

Summer School, 3 – 7 July 2017

# South Sudan – Lessons for Peace & Conflict Studies?

This year's Summer School unpacks the dynamics of peace and conflict in the world's youngest state of South Sudan.



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## **Course Topic**

How can peace and conflict studies contribute to understanding the conflict dynamics in South Sudan, and how can insights from South Sudan advance academic research? swisspeace's 5-day summer school provides an overview of current academic and policy debates on conflict resolution, peacebuilding and state building and critically reflects on their relevance for the South Sudan context. Following an introduction to peace and conflict theories and the architecture of international peacebuilding, participants will analyze the South Sudan context and reflect on scenarios for future developments.

What are the main developments in South Sudan since independence in 2011? Who are the key actors and what are the main drivers of conflict today? How does the ongoing armed conflict relate to previous civil wars and what are lessons learned from peace and state building engagement taking place prior to independence? What role has the recent IGAD-led mediation process played? How can the root causes of the conflict be addressed and what is the role of external actors in this process? Participants will focus on specific topics relevant to the South Sudan context including state formation, local governance, peace mediation, civil society, and responsibility to protect.

## **Participants**

The summer school is designed for practitioners with an academic background, PhD-students and recent graduates.

## **Faculty**

Experienced practitioners and scholars working on South Sudan will facilitate this course.

## **Dates, Venue & Further Information**

3–7 July 2017 in Basel, Switzerland.  
Registration deadline is 30 April 2017.

This 5-day course can be taken as one module of the Certificate, Diploma and Master of Advanced Studies in Civilian Peacebuilding programs offered by swisspeace and the University of Basel. Successful participants are awarded a Confirmation of Participation.

Please visit [swisspeace.ch/courses](http://swisspeace.ch/courses) or contact [academy@swisspeace.ch](mailto:academy@swisspeace.ch) for more information.

## **Host**

swisspeace is a practice-oriented peace research institute. It analyses the causes of violent conflicts and develops strategies for their peaceful transformation. swisspeace aims to contribute to the improvement of conflict prevention and conflict transformation by providing spaces for analysis, discussion, critical reflection and learning.

Photo: Cattle camp in Aweil East, South Sudan, February 2008.  
Martina Santschi, 2008.

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## **CAS, DAS, MAS in Civilian Peacebuilding**

Business, Conflict & Human Rights – Civilian Peacebuilding – Conflict Analysis – Conflict Prevention & Early Warning – Conflict Sensitivity – Dealing with the Past & Conflict Transformation – Fragility, Conflict & Statebuilding – Gender Equality & Peacebuilding – Human Rights & Conflict Transformation – National Dialogue & Peace Mediation – Religion & Conflict – [Summer School](#) – Theories of Change