

## **Call for Papers: 22nd European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Lisbon 25-28 July 2012**

The Business and Peace team of swisspeace is organizing a panel on the **Relevance of the economy in transformations from war to peace in South Asia** at the 22nd European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS) in Lisbon from 25-28 July 2012.

In peace and conflict studies, South Asia is considered one of the most volatile regions in the world due to numerous armed intra-state conflicts. The analysis of the economic dimension of these conflicts often focuses on a macroeconomic level. However, the economic dimensions of conflict and peace in the local communities of a (post)-conflict country are most relevant for achieving sustainable and stable peace. South Asia is particularly relevant as the economies of post-conflict countries are more diversified than in other regions of the world. Case studies from Nepal, Sri Lanka and India, among others will be used to illustrate how addressing economic dimensions of peace and conflict often lead to varying results. This panel will focus on gaining diverse perspectives and insights into how local actors in South Asia – whether traditional rulers, the private sector, civil society, or communities – understand and address the economic factors of intra-state conflict and what potentials they see for engagement.

The panel organizers are interested in receiving papers that address the following questions from a variety of theoretical and empirical perspectives:

1. How do different economic dimensions of conflict and peace enable or inhibit local actors to promote peace and development?
2. What types of coping strategies do local actors practice in order to deal with negative impacts of conflict on their socio-economic development and in how far does this influence the course of violence?
3. What are the conditions that influence the possible roles of economic actors in conflict contexts (sector, owner & management structure, political ties, etc) and how do they relate to peacebuilding approaches.

**Deadline for submission of Abstracts: January 10, 2012**

**Deadline for submission of Full Papers: June 10, 2012**

For more information on the Panel and how to submit an abstract, please go to:  
<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easas/ecsas2012/panels.php5?PanelID=969>

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