

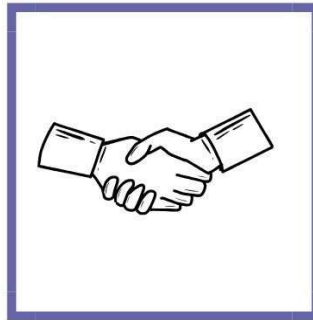
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Center for Community-Based Policing and Post-Conflict Police Reform



Identifying Transformative Ideas

for bridging the gaps between state, public and private security providers to promote understanding and cooperation for enhanced human security, and assisting and studying their implementation.



To Develop and Apply Novel Approaches

to the study of post-conflict police reform through combining research, practice and technologies to address the concrete and complex challenges the project has identified.



To Communicate Research Findings

in key international and national policy and implementation environments.

**WE ARE THRILLED TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK WITH
OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

ICT4COP participated in OSCE Security Committee meeting

On September 25th, Ingrid was in Vienna to deliver a presentation on 'Post-Conflict Police Reform – Lessons Learned and Way Forward', for the Organization for European Security Cooperation (OSCE) Security Committee meeting.



She was one of four main speakers, including Deputy Head of the International Police Cooperation Department, National Police of Ukraine, the Director for Security and Public Safety, OSCE Mission in Kosovo, and the Deputy Director, Head of the Division of Coordination and Horizontal Affairs, Civil Planning and Capabilities, European External Action Service.

It was a unique opportunity to learn about this 57-member state organization, which supports police reform efforts across three continents. There was a lot of interest from the delegates in our ICT4COP research, and after the meeting Ingrid met with Bjørn Tore Saltvik, Adviser on Police Development and Reform in the OSCE Secretariate, to learn more about OSCE's work in police reform, and discussed possible areas of future collaboration.

Hosting of Post-Doctoral Fellow Abda Khalid

Good news! The center was pleased to officially welcome a new post-doctoral candidate who would serve as a mentor to the interns and provide necessary assistance. Dr. Khalid, who received her Ph.D. from Noragric in 2016, has started working at the ICT4COP Center, with Dr. Shai Divon as her mentor. Her research title is: 'Exploring Complex Realities Around Gender-Based Violence, Multiple Legal Orders and Role of Police in Addressing GBV Cases in Pakistan and Pakistani Immigrant Community in Norway.'



Festus Mukoya successfully defended PhD thesis

On Monday 21st of August, Festus Mukoya successfully defended his PhD thesis at the Department of Informatics, University of Oslo.

His work on 'Interplay of ICTs and social capital in building and scaling peace networks within contexts of violent ethnic conflicts: a study from Kenya' was an important part of our ICT4COP pilot project in Kenya, led by work package leader Dr. Arunima Sehgal Mukherjee.



A big congratulations from the whole ICT4COP team to Dr. Mukoya for his excellent work and inspiring defense! Good luck for future endeavors, we look forward to finding ways to continue collaboration!

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The Center welcomed New Interns

The center formally presented new interns on all social media platforms on February 21. They are a team of six interns who wrote enthusiastic introduction notes and have begun performing their individual duties.



ICT4COP Center Workshops

Stakeholder Workshop on Post-Conflict Policing

On the 22nd of November 2022, the ICT4COP Center held a workshop at the Norwegian Police University College (PHS) to address the question: “How can Norwegian actors collaborate to play a more vital role in transforming police reform internationally?”

Presentations by researchers and an expert panel of security and development actors addressed the difficulties of police reform in post-conflict environments, and group work discussed the knowledge and skill gaps, as well as the need for cross-sectoral collaboration. Participants included policymakers, national and international police advisors, and civil society organizations.



Workshop on ‘The Norwegian Preventative Policing Model as a Tool in International Police Reform



The ICT4COP Center held a successful one-day workshop at the Norwegian Police University College (PHS) Politihøgskolen Oslo on April 18, 2023, on “Norwegian model of preventive policing as a tool: at home and abroad”. The workshop looked

at the relevance of preventative policing in Norway as a tool in international police reform missions where community-oriented policing is an important approach. The aim was to discuss how Norwegian police can better contribute to successful community-oriented policing processes both at home and abroad. Participants were from the Norwegian police at policy, leadership, and practitioner levels, including police who have served as international police and police trainers abroad.

Sharing our work

Head of ICT4COP Sits on Panel at the EU- DG Home Event

Ingrid Nyborg on May 25th sat on a panel at the EU DG-Home event 'Community Policing' organized by CERIS - Community for European Research and Innovation for Security. The event brought together practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to discuss the lessons drawn from several earlier projects related to Community Policing (CP). It is well attended by researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. Aside from the interesting presentations and discussions, it was a great networking event!

Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH)' conference at Umeå University in Sweden

Ingrid Nyborg attended the 'Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH)' conference at Umeå University in Sweden from 21-23rd May where she was invited to speak on 'Human Security Perspectives and Police Reform in Post Conflict Contexts'.

The conference brought European researchers and practitioners from law enforcement and health to discuss innovations in law enforcement, health cooperation, and collaboration. The presentations were excellent, and it was a unique opportunity to discuss both how the work of ICT4COP in post-conflict contexts is relevant in the European context, and the other way around as well.

ICT4COP session for Students and teachers from Arizona State University

In June a group of 20 students and two professors from Arizona State University visited Norway as part of their academic studies. They were part of the program called “Norway Lights the Way in Revolutionary Correctional Practices” aimed at learning more about the differences between the criminal justice system in the US as compared to the criminal justice system in Norway.

During the visit, Jai Ganapathy from PHS lectured about the research project focusing on COP's potential in Police reform, the broad aims of the project, studying post-conflict contexts, the importance of having the PEN network, and the overall findings of the project.

The lecture involved a small brainstorming session with the students who had to discuss “What factors can affect the relationship between the citizens and police”? Interesting inputs on various factors such as trust-building, discrimination, the role of social media, and parents' influence on the behavior and attitude of the police towards citizens were made by the students.

The session ended with an interesting discussion that took place on the distinction between the police service and the police force, and the importance of the project on themes such as trust building in a diverse and multicultural context, understanding local communities, and the importance of understanding the role of civil society was pointed out.



International Women's Day Celebration 2023

To participate in the global celebrations of women on March 8, 2023, the center produced a brief video appreciating all women worldwide, including the brave and devoted police officers who provide their services for the purpose of re-establishing peace.



Ingrid Nyborg participated in the 'NATO Stability Policing's Role in Human Security Conference 19-22 June 2023 (Human Security Conference)

The conference was organized by the NATO Stability Policing Center of Excellence, to explore how stability policing can contribute to the protection of civilians in post-conflict contexts.

There were excellent presentations by several civil society actors as well as in-depth discussions in groups, all of which will feed into NATO policy development. Ingrid also discussed the possibility of sending NMBU students to the SP COE as interns.

ICT4COP Center Advisory Group Meeting

The Advisory Group is an important forum for networking and exchanging of new ideas for further research, course development, and dissemination of our work. Meetings are held every three months; were we get updates from members and discuss plans for activities and events. Thanks again to all Advisory Group members for their brilliant ideas, and enthusiastic support of the Center!

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