

## International Research Group on Reintegration (IRGR) CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN REINTEGRATION RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

### Workshop Program

Thursday October 18th

09.00-09.15 Opening

09.15-09.30 Round of presentations

#### **Session 1: Introductory Session: Agenda Setting in Reintegration Studies – Session Chaired by Tone Bleie**

09.30-10.15 Kees Kingma – Independent Consultant and former Social Development Specialist for World Bank as well as Policy Analyst for UNDP: A Review of Evolving Reintegration Studies: Identifying Gaps and Paths Forward

10.15-11.00 Stina Torjesen – University of Agder, Associate Professor, Title: Reintegration Studies as part of broader studies of peace building: Key Concepts and Contributions

11.00-11.30 Discussion

11.30-11.50 Break

#### **Session 2: Current Reintegration Research – Session Chaired by Randolph Rhea**

11.50-12.10 Desmond Malloy – Special Research Fellow at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Title: UN Approach to Reintegration of Ex-combatants: a Theory and Practice of Reintegration under Scrutiny

12.10-12.30 Discussion

12.30-12.50 Vidar Vambheim – Associate Professor at Department of Education and Centre for Peace Studies, University of Tromsø, Tentative Title: (Re)integration: Defining the Role of Education and its Impact

12.50-13.10 Discussion

13.10-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.20 Percy Oware – Associate Professor at The Centre for Peace Studies, University of Tromsø, Title: Exploring livelihoods in conflict-affected in societies

14.20-14.40 Discussion

- 14.40-15:00 Stuart Robinson – Associate Professor, University of Tromsø – IRGR member. Title: Reintegration in Fragile States
- 15.00-15.20 Discussion
- 15.20-15.40 Concluding Discussion

**Session 3: Young Scholars` Session - part one – Session Chaired by Stuart Robinson**

- 15.40-16.00 Randolph Rhea – Ph.D Candidate at The Centre for Peace Studies, University of Tromsø, Title: Rethinking Reintegration: Theoretical and Conceptual Approaches to Understanding Reintegration
- 16.00-16.20 Discussion
- 16.20-16.40 Break
- 16.40-17.00 Nora Ahmetaj - Director of the Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication (CRDP) in Kosovo, former MPCT-graduate Centre for Peace Studies, Title: Needs Assessment of the War Veterans
- 17.00-17.40 Discussion
- 17.50 Departure to hotel/city centre
- 19.00 Dinner at Fiskekompaniet (closed)

**Friday October 19th**

**Session 3 continues: Young Scholars` Session - part two – Session Chaired by Desmond Molloy**

- 09.00-09.20 Ramesh Shrestha (VIA Skype) - Project Affiliated Researcher with Safer World and Centre for Peace Studies, Title: Linking Youth, Gender and Community Security; A case Study of Reintegration Processes in Nepal
- 09.20-09.40 Discussion
- 09.40-10.00 Tanja Stankovic, PhD Candidate, University of Oslo, Title: Arms Control and Microdisarmament
- 10.00-10.20 Discussion
- 10.20-10.40 Concluding Discussion
- 10.40-11.00 Break

**Session 4: Mitigating the Gap: Understanding the Practitioner – Scholar Divide – Session Chaired by Stina Torjesen**

- 11.00-11.30 Panel Presentations /Discussion
- Topic: Identifying Key Gaps in Reintegration Programming: Diverging Understandings from Scholars and Practitioners?

- 11.30-11.50 Stavros (Aki) Stavrou - Senior Conflict and Development Specialist with the Fragile States, Conflict, and Social Development Unit at the World Bank
- Title: Who is our target audience? Effectiveness of evidence -based research in assisting DDR programming and operations
- 11.50-12.10 Discussion
- 12.10-12.30 Tone Bleie - Director CPS, Head of IRGR
- Title: Myths and Realities of the Scholar-Practitioner Gap: an Analytical Lens on the CPS-IAWG Partnership
- 12.30-12.50 Discussion
- 12.50-13.15 Plenary Discussion - part one
- Topic: Emerging Trends in the Directions of UN Agencies: Is the IDDRS Still a Relevant Policy Guide?
- 13.15-14.15 Lunch with Centre for Peace Studies Alumni
- 14.15-14.45 Plenary Discussion - part two
- Topic: Linking Practitioners and Scholars: An Emerging Symbiotic Relationship?
- 14.45-15.15 Concluding session
- 18.00 Alumni Dinner at Árdna (open to all)