

Interdisciplinary Peace Research: Exploring Conflict, Environment, Technology, Inequality, and Identity in Africa

Priority Area	
Capacities for Science	
Abstract	
<p>This CoRE will undertake an interdisciplinary approach to address peace and security challenges at the intersection of the environment, technology, and political (in)stability, focusing on four crosscutting intervention areas: (1) knowledge generation and dissemination, (2) capacity building and cohort building across the academy, (3) dissemination, and (4) practice in Africa and Europe. The approach will be systematic, participatory, decolonised, and solution-oriented. The pathways to change include the development of research databases, supervision capacities and joint PhDs, research workshops, policy dialogues and peacebuilding interventions. Existing knowledge systems show that identity and inequality influence peace and conflict in Africa, because they interact to underline access to income, environment, political participation, and technology. Despite the growing global significance of environmental sustainability and technological proliferation, their nexus with identity and inequality have not been adequately studied in African peace and (in)security discourses. This Cluster fills this gap by centring them as important contributors alongside peace and security.</p>	
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