

## Myanmar – Lessons for Peace & Conflict Studies? Summer School, 27 June – 1 July 2016

		Day 1, Mo, 27.06.2016	Day 2, Tue, 28.06.2016	Day 3, We, 29.06.2016	Day 4, Thurs, 30.06.2016	Day 5, Fri, 01.07.2016
Morning		Welcome & warm up	Review & warm up	Review & warm up	Review & warm up	Review & warm up
08h45-12h15, 20min break	Key Topic	<b>Mapping peace &amp; conflict theories</b>	<b>Mapping conflict &amp; peace theories</b>	<b>Approaches to conflict resolution in the Myanmar context – opportunities &amp; challenges</b>	<b>Case studies &amp; scenario development for Myanmar</b>	<b>Presenting case studies &amp; scenarios</b>
	Learning Objectives	Participants are familiar with the main theories, terms and concepts of conflict; they understand the main theories about the causes of conflict	Participants are familiar with the main theories, concepts and historical development of peacebuilding, how it relates to other concepts and the main critiques addressed at liberal peacebuilding approaches	Participants reflect on how peacebuilding has been approached in the Myanmar context, focusing on existing proposals and processes; issues of participation & inclusivity	Participants prepare case studies on specific topics, conduct interviews with experts and reflect on scenarios for future developments in Myanmar	Participants present their case studies and recommendations and engage in discussions with experts
	Methodology	Expert input, Q&A, discussion, exercise	Expert input, Q&A, discussion, exercise	Expert input, Q&A, discussion, exercise	Research, expert interviews	Presentation of case studies, Q&A, discussion
	Key Lecturers	Laurent Goetschel, Franziska Sigrist, swisspeace	Stefan Bächtold, Laurent Goetschel, swisspeace	Rachel Gasser, Stefan Bächtold, swisspeace	Rina Alluri, independent consultant; Ja Nan & Nang Raw, Nyein (Shalom) Foundation; Jean Dcunha, UN Women Myanmar; Felix Knuepling, Forum of Federations	Stefan Bächtold, Rachel Gasser, Laurent Goetschel, Franziska Sigrist, swisspeace
Lunch break				Thematic lunch on Dealing with the Past		

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Afternoon 13h45-17h15, 20 min break	Key Topic	<b>Mapping the Myanmar conflict</b>	<b>Mapping peace &amp; conflict theories</b>	<b>Approaches to conflict resolution in the Myanmar context – opportunities &amp; challenges</b>	<b>Case studies &amp; scenario development for Myanmar</b>	<b>Lessons learnt and outlook</b>
	Learning Objectives	Participants gain insights into the complexity of the Myanmar conflict, including an understanding of key conflict drivers, dynamics and actors and the regional and international dimensions of the conflict	Participants are familiar with power sharing arrangements and the role of local and international actors in peacebuilding  Formation of groups for case studies	Participants gain insights in key elements of the conflict including aspects of business and peace, and intercommunal violence and religious dimensions of conflict	Participants prepare case studies on specific topics, conduct interviews with experts and reflect on scenarios for future developments in Myanmar	Participants understand the relevance and limitations of peace & conflict theories in a real conflict setting and draw lessons for the Myanmar case.
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	Key Lecturers	Stefan Bächtold, Rachel Gasser, swisspeace	Stefan Bächtold, Andrea Iff, swisspeace	Rina Alluri, independent consultant; Angela Ullmann CSS	Rina Alluri, independent consultant; Ja Nan & Nang Raw, Nyein (Shalom) Foundation; Jean Dcunha, UN Women Myanmar; Felix Knuepling, Forum of Federations	Damiano Sguaitamatti, Myanmar Desk Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Stefan Bächtold, Laurent Goetschel, Rachel Gasser, Franziska Sigrist, swisspeace
Evening		Welcoming reception & circuit on different research methodologies	Preparation of case studies	Preparation of case studies	Preparation of case studies	Concluding dinner

## Dates & Venue

27 June – 1 July 2015, 08h45-17h15, swisspeace Academy, Bernoullistreet 14-16, room 02.004 (second floor), Basel, Switzerland

## Description

How can peace and conflict studies contribute to understanding the conflict dynamics in Myanmar, and how can lessons drawn from the context advance academic research? Building on key peace and conflict theories, swisspeace' 5-day summer school provides an overview of current academic and policy debates on peacebuilding and critically reflects on their relevance for the Myanmar context. Following an introduction to peace and conflict theories and the architecture of international peacebuilding, participants will analyze the Myanmar context and reflect on scenarios for future developments. Who are the key actors and what are the main drivers and dynamics of the transition? How do state and non-state actors interact and what role do external actors play in the peace process? Participants will focus on specific topics relevant to the Myanmar context including peace process design, political transitions, nationbuilding, civil society and communal violence.

## Faculty & Resource Persons

### On-site Faculty

[Stefan Bächtold](#), Program Officer Peacebuilding Analysis & Impact, [swisspeace](#)  
[Rachel Gasser](#), Myanmar Coordinator and Senior Program Officer Mediation, [swisspeace](#)  
[Prof. Laurent Goetschel](#), Director, [swisspeace](#) and Professor of Political Science, [University of Basel](#)  
[Andrea Iff](#), Head of Statehood and Business & Peace Program, [swisspeace](#)  
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### Online Resource Persons

[Rina Alluri](#), Independent Consultant  
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