

BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) deals with global topics in the field of peace and conflict research.

Problems of organised violence lie at the heart of its Conversion Studies. Its themes range from the (de)mobilisation of violent actors, arms exports and small arms control, to the meaning of organised violence for global migration and the use of natural resources.

BICC carries out trans-disciplinary, applied research, which lays the foundation for its policy advice and contributions to public debates.

BICC conducts field research on conflict resources: Under harsh working conditions, women in Côte d'Ivoire dig for gold.



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BICC is co-editor of the
Friedensgutachten (Peace Report),
which is presented annually
at the *Bundespressekonferenz*
and in the political Berlin.

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Portfolio

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CONDUCTS EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

BICC looks into phenomena of organised violence with various different methods that range from field research to discourse analysis to remote sensing. In its field research, BICC co-operates closely with local partners.

WORKS LOCALLY

BICC has unique experience in providing technical advice for small arms control and disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration processes in post-conflict countries. It makes such experience available by sending short and long-term experts to countries affected by armed conflict—such as in the conflict region of Sahel-Maghreb.

GIVES POLICY ADVICE

Arms exports and global militarisation are topics of research that are highly relevant to policy-makers. BICC offers its expertise through its Global Militarisation Index (GMI) and arms exports databases. Researchers at BICC are also sought after for recommendations on small arms control, base conversion or the conversion of the arms industry. Furthermore, BICC is co-editor of the annual *Peace Report (Friedensgutachten)* which analyses important developments in global conflict.

INFORMS THE PUBLIC

With its publications, events and interactive websites, such as the online portal securitypolicy.bpb.de, BICC also aims at reaching the public and the media with well-based facts and analyses on war and peace. The Center comments on current political debates and promotes dialogue with civil society.

Organisation

BICC is a think tank with international staff. It was founded in 1994 and is a member of the Johannes-Rau-Research Community.

The Center is headed by a Director for Research and a Director for Administration. BICC's Director for Research holds a chair for Peace and Conflict Research at Bonn University. The Center receives annual core funding by the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. Its donors come from German and international research institutions, German federal ministries and international organisations.

In the past few years, BICC has been ranked amongst the top think tanks worldwide by the University of Pennsylvania's *Global Go-To Think Tanks report*.

BICC supports demobilisation processes:
Former soldier is taught metal work at Mapel Transition Facility, South Sudan.

BICC researches pathways to peace:
A tribal assembly in Paktia, Afghanistan.



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PUBLICATIONS

BICC POLICY BRIEF FORMER BICC FOCUS
Short analyses of and commentaries on current topics

BICC WORKING PAPER FORMER BICC PAPER
Interim research outcomes resulting from project work and practice-oriented academic work

GMI – GLOBAL MILITARISATION INDEX
Annual update of the Global Militarisation Index

BICC KNOWLEDGE NOTES FORMER BICC BRIEF
Project, conference and workshop reports

PEACE REPORT (FRIEDENSGUTACHTEN)

All publications are freely available on the Internet under open access conditions.

WEBSITES

WWW.BICC.DE

BICC also maintains a number of websites dedicated to topics of its research such as:

German arms exports
ruestungsexport.info

Facts and figures about war and peace
sicherheitspolitik.bpb.de

Control and identification of small arms
salw-guide.bicc.de

Global Militarisation Index
gmi.bicc.de

EVENTS

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

WORKSHOP

e. g. as part of the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum

PANEL DISCUSSIONS / GUEST LECTURES
on current peace policy topics