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Climate Change between Violence and Peace From Escalation to Transformation

Deadline for abstracts: 5 February 2023

For years, researchers have warned of the security risks and conflict potential of global warming. A growing number of publications address the global and local environmental consequences of climate change and their conflictual impacts, from disputes over water and other resources to climate-related natural disasters and displacement. The consequences for human living conditions, social relations and the economy can trigger or amplify crises, tipping points and risk cascades.

Despite the existential challenges and a broad acceptance of their necessary management among citizens worldwide, progress in climate policy has so far been marginal and insufficient. While policymakers wind themselves with supposed constraints, dilemmas and decision-making difficulties – from international climate conflicts, to national energy crises and local resistance to sustainable modes of production – protests against climate and environmental justice face a new wave of repression and criminalisation.

The consequences of the climate crisis are unevenly distributed geographically: Poorer regions, areas with weak infrastructure and informal settlements are more severely affected than the “centres”. Wars and other violent conflicts have an impact on the environment and the climate: through emissions and environmental pollution, destruction and reconstruction, resource consumption and overexploitation, but also environmental war crimes and ecocides (landmines, slash-and-burn from bombing, contamination from munition, etc.). In order to avoid intra-societal and transnational escalations of violence and vicious circles, state actors as well as civil society are needed – in the negotiations of the UN climate conferences as well as in the local implementation of the agricultural, transport and energy transition.

For issue 2/2023, W&F asks not only about the crises and conflicts of climate change, but also about the options for action to steer them in constructive and peaceful directions: What can be done now? Against the backdrop of the advancing climate crisis, can we still think about mitigating the consequences and the resulting conflicts?

How can these be dealt with and avoided in the future? How can the socio-ecological transformation and a conflict transformation for environmentally sound cooperation and sustainable peace succeed together? How can the Sustainable Development Goals mutually reinforce each other?

Which actors play a key role in this? In which contexts and regional examples do conflictual and cooperative impacts of climate change show up most impressively? Which contexts and learning experiences can also help to actively deal with climate conflicts in this country?

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With this issue 2/2023, we would like to invite authors from Environmental and Peace Studies as well as from the Peace, Climate and Justice Movements to take an in-depth look at one of the many aspects between „climate conflicts“ and „climate peace“ in a (self-)critical and future-oriented way. This issue is meant to shake things up, to name political and social challenges and, last but not least, to open up perspectives for solutions!

We welcome analyses and impulses that deal, among other things, with:

- Crisis interactions (nexus) of climate change, conflict and migration or of water, food and energy,
- Complex dynamics of multiple stressors, tipping points and cascading effects,
- Dealing with losses caused by climate-related events, including reparations,
- Issues of uneven global impacts and injustice between the Global North and Global South, between rich and poor,
- Questions of de-escalation of violence, climate justice, the criminalisation of climate protests (worldwide) and the management of inner-societal conflicts around climate issues,
- Approaches, methods and results of environmental peacebuilding and sustainable conflict transformation,
- Resilience, sustainability and the role of development cooperation in creating sustainable structures for peace,
- Critical approaches to human-environment relations, also with a view to concepts for the prevention and transformation of climate-related crises.

W&F is an interdisciplinary peace science quarterly. We welcome contributions from all fields of research, peace work, climate and environmental justice work and investigative journalism.

Please send us **your abstract of max. 5,000 characters** to redaktion@wissenschaft-und-frieden.de **by 5 February 2023.**

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