Dealing with violence as part of social crises has been a constant feature in African, Latin American and Caribbean societies since the beginning of European expansion in the late 15th century. Violence appeared in different forms such as conquest and colonisation, the slave trade and slavery, repression in authoritarian political systems, civil wars, ethnic violence, “feminicidios” and organized crime. In spite (or because) of these challenges, the societies of Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa have again and again come up with their own strategies for managing conflicts and ending processes of violence. In this respect, efforts to settle civil wars and internal armed conflicts have generated innovative, alternative conflict resolution strategies. Social reconciliation through, e.g., the establishment of truth commissions proved to be a successful concept. The symposium will address different origins, forms and outcomes of various violent processes occurring in both African as well as Latin American and Caribbean societies and discuss existing peculiarities and commonalities in terms of their forms, patterns and development. In a second step, the focus will be on strategies for the settlement of conflicts.

**Program**

**Monday, Oct 5, 2020**

**9:30 A.M.** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**10:30 A.M.** Welcome & Introduction

- Georg Schütte  
  Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, Germany

- Volker Epping  
  President, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany (tbc)

- Christine Hatzky  
  Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany

**11:00 A.M.** Keynote 1

*Re-positioning the U.S.-Mexico Border: Images and Discourses of Violence and Perhaps Peace*

- María Socorro Tabuenca Córdoba  
  University of Texas, El Paso, Texas, USA

*Chair: Christine Hatzky*

**12:30 P.M.** Lunch
PROGRAM

2:00 P.M.  SECTION 1
Conflictive Memories of Enslavement and Resistance

Violence in Memories of Slavery: An Absence
MYRIAM COTTIAS
Centre International de recherches sur les esclavages, Paris, France

Memories of Violence and the Power of Threat: The Emergence of an Anti-Slavery Movement in Mauritania
CHRISTINE HARDUNG
Ethnologist, Berlin

The Legacy of Slavery: The Construction of Stereotypes About the Black Woman
OILDA HEVIA LANIER
Universidad de La Habana, Havanna, Kuba

Comment
MARIANA CÁNDIDO
University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Chair: ULRIKE SCHMIEDER
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany

4:30 P.M.  COFFEE BREAK

5:00 P.M.  SECTION 2
Short Presentations by Early Career Researchers

Chair: MATHIAS BÖS
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany

6:00 P.M.  KEYNOTE 2

The Affordances and Limits of Ethnic Federalism in Dealing with Inter-group Violence in Africa: The Ethiopian Experience
DEREJE FEYISSA DORI
College of Law and Governance, Centre for Federal Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Chair: BRIGITTE REINWALD
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany

7:30 P.M.  DINNER
PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCT 6, 2020

SECTION 3
Confronting Terrorist Violence and Resource Injustice

Chair: Wolfgang Gabbert, Brigitte Reinwald
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany

9:00 A.M.  SECTION 3/1
Combating Violence and Extremism: Local Communities and
Vigilance Committees as Cases in Point

Community defense against the plundering of local resources in Guatemala
Santiago Bastos
Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social
(CIESAS), Mexico

La participation des communautés à la production de la sécurité: les comités
de vigilance et la lutte contre Boko Haram
(Community Participation in Producing Security: Vigilance Committees and
the Fight Against Boko Haram)
Remadjii Hoinathy
Centre for Research in Anthropology and Human Sciences, N’Djaména, Chad

10:30 A.M.  COFFEE BREAK + POSTER SESSION

11:00 A.M.  SECTION 3/2
Local Communities, Resource Exploitation and the State

Inequalities of the Past and the Promise of a Better Future Based on Petroleum
Production in Chad
Andrea Behrends
University of Bayreuth, Germany

Structural Reforms of the Energy Sector in Mexico: Indigenous Rights, Human
Rights and the Project of the so-called Maya Train
Eliza Cruz Rueda
Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas, Chiapas, Mexico

Comment
Maria Sierra
Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social,
Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

12:30 A.M.  SECTION 4
Short Presentations by Early Career Researchers

Chair: Mathias Bös

1:00 P.M.  LUNCH
PROGRAM

2:00 P.M.  SECTION 5  Lynching in Transregional Perspective

Fend for Yourself! Violence and Social Control in the Democratic Republic of Congo
CAROLIEN JACOBS
University of Leiden, the Netherlands

Lynching in Latin America: Conflict Resolution in Weak Institutional Settings
CARLOS M. VILAS
Universidad de Buenos Aires / Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Rights in Translation: Vigilantism and the Meanings of Institutional Effectiveness and Failure in South Africa
NICHOLAS RUSH SMITH
Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, The City College of New York, USA

Comment
MICHAEL PFEIFER
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, History Department, CUNY, New York, USA

Chair: HINNENK ONKEN
University of Münster, Germany

4:30 P.M.  COFFEE BREAK + POSTER SESSION

5:00 P.M.  SECTION 6  Roundtable on Gender and Violence

CHRIS DOLAN
Refugee Law Project, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

HENRI MYRTTINEN
Mauerpark Institut e.V., Berlin, Germany

MONTSERRAT SAGOT RODRÍGUEZ
Centro de Investigación en Estudios de la Mujer (CIEM), Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica

MONIKA HAUSER
medica mondiale e.V., Köln, Germany

Moderation: BIRTE RODENBERG
Sociologist, Berlin

6:30 P.M.  FINGERFOOD & EXHIBITION OPENING
WEDNESDAY, OCT 7, 2020

9:00 A.M. SECTION 7
Religion as a Maker and Breaker of Violence: Scenarios and Dynamics of Religious Strife and Peacebuilding Strategies

Faith at the Cross Roads: Religion and Conflict resolution in Ethiopia
MERON ZELEKE BRESSO
Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Towards a Theory of Counter-Jihadism: Exploration of Knowledge Epistemologies of Religious Counter Narratives in Africa
HALKANO ABDI WARIO
Philosophy, History and Religion Department, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya

Redeeming the Iniquitous City: Religion, Ritual and Mediations of Violence in Johannesburg
OBVIOUS KATSURA
Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Comment
ABDOULAYE SOUNAYE
Leibniz-Center for Modern Orient Studies, Berlin, Germany

Chair: BRIGITTE REINWALD

11:00 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M. SECTION 8/1
Visual Representations of Violence

Videos of (Mob) Violence from the Mexican “Drug War”
GABRIELA ZAMORANO
Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora de Hidalgo, Mexico

Staging Memory in New Devices and Repertoires in Postconflict Neoliberal Peru
MARIA EUGENIA ULFE
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Lima, Peru

Chair: ANJA BANDAU & HINNEK ONKEN
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany | University of Münster, Germany

1:00 P.M. LUNCH
PROGRAM

2:00 P.M.  SECTION 8/2
Visual Representations of Violence

The Pornography of Pain: Making Sense of African Violence in
Graphic Novels of War

ALICIA C. DECKER
Department of History, The Pennsylvania State University, USA

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FREDDY TSIMBA
Visual Artist, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Comment

GISELA CANEPA KOCH
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Peru

Chair: ANIA BANDAU & HINNERK ONKEN

3:30 P.M.  SECTION 9
Dealing with Violence – Resources and perspectives for a
Transregional Research Agenda

ANJA BANDAU
MATHIAS BÖS
WOLFGANG GABBERT
HINNERK ONKEN
BRIGITTE REINWALD

Chair: CHRISTINE HATZKY

4:30 P.M.  END OF THE SYMPOSIUM

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