



***Children born of war in a comparative perspective – state of the art
and recommendations for future research and policy
implementations***

Expert meeting, March 3-4 2016

Organisators:

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Venue: Cologne Business School, Hardefuststr. 1, 50667 Cologne

In 2015 Europe celebrated its 70th anniversary since the end of World War II and the capitulation of Nazi Germany. In particular, in the last decade an increasing interest in the topic of children born of war can be observed in both academia and in the public. Children born of war are children born who have a father who is a member of an allied, enemy or peacekeeping force and the mother a local citizen. Such children are likely to have been born in all conflicts throughout the history of mankind, but not until recently this particular group of children has also received academic attention. In 2015, focus of academic events and publications are mainly related to children born of World War II and include among others children fathered by German soldiers in territories occupied the by the Nazis, children of troops form the allied forces in Germany, Europe and all over the world. However, children born of war are also known from almost every conflict in post-war period from Korea to Vietnam, Rwanda, Bosnia and are likely to be born also in present days conflicts in Syria and Ukraine. Frequently these children are provided with identities related to their fathers' ethnic/country/biological origin and/or military belonging which define them as a social out-group in the country/region of birth and are thus stigmatized and discriminated in post-conflict settings.



In 2011 an international conference took place at the Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO) and was opened by a key note speech of Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. It was the first large international conference which brought researchers, practitioners and politicians together to discuss the state-of knowledge in the research field of children born of war and elaborate directions of future research activities and policy implementations.
http://file.prio.no/Publication_files/Prio/Legacy-of-War-Time-Rape-PRIO-Paper-2012.pdf:

- 1) To provide a critical analysis of the progress obtained with regard to growth of knowledge in the research field of children born of war in the past years
- 2) Analyze policies implemented which are of importance to children born of war and
- 3) Expand the analysis to other groups of war-affected children who may experience similar problems as the children born of war.



Thursday March 3rd 2016

- 13.00-13.15 *Coffee and registration*
- 13.15-13.30 *Welcome and practical information,*
Elke Kleinau and Ingvill C. Mochmann
Some political reflections, Mechthild Rawert

Present days conflicts

- 13.30-14.15 *Decision-making concerning sexual violence-related pregnancies among women in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Jennifer Scott*
- 14.20-15.05 *Mothers, Children born of War in NORTHERN UGANDA: Everyday Life, Initiatives and Future, Norman Mukasa*
- 15.05-15.25 *Coffee break*
- 15.25-16.10 *Refugees in Cologne – experiences from the field, Judith Imholt*
- 16.15-17.00 *Children and international criminal prosecutions, Miriam Cullen*
- 17.00-17.30 *Summary day I*
- 19.00 *Dinner at Limani, Agrippinawerft 6, 50678 Köln*
Phone :0221 7190590 <http://www.limanicologne.de/>



Friday, March 4th 2016

Experiences from past conflicts

- 9.00-9.45 *Children born of Occupation - experiences of education and differentiation, Elke Kleinau, Rafaela Schmid*
- 9.50 -10.35 *Social Trust and Children born of War, Andrea Meckel, Ingvill C. Mochmann*
- 10.40 -11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00-11.45 *Children Born of War in Latvia, Initial research and challenges, Oskars Gruzins*
- 11.50-12.20 *Practical, juridical and political suggestions – voices from BOW i.n. representatives, Arne Øland*
- 12.25-13.00 *Summary day II, Discussion and way ahead*

End of meeting

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Practical Information

Hotel:

Rooms are booked at Hotel Conti (<http://www.conti-hotel.de/>). We have reserved the rooms according to our agreement. We will pay the costs per night (single room) and breakfast directly. You will have to pay additional costs yourself at the day of departure. Please inform Ms. Bianca Rusch (brusch@uni-koeln.de) as soon as possible about the day of arrival and departure if you have not already done so.

Travel costs:

We will put travel expense forms for reimbursement in each conference folder. It is **strictly necessary** that you keep **original documents** (boarding passes, receipts of all kind, etc.). Without these costs cannot be reimbursed! The receipts and travel expense forms should be send to Bianca Rusch (see address above) after return home.

Presentations:

Presentations should take max. 30 minutes, 15 minutes are scheduled for a discussion. The meeting room is equipped with a PC, Beamer etc..

Venue:

The meeting takes place at the Cologne Business School, Hardefuststr. 1, 50667, Business Lounge. How to get to the CBS <http://www.cbs.de/en/contact/adress-journey/>