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Indonesia Kick-off Workshop

THE GENDER DIMENSIONS OF SOCIAL CONFLICT, ARMED VIOLENCE & PEACEBUILDING

Yogyakarta, 3-4 November 2014

Gadjah Mada University

The international research project *The Gender Dimensions of Social Conflict, Armed Violence and Peacebuilding* contributes to policy relevant scientific knowledge on gender, violence prevention and peacebuilding. Between 2014 and 2020, researchers from Indonesia, Nigeria and Switzerland will investigate how gender relates to conflict and armed violence, and how peacebuilding efforts can strengthen women's and men's agency for violence prevention. The project receives funding within the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development, a joint initiative of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

The objective of this kick-off workshop is to facilitate dialogue and mutual learning between researchers and practitioners on gender and peacebuilding, with a regional focus on Aceh, Maluku and East Java.

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: Gender Relations, Patterns of Violence and Local Capacity for Violence Prevention

09:00	Welcome and Presentation of the Research Project (Jana Krause) Personal Introduction (Arifah Rahmawati)
10:00	Keynote: Judith Large
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Panel Discussion: Gender Relations, Patterns of Violence and Conflict Prevention – Indonesia's Experiences 1. Case of Aceh – Suraiya Kamaruzaman 2. Case of Maluku – Abidin Wakano 3. Case of East Java – Latif Bustami
15:00	Coffee
15:30	Working Groups
16:30	Plenum: Presentation of Working Groups
19:00	Workshop Dinner

Day 2: International and civil society approaches to gender-sensitive peacebuilding and women's and men's agency for nonviolent conflict management.

08:30	Panel Discussion: Women's and Men's Agency for Conflict Prevention – Local and Regional Initiatives 1. Eta Hendriks – Gerakan Perempuan Peduli, Ambon Maluku 2. Sardani "Jamaika" – Yayasan Pendidikan Berbasis Masyarakat, Aceh
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	3. Siti Hanifah Haris – AMAN Indonesia
10:30	Coffee
11:00	Panel Discussion: International and Civil Society Approaches to Gender Sensitive Peace-building
	1. Desti Murdijana – Komnas Perempuan
	2. Agus Nachrowi - Search for Common Ground
	3. Irene Hiraswari Gayatri – LIPI Jakarta
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Working Groups
15:30	Coffee
16:00	Plenum
17:30	Closing: End of Workshop

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Gender inequality has been found to be statistically significant for the onset of civil war, suggesting that women's subordination is a significant predictor of armed violence. However, there is limited knowledge on how gender relations interlink with the micro-dynamics of conflict, violence and peacebuilding. Civil war research has demonstrated that the spread and intensity of violence varies within conflict environments, suggesting that local communities' capacity for conflict management is an important factor that renders civilians more or less vulnerable to armed actors. The project starts from the assumption that gendered power relations affect communities' capacity to manage conflicts and engage with armed actors in ways that prevent violence. We pursue the following two overarching research questions:

- What is the relationship between gender relations, patterns of violence and local capacity for violence prevention?
- How do international and civil society approaches to gender-sensitive peacebuilding empower and/or constrain women's and men's agency for nonviolent conflict management?

We aim to understand how gender relations, conflict and peacebuilding relate to each other in various social conflicts, such as vigilante, communal or insurgent violence. Empirically, we draw on a cross-country and a within-country comparative analysis of conflict regions in Indonesia (Aceh; Maluku; East Java) and Nigeria (Delta, Plateau; Enugu State). In cooperation with outreach partners in Geneva, West Africa, and Southeast Asia, the project aims to develop policy recommendations on promising practices of gender-sensitive violence prevention and peacebuilding efforts.