

The Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Security” (SFB/TRR 138) and the Anthropology of Peace, Conflict, and Security (APeCS) network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) are organizing the joint, interdisciplinary conference:

**Peace, conflict, and security in times of existential crises:  
Critical, interdisciplinary, and public engagements**

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## Call for papers

### Panel 10. Postcolonial Hierarchies and the Dynamics of Crises and Insecurity

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Postcolonial perspectives for the understanding of peace and conflict dynamics remain marginalized in dominant debates, despite increasing calls for their inclusion. This panel critically examines key terminologies within peace and conflict studies through a postcolonial lens, engaging with dynamics of crises and (in-)security. In order to historicize these phenomena, it brings contemporary postcolonial hierarchies into discussions of crises and (in-)security. The panel calls for a two-fold approach: asking how postcolonial hierarchies emanate(d) from and are perpetuated through crises, as well as how the dynamics of crises and insecurity are shaped by postcolonial hierarchies. This means not only to analyze conflict dynamics, but also to scrutinize how perceptions and discourses of crises, conflict and (in-)security are interlinked with postcolonial hierarchies. It does so through case studies both in the Global South and in the Global North, tracing colonial legacies throughout them. For the panel brings together papers historicizing crises and conflicts through a postcolonial perspective, tracing the evolvment of crises as well as the narratives surrounding them from the colonial to the postcolonial, and making visible the enduring effects of hierarchies rooted in colonialism. These papers further contribute to the deconstruction of dominant discourses on peace, conflict and security and bring to the fore perspectives,

experiences and agency which are still often omitted in research and public engagement with these topics. The panel focuses on interdisciplinary case studies linking past and contemporary dynamics of crises, conflict and insecurity. We are seeking papers with empirically grounded contributions which focus on formerly or currently colonized contexts.

Abstract proposals of up to 300 words, accompanied by titles, names, bios of up to 100 words, and affiliation and contact details of authors should be sent to the convenors by **the 2nd of October 2023**. We expect to notify the selected participants by the 16th of October.

We also remind you that (limited) funding will be available to precarious scholars on a reimbursement of real costs basis. Also, for scholars from the Global South in need of a visa, the organisers can issue letters of invitation.