



Conflict and conflict transformation in the Ukrainian-Russian context and other conflicts in the former Soviet space: a critical view on the developments before and after February 2022

UNIVERSITY OF BERN

Seminarraum 105, Hauptgebäude, Hochschulstrasse 4, Bern

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FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2023

The University of Bern/Walter Benjamin Kolleg, with the support of the University of St Gallen, are convening a group of researchers and practitioners researching war and conflict transformation in the Ukrainian-Russian context and other conflicts in the former Soviet space to discuss the state of research in the fields of conflict and peace and the possibilities and modes of future cooperation. The meeting will be organized in a hybrid form of a keynote speech (open to public) and a round table workshop (upon invitation only, with the application of Chatham House rules) where participants with various geographical backgrounds and thematic foci will have the opportunity to present the state of their own research or project work and reflect on the actual developments. Various areas will be in the focus of the discussion include the following:

- the state of critical research on the causes, dynamics and outcomes of conflicts in the Ukrainian-Russian context from 2014 to 2022 and since February 2022
- broader trends in conflict transformation studies in the former Soviet space and in the Ukrainian-Russian context
- challenges in research and project work on conflict and peace faced by researchers and practitioners before and after February 2022
- ongoing scholarly and expert debates on the questions of war and peace in the post-February 2022 period
- the research agenda on conflict and peace in the Ukrainian-Russian context and other conflicts in the former Soviet space

The workshop is organized in a hybrid format (keynote: in person presence, workshop: presence in-person and via zoom).

The discussions and outcomes of the present workshop will feed into the preparation of an academic conference at the University of Bern in early 2024 and other forms of longer term cooperation in view of production of research project development, publications and other outputs.

PROGRAM

Thursday, 09 November 2023	
Arrival of participants from abroad	
Friday, 10 November 2023	
Arrival of participants from Switzerland	
9:30-11:00 Public event	<p>Keynote address In Search of Peace: Improving Mediation Strategies and Post-Conflict Rebuilding Measures in War-Affected Ukraine <i>Tetyana Malyarenko</i>, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, University of Regensburg, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, the George Washington University, USA, National University "Odesa Law Academy"</p>
<p>11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK Uni Hauptgebäude Korridor EG Ostseite</p>	
11:30-12:30 Closed workshop (participation in person and via zoom)	<p>Session I: Workshop opening and introductions</p> <p>Tour de table</p> <p>What has been the focus, theoretical lenses, methods and key arguments of your research/project ? How do you assess the state of research and project work on conflicts and conflict transformation in the Ukrainian-Russian context before and after February 2022? What can be learned from conflict transformation research and project work in other contexts in the former Soviet space?</p>
<p>12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK Mensa Gesellschaftsstrasse Universität Bern 2, Gesellschaftsstrasse, 3012 Bern</p>	
13:30-17:00	<p>Session II: Continuation of the tour de table</p> <p>What are the relevant foci, research questions and project work from a conflict transformation perspective? What do you see as the possibilities and modes of future cooperation? What would be the foci of your contribution to the academic conference in February 2024?</p> <p>(15:00 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK Uni Hauptgebäude Korridor EG Ostseite)</p>
<p>18:00-20:00 JOINT DINNER IN THE OLD TOWN OF BERN</p> <p>Restaurant Klötzlikeller Bern Gerechtigkeitsgasse 62</p>	

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Departure of participants from Switzerland

Saturday, 11 November 2023

Departure of participants from abroad