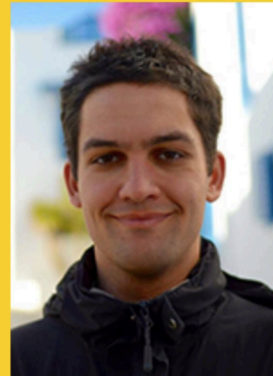


Turning Points in Peace Processes

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In contexts of protracted intrastate conflicts, in which people have often experienced loss, hate and trauma, it may appear difficult to reconcile and transform violence. However, sometimes—perhaps after months, perhaps after generations—turning points are reached: people break out of cycles of violence and re-establish more harmonious human relationships beyond dualistic dividing lines. Adham Hamed’s research is concerned with the conditions and reasons for when such situations are achieved. Drawing on transrational peace theory and preliminary findings from narrative interviews with middle-range leaders in conflict transformation in the context of Colombia, Ethiopia, as well as Israel and Palestine, the presentation will focus on structural and relational qualities of turning points in peace processes.

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