for Reconciliation Studies)
► Dr. Mariam Salehi (Free University of Berlin, INTERACT Center for Interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Research)
► Dr. Julia Viebach (Queen's University Belfast, The Queen's Institute for Global Peace, Security & Justice)

Moderated by Dr. K. Andra Avram (University of Bayreuth, Conflicts.Meanings.Transitions) and Nilgün Yelpaze (Marburg University, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies CNMS; CCS)

Panel 8 | 09:30-11:00 | 201 SEM
Navigating Conflict in Higher Education

► Why Do Students Remain Silent? Polarisation and Classroom Debates in Romanian Higher Education — Prof. Dr. Ana Pantea (Babeș-Bolyai University, European Studies, Cluj-Napoca)
► Classroom Conflict in Times of Polarisation: First Insights from NAVINCLASS — Dr. Kerstin Zimmer and Jana Strohmenger (both: Marburg University, CCS)
► State Protectionism and Institutional Segregation in Georgia's Higher Education System — Dr. Ruslan Baramidze (Marburg University, CCS)
► Understanding the Complex Role of Universities in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding: Insights from Timor-Leste and Mindanao — Eva Froneberg (Marburg University, CCS)

Moderated by Dr. Stéphane Voell (Marburg University, CCS)

Coffee break | 11:00-11:30 | Lobby DSA

Panel 9 | 11:30-13:00 | 001 DSA
Gender and Feminist Approaches to Peace
Roundtable Format

► Dr. Juliana González Villamizar (University of Giessen, International Relations and Peace Research)
► Dr. Mariel Reiss (Marburg University, CCS)
► Elisabeth Winterer (Marburg University, Social and Cultural Anthropology)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Anika Oettler (Marburg University, Institute for Sociology; CCS)

Panel 10 | 11:30-13:00 | 201 SEM

Postcolonial Hierarchies of Peace

► Peace Movement Politics and the Global South — Prof. Dr. Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel (Marburg University, CCS)
► Memoria Popular, Neoliberal State Repression, and Peace in Santiago de Chile — Dr. Fabricio Rodríguez (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute ABI, University of Freiburg)
► Re-envisioning Peacebuilding Futures: Undoing Postcolonial Hierarchies through Global South Knowledges — Dr. Siddharth Tripathi (University of Erfurt, Postcolonial Hierarchies in Peace and Conflict)
► Ethics of Decolonial Peacebuilding — Dr. İbrahim Beyazoğlu (Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies)

Moderated by Sophie Falschebner (Marburg University, CCS)

Coffee break | 13:00-13:30 | Lobby DSA

Roundtable C | 13:30-15:00 | 001 DSA

The Future of Building Peace: Re-imagining Utopias in an Age of Crisis

► Dr. Edward Clarke (Marburg University, Social Psychology)
► Prof. Dr. Gearoid Millar (University of Aberdeen, Peace and Conflict Studies)
► Prof. Dr. Nina Perkowski (University of Hamburg, Department of Social Sciences)

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Susanne Buckley-Zistel (Marburg University, CCS)

Closing | 15:00 | 001 DSA

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