



## Call for Papers:



### **Gendering a Sustainable Future: Conflict, Genocide and Climate Change**

International Workshop, 16 – 17 September 2013 at the University of Hamburg

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Sponsored by the KlimaCampus, African History, the MIN faculty and the Initiative for Sustainable Development

In conjunction with the International Network of Genocide Scholars, the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy and the Research Group on Climate Change and Security

#### **Main Goal**

This workshop bridges the three policy agendas of “climate change and conflict”, “climate change and gender” and “conflict and gender”; taking into account the gender dimensions of conflict resilience and of adapting to climate change and their differential impacts on long-term sustainability at local, regional, national and international levels.

#### **Why Gender, Genocide, Conflict and Climate Change?**

In many regions, women play an instrumental and growing role in the peace-building process; however, this process is hindered ad infinitum as women are targeted in the very conflicts they are trying to cease. In short, “sustainability” and the gendered focus on women in sustainability mechanisms shift in times of conflict to focus largely on conflict cessation, often to the exclusion of all other internal sustainability norms. Vulnerability to climate change is multi-layered and both biophysical and socio-economic factors determine it. Many countries expected to undergo large climatic variations are also areas of political and economic instability or conflict and are highly dependent on ecological goods and services. Climate change might act as a “threat multiplier” by exacerbating pre-existing factors and inequalities that could precipitate conflict but provide also a chance to shift to new regimes of (environmental) governance. Women and men have different access to and control over natural resources, assets and land resulting in different degrees and forms of both vulnerability and resilience to conflict and environmental/climatic change. This workshop invites cutting-edge research contributions on different facets of the nexus gender-climate change-conflict and seeks to elucidate the influential impact gender and gender roles have on conflict and genocide. Support for research and the establishment of research networks in this area are crucial for shaping a sustainable future if we are to seek peace in an era of climate change.

#### **Applications**

The organisers are therefore calling for papers on the intersection between gender, mass atrocity and climate change. Regional and methodological approach is open. Scholars interested in applying should send a three hundred word abstract, and short biography to [elisabeth.hope.murray@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:elisabeth.hope.murray@uni-hamburg.de) by no later than 10 June 2013.

Final papers should be sent no later than 1 September to be included in the publication resulting from the workshop.

Travel and accommodation subsidies are available.