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Introduction

The Conflict Research Unit (CRU) is a special section of the Clingendael Institute's Research Department. It came into being as a special unit in 1998, although several of its activities started earlier. *The CRU focuses on the study of intrastate conflict and on ways of preventing and dealing with these conflicts. The work of the CRU has a special though not exclusive emphasis on the developing world and countries in transition, and aims at translating theoretical insights into practical policy recommendations, as well as developing tools for decision-makers in national and multilateral governmental and non-governmental organizations.*

The CRU consists of a head, a deputy head and six researchers. Their educational background includes political science, economics, history, human geography and development sociology, as well as more applied perspectives such as development and disaster studies. The CRU also works with associated researchers and international researchers on an ad-hoc or consultancy basis.

In accordance with the status of the Clingendael Institute, the CRU is independent in that its views and interpretations do not represent those of any public or private body, or institutions that provide grants or subsidies. Yet, the CRU closely co-operates with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and especially with the Good Governance and Peacebuilding department from the Directorate of Human Rights and Peacebuilding (DMV/VG). CRU carries out a four-year during Conflict Research Programme (CRP; 2003-2006) that is designed and implemented in consultation with DMV/VG.

This report briefly summarizes CRU's major objectives, its conceptual and methodological approaches, as well as its research activities on intrastate conflict, conflict prevention and peace-building. It then proceeds to detail CRU's activities in 2003.

Approach

Conflict Paradigm

Each conflict has its own particular origins and is embedded in a unique socio-economic, political, military and cultural setting. The CRU takes the multi-causal nature of current conflict and the way in which different factors compound one another as its starting point.

Although conflicts can have different manifestations, the CRU approaches conflict with a particular focus on *group identity*. This requires extensive knowledge of societies at risk, ruling elites, politics, history, culture, demographics and the economy. A crucial element in this regard is the political relations of social groups to each other and to the state. Instead of thinking in stereotypical and fixed delineations, analysis should acknowledge that group identity in disputes is of a highly complex and flexible nature and gets continuously constructed and reconstructed in the process.

A second point of emphasis in the CRU approach to analysing conflict is the focus on *state-society relations*. Violent conflict is mainly observed in plural societies ruled by regimes that are unable or unwilling to deliver goods and services to their citizens. Moreover, they fail to protect them, while others actively repress opposing groups. State failure and state disintegration are therefore closely linked to violent intrastate conflict. In many polities the working of the political economy of violence tends to aggravate and prolong ongoing conflicts and compounds the search for sustainable solutions.

The CRU considers conflict to be *a process of violent struggle over power that exceeds the institutional capacity of the state or actors within the state to address claims from different groups in society*. Although referring to ‘intrastate’ conflict, CRU’s research takes account of the regional and international context of these conflicts. This includes ‘spill over’ effects to neighbouring countries as a result of regional destabilization or refugees, as well as overt or covert interventions by external actors. Here one can distinguish between governmental actors and a wide range of non-governmental actors.

When analysing conflict, simplistic dichotomies between peace and conflict must be avoided. This also applies to the distinction between the phases of pre-conflict, open conflict and post-conflict. Intrastate conflicts are often characterized as protracted, with the existence of ‘pockets of peace’ alongside ‘pockets of war’.

Applied Policy Focus

The research activities of the CRU can best be characterized as applied and policy-focused. CRU research activities intend to be policy relevant. By critically analysing policy interventions and failures, the research first aims to provide lessons learned. Secondly, the research intends to provide policy-makers with concrete suggestions for improvement of

conflict prevention and conflict management policies and to design frameworks, tools and instruments for policy practice. This may include lessons learned exercises and 'do's-and-don'ts-lists'.

Thus, the CRU contributes to identifying general and specific conditions for successful implementation of conflict policies and to the provision of guidelines for appropriate policy options and instruments for conflict management. As indicated in the introduction, the CRU has established a closer working relationship with DMV/VG in the framework of the CRP, where it is also operates a facility to give immediate response or follow-up to urgent or short-term requests (the 'loketfunctie'). The CRU endeavours to indicate for all its CRP products the policy relevance and use for DMV/VG through a 'policy note'. The CRP requires at the moments over three-quarters of CRU's capacity and covers seven major research components (see below), apart from ad-hoc assignments. For the CRP a special research agenda has been prepared for 2003 and 2004 that have been or continue to be subject to periodic monitoring and revision.

Grounded and Comparative Perspective

Using mainly qualitative research methodologies and comparative perspectives, CRU research aims to draw general conclusions without, however, losing the context-specific diversity of findings. CRU research is also often empirically based. For this aim, the CRU closely cooperates with local research institutes. Through its research and local policy colloquia, the CRU also aims to mobilize local knowledge regarding violent conflict in the regions concerned. The CRU does not engage in direct action, mediation or lobbying activities. The CRU aims at high quality in its research products and control thereof through regular peer reviewing / quality assurance in the design, implementation and evaluation phases.

Expertise, Typical Products and Networks

Expertise

The CRU's work over the last years has led to a build-up of experience in the following fields:

- *Explaining conflict and its characteristics*

Here, the CRU builds on the experience gathered in the project on 'Causes of Conflict in the Third World', which investigated the causes and nature of violent conflict in a selected number of countries. In 2003 a major synthesis study of the experiences gained during this project was published by Pyt Douma, *The Origins of Contemporary Conflict. A Comparison of Violence in Three World Regions* (Clingendael Study 18). In the 'Coping with Internal Conflict Project' that was operative during 2002, the CRU focused on economies of violence, i.e. the role of economic incentives in fuelling violent conflict; weak institutional arrangements regarding overseeing the security sector; and governance systems promoting or reducing group inequalities. In the year 2003 a large number of publications resulting from this project were finalised and disseminated.

- *Assessing interventions, policies and capacities of donors and organizations*

The CRU has assessed conflict-related interventions by (mainly) governmental organizations in a selected number of countries in South Asia, Africa and Central America in the 'Conflict Policy Research Project'. The CRU has also analysed regional organizations and their organizational capacities for early warning, conflict prevention and conflict management. Special reference can be made to the OSCE and ECOWAS (research project 'Conflict Prevention in West Africa'). The CRU also made a broad study on the role of women in conflict and associated institutional approaches. In 2003 studies have been done in relation to work of among others the OSCE, the World Bank and the Swedish Government. CRU was also involved in a major project on Democratic Transition in Post-Conflict Societies focusing on donor support in the areas of elections, media and human rights on the request of the Research Department of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- *Discussing conceptual approaches to conflict prevention and peace building*

The CRU has worked and written extensively on the concepts of 'early warning', 'early response', 'structural conflict prevention' and 'peace-building'. In doing so, it has tried to contribute to ongoing conceptual and academic debates on those issues.

- *Developing practical policy tools*

Based on institutional assessments and reviews of relevant concepts, the CRU has worked on the design of analytical frameworks that guide policy-makers in their decision-making concerning conflict situations. In this regard, a 'Stability Assessment Framework' (SAF) was developed, as well as a tool to enhance democratic governance in the security sector and a tool for recognizing and responding to horizontal group inequalities.

Typical CRU Activities and Products

Typical CRU activities and products include:

- Up-to-date academic/conceptual reports on conflict issues;
- Frameworks and methodologies for planning, implementation and evaluation of conflict-related activities;
- Country case studies and programme assessments;
- Policy advice and briefing papers;
- Organization, facilitation and chairing of policy seminars, workshops and meetings;
- The provision of training courses, seminars and modules (in cooperation with the Clingendael Institute's Training Department);

Networks

The CRU is an active member of various research networks on conflict-related issues. In addition, the CRU has formed its own network of research institutes in various regions of the world, including Central and South Asia, Africa and Central America. In addition, the CRU is well informed on, and has good contacts with, a variety of governmental and non-governmental organizations around the world (see Annex I for an overview of collaborative partners).

In his responsibility as a Trustee of FEWER, the Head of CRU functioned as the interim Executive Director of FEWER, London from June till December 2003.

Research

The research projects and other activities undertaken during 2003 are indicated below, including their duration and, if relevant, their total budget in euro.

Conflict Research Programme (CRP)

The Conflict Research Programme (CRP) is a four-year during programme (2003-2006; € 1,998,000) funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and carried out in close consultation with DMV/VG. The aim of the programme is to provide DMV/VG with policy-focused analyses and instruments to improve the effectiveness of Dutch policies in the field of peace, security and development. The research agenda for 2003 comprised a number of sub-programmes described below. For each sub-programme a detailed planning of activities, outputs and deliverables was done through the annual research agenda. In addition, time was available for special, ad-hoc advisory services as requested by the Ministry (the 'loketfunctie'). Interim and annual reports on the progress of the CRP were made available to DMV/VG.

- *Rethinking the State*: One of the key problems in today's world is that states, which constitute the core building blocks of the international system, not always operate as they are envisaged to do. In this project, a number of key dilemmas will be discussed: the gap that exists between ideal-type understandings of the state and 'real' statehood as found on the ground; the dilemma that states demonstrate different underlying weaknesses and fail on various dimensions for different reasons; the resulting problem of how to make states function effectively, both in the short term and in the longer term. The overall objective of the project is to provide the building blocks to policy makers for a more practicable state-building approach, taking into account the diverging realities, differentiated perceptions on the functioning of states, and local 'alternatives' or challengers to the state.
- *State-building in Georgia*: The project has assessed major challenges to the national state-building process, placing them in context of the frozen conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia. While the conflicts cannot be separated from internal deficiencies they do not account for all of them. Specifically, the analysis looks at three basic state functions: security, representation and development, and provides recommendations to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs that can be used to recalibrate its support activities regarding the ongoing process of state-building.
- *Resolving Intractable Conflicts in Africa*. This research project focuses on conflict management and resolution strategies and in particular on the role of external actors in the coming about of peace agreements. It is based on three seemingly 'intractable' conflicts that may nevertheless have been successfully brought to an end (Sierra

Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan). Based on empirical evidence, this research aimed at drawing policy lessons pertinent to the effectiveness of international mediation in African conflicts. Deliverables will include three case studies and a final report providing a synopsis of key findings.

Special Advisory Services (Loketfunctie)

At the request of DMV/VG, the CRU has carried out a number of ad-hoc special advisory services.

- Participation in Brainstorming for an *OSCE New Threats Strategy*, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 12 May 2003 (Martina Huber)
- Drafting input for a food-for-thought paper on *OSCE missions* for the OSCE Task Force (Martina Huber)
- Briefing at Ministry of Foreign Affairs on *Dutch Policy Options in the Great Lakes Region*, 6 March 2003 (Emeric Rogier)
- Brainstorm session on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration: Considerations for the Government of the Netherlands, The Hague, 28 March 2003. (Luc van de Goor)
- Participation in Presentation on *Enhancing Democratic Governance of the Security Sector* at the 'Justice and Security Sector Reform: Coherence, Cooperation and Comparative Strengths' UNDP and the Government of Norway, Oslo, 10-11 April 2003 (Luc van de Goor)
- Preparation of brochure on *Objectives, Approach and Format of Stability Assessment Framework* to be presented by DMV/VG at an Utstein Conference at Oslo, December 2003 (Luc van de Goor and Suzanne Verstegen)
- Workshop Series to test the Applicability of the *Stability Assessment Framework* (2002-2003; €230.000): At the request of the Netherlands Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with Clingendael and the Washington-based Fund for Peace embarked on a workshop series to test the applicability of a stability assessment methodology in the policy practice of the Ministry and its Embassies. In 2003, a workshop has been conducted in Kenya and experiences evaluated. Discussions are ongoing about the follow-up to these activities.

Other Ongoing Projects

- *Democratic Transition in Post-Conflict Societies. Building Local Institutions* (2002-2004; €968,014): This comparative research project assesses the role and impact of international democracy assistance on domestic institution-building in eight post-conflict countries, including Cambodia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Guatemala and El Salvador. Focusing specifically on elections, human

rights and media, national country teams will analyse the impact of donor support to key institutions in the process of democratization.

- *Sharing Studies on Conflict and Development in Sri Lanka* (2002-2004; € 115,774.20): The project aims at promoting debate and analysis in the North, East and South of the country regarding the conflict and peace-building initiatives as well as a shared understanding of regional problems and priorities by organising regional seminars. Selected articles and a bibliography of locally available sources will be made available in the three national languages. The three seminars were held in 2003 and work on the publications is ongoing.
- *Social Harmony Component in Higher Education Programme* (2002-2004; € 264,840): This joint study by the Centre for Conflict Studies at Utrecht University and the Conflict Research Unit aims at strengthening the capacities of Sri Lankan universities for peace and conflict related studies. The involvement of the CRU has been limited to the minimum in view of time constraints as a consequence of the start of the CRP

Projects finalized in 2003

- *Coping with Internal Conflict* (2000-2003; €1,758,336)¹: The research project focused on the changing nature of large-scale violent conflict in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It specifically analysed three components in-depth, including *the Political Economy of Internal Conflict*; *Security Sector Reform*; and *Managing Group Grievances*. Though the project was closing, in 2003 still a large number of reports and working papers were finalised for dissemination purposes.
- *Women's Roles in Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict reconstruction* (2001-2002; € 106,473): This study with the Centre for Conflict Studies at Utrecht University, Disaster Studies Wageningen, International Alert London and independent experts identified the major roles of women before, during and after armed conflict, and developed concrete policy options for (inter)national organizations to strengthen the roles and positions of women in conflict situations. The project included the organization of an International Round Table Conference on Women's Roles in Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction at the Peace Palace in The Hague. Early 2003 the results of the study were published in a formal document by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. On 12 November 2003 the Dutch Minister of Social Affairs and Employment has installed a high-level taskforce 'Women, Security and Conflict' with the explicit task 'to actively promote the implementation of the [following] recommendations from the Clingendael report'.
- *Evaluating the Effectiveness of OSCE Missions* (2002-2003; € 104,942): In preparation of the Dutch Chairmanship-in-Office of the OSCE in 2003, this study

¹ Indicated here are budgeted/contracted amounts. Real expenditures may differ.

identified policy options for improving the effectiveness of OSCE missions. Three case studies focused on the missions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The project was completed early 2003.

- *Monitoring the Rule of Law* (2002; € 10,659): This start-up study provided information on the main components of the rule of law as well as methods and practices of monitoring the progress made towards the rule of law in transition countries applied by the Council of Europe, the EU and the OSCE. The project included the organization of an Expert Meeting on the Rule of Law at the Clingendael Institute with representatives of the three organizations under study. The proceedings of the Expert Meeting were finalised early 2003.
- *Rebuilding the Democratic Republic of Congo: Which Role for the Donor Community?* (2003; €22,854): Research paper produced by the CRU and seminar co-organised with the Strategic Planning Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- *Dealing with Scarcity and Violent Conflict* (2003; € 28,679.26): Research paper produced by the CRU and seminar co-organized with the RIVM in Bilthoven an Expert Meeting at 3 and 4 July 2003, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RIVM and the 'HDP-Commissie van de Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen'.

Consultancies

- *Gender, Conflict and Development Policy*. Literature Review for the Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Unit of the World Bank (2003-2004; US\$ 36,000). The final report has been submitted and is presently upgraded to a World Bank publication.
- *Support to the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan* (2002-2003). The CRU has been contributing to the inaugural meeting, was involved in the Technical Steering Committee as well as in workshop and lecture presentations. The total value of the CRU input amounts to €28,405. Future involvement of the CRU is under discussion with the OSCE Task Force of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- *A Conflict Strategy Framework for West Africa: A contribution to Sida's Regional Strategy for West Africa*. Consultancy for SIDA (2003; US\$ 8,600).
- *A Conflict Strategy Framework for West Africa: Addendum: The Regional Implications of the Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire*. Consultancy for SIDA (2003; €3,300).
- Writing a module for the *Region-specific training Manual on Conflict Prevention, Good Governance and Peacebuilding* (West Africa) (2003; US\$ 1,500).
- Paper Presentation and Workshop Facilitation at the Biennial Joint Workshop with the UN Inter-agency Network on *Women and Gender Equality* at the OECD, Paris, 10-11 July 2003 (2003; €1890).
- Writing introductory chapter to *The Peace Process in the DRC: A Reader*, published by the Institute of Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria, South Africa (2003: US\$ 500).

- Writing two chapters for the edited volume *Challenges of Peace Implementation. The UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*, published by the Institute of Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria, South Africa (2003: US\$ 800).

Fieldwork and Visits Abroad

- Work visit Washington DC (Fund for Peace, USAID, Brookings Institute, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Center for International Policy, Stimson Center, World Bank) and New York (Center for International Cooperation, UNDP/BCPR [various desks], International Peace Academy), 17-27 February 2003 (Luc van de Goor and Jeroen de Zeeuw)
- Initiation of Sharing Studies (II) project and contribution to Social Harmony Project (in collaboration with Utrecht University) in Sri Lanka, 29 May-8 June 2003 (Georg Frerks and Bart Klem)
- Elaboration of the statute of the OSCE Academy in Kyrgyzstan, 13-19 July 2003 (Martina Huber)
- Work visit Washington DC (World Bank, USAID, Fund for Peace, Management Systems International) and New York (UNDP/BCPR and International Peace Academy) for CPAF and SSR, 2-8 August 2003 (Luc van de Goor and Suzanne Verstegen)
- Technical Steering Group meeting of the OSCE Academy in Kyrgyzstan and elaboration of the curriculum of the pilot semester, 13-20 September 2003 (Martina Huber)
- 24 September-2 October 2003, interviews in Tbilisi, Georgia (Martina Huber)
- Work visit Nairobi for CPAF/SAF workshop, 9 October 2003 (Luc van de Goor)
- Work visit Washington DC (Fund for Peace) CPAF/SAF workshop Nairobi, 10-12 October 2003 (Luc van de Goor)
- Fieldwork in Nairobi and Naivasha, Kenya, within the framework of the research project 'Resolving Intractable Conflicts in Africa', 19-24 October 2003 (Emeric Rogier)
- Expert Meeting on 'The Establishment of the AU Continental Early Warning System (CEWS)', African Union, Peace and Security Commission, Addis Ababa, 30-31 October 2003 (Suzanne Verstegen)
- Work visit Washington DC (Fund for Peace, USAID, Brookings Institute, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Center for International Policy, Woodrow Wilson Center) and New York (Center for International Cooperation, UNDP/BCPR, City University of New York, International Peace Academy), 28 November-6 December 2003 (Luc van de Goor and Jeroen de Zeeuw)
- Visits to London, UK (13 occasions) in function of Interim Executive Directorship FEWER, May-December 2003 (Georg Frerks)

Forum Activities

Seminars and Workshops

- Utstein Workshop on 'Enhancing Democratic Governance of the Security Sector: An Institutional Assessment Tool', organized by the Clingendael Institute in collaboration with the Netherlands MFA, DMV/VG, The Hague, 19 March 2003.
- Policy Research Seminar, Diplomatic Academy of Romania, Bucharest, 23-30 April 2003.
- Start-up Workshop 'Democratic Transition in Post-Conflict Societies. Building Local Institutions'. Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 1-4 May 2003.
- Training Programme on Social Harmony Component in Higher Education, Hotel Le Kandyan, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2-5 June 2003.
- Seminar on 'Rebuilding the Democratic Republic of Congo: Which Role for the Donor Community?' organized by the Clingendael Institute (Conflict Research Unit) with the support of the Strategic Policy Planning Unit (SPL) of the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 6 June 2003.
- International seminar 'Dealing with scarcity and violent conflict', co-organised with National Institute for Health and the Environment (RIVM), Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 3 and 4 July.
- Workshop 'Democracy Assistance to Sierra Leone', organised in collaboration with Sierra Leonean Democratic Transition Project research team, Freetown, 7 October 2003.
- Workshop 'Democracy Assistance to Mozambique', organized in collaboration with the Centro de Estudos Africanos (CEA), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, 7 October 2003.
- International Expert Meeting 'Armed Conflict, Gender and Development, Issues for Theory, Policy and Practice'. Together with the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, the CRU organised this meeting on 16 and 17 October 2003 sponsored by the Women & Development Department from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The total cost of the expert meeting amounted to € 19,672.67. The proceedings of the workshop were finalised in January 2004 and distributed.
- Stability Assessment Workshop 'Kenya 2003 and Beyond', organized in collaboration with the Fund for Peace, Washington, USA, the Royal Netherlands Embassy at Nairobi and DMV/VG, Nairobi, Kenya, 23-24 October 2003.
- Sharing Studies Workshop: Southern Region, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, 27 and 28 October 2003.
- Workshop 'Democracy Assistance to Ethiopia' organised in collaboration with the Forum for Social Studies (FSS), Addis Ababa, 28 October 2003.

- Workshop 'Democracy Assistance to Uganda'. In collaboration with the Centre for Basic Research (CBR), Kampala, 30 October 2003.
- Training Workshop 'Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding' Kotelawala Defence Academy, 2003, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka, 30 October 2003.
- Workshop 'Rwanda 2003 and Beyond: Prospects in Stabilizing Governance', organized in collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Embassy at Kigali and DMV/VG, Kigali, Rwanda, 6 November 2003.
- Sharing Studies Workshop: Northern Region, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 15 and 16 November 2003.
- Workshop 'La Cooperación Internacional a la Democracia. Los Casos de Guatemala y El Salvador, organized in collaboration with the Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales (ASIES), Guatemala, 26 November 2003.
- Seminar with participation of the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation Mrs. Van Ardenne on the topic 'Veiligheid in Ontwikkeling', organized by the Clingendael Institute in collaboration with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DMV/VG, The Hague, 26 November 2003.
- Sharing Studies Workshop: Eastern Region, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, 6 and 7 December 2003.

Lectures and Presentations

By Georg Frerks:

- Lecture 'Conflict en Ontwikkeling' (Conflict and development), Working Group Dutch Development Co-operation, Centre for International Development Issues Nijmegen (CIDIN), Nijmegen, 11 February 2003.
- Lecture 'Dutch Conflict Prevention Policy', Royal Military Academy, Breda, 20 March 2003.
- Keynote speech 'Stability versus Democratization, the International Experience' at the Workshop on 'Security and Democratization: Contradiction or Interdependence? The Central Asian Perspective', OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 31 March 2003.
- Speaker and discussant in 'Debat over de gevolgen van het kolonialisme' (Debate on the consequences of colonialism) on the opening of the Business Week of the Economische Faculteitsvereniging Rotterdam EFR, 7 April 2003.
- Introduction and chair at a Workshop on 'Conflicts on Environment and Natural Resources with an International Dimension', organised by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam, 8 April 2003.
- Presentation 'Strategic Conflict Framework for West Africa' SIDA, Lovik, Stockholm, 9 April 2003.
- Presentation on activities CRU, Clingendael Staff seminar, The Hague, 14 April 2003.

- Presentation 'Women's Roles in Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction', Lunch-workshop 'Peace Operations and Women, Dutch Ministry of Defence, The Hague, 17 April 2003.
- Lecture 'Causes of Conflict' at Course for Indonesian Military, Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 6 May 2003.
- Lecture 'Geïntegreerd buitenland-beleid' (Integrated Foreign Policy), BeWE-sessie, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, 6 May 2003.
- Lecture on 'Disaster Management', Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 23 May 2003.
- Presentation 'Social Harmony, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Relevance and Application to Sri Lanka's Higher Education', Institute of Post-graduate Studies, Colombo University, Sri Lanka, 6 June 2003.
- Key-note lecture 'Gender in Conflict prevention, resolution and Post-conflict Reconstruction' and Workshop wrap-up, Biennial Workshop of the UN Interagency Network on Women and Gender Equality and the OECD/DAC Network on Gender Equality 'Gender and post-conflict Reconstruction – Lessons Learned from Afghanistan, OECD/Paris, 10-12 July 2003.
- Lecture 'The Effectiveness of Non-military Interventions in Conflict', 2003 International Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, organised by the George Washington University and Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, 28 July 2003.
- Presentation 'Development as Conflict Resolution, Turning and Ambivalent Process Conflict-Sensitive' paper presented at the Conference 'Conflict and Development, organised by the Institute of Social studies, The Hague, 4 September 2003.
- Guest lecture 'Introduction to Conflict Dynamics and Analysis', Fall 2003 Lecture Series 'Conflict Management and Resolution', International School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, 11 September 2003.
- Guest lecture 'Conflict Mapping: The Case of Sri Lanka', Course 'Introduction to Conflict Studies', Centre for Conflict Studies, Utrecht University, 25 September 2003.
- Lecture 'Disaster Management with special reference to Africa' for course 'Governance and International Politics SPLM', Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 7 October 2003.
- Guest lecture 'Conflict Prevention', Course 'Introduction to Conflict Studies', Centre for Conflict Studies, Utrecht University, 10 October 2003.
- Paper presentation 'The Role of Humanitarian Assistance and Development in Attaining Freedom from Want, the Nexus between Conflict & Disaster, Development and Politics', Conference 'Humanitarian Assistance and Comprehensive Security, Exploring the Challenge of Roosevelt's Four Freedoms in the 21st Century, University of Groningen, Groningen, 11 November 2003.
- Guest lecture for students and staff 'Conflict Mediation and Peacebuilding', The University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka, 27 November 2003 (together with Bart Klem).

- Presentation on 'Dutch Policies and Activities Directed at Peacebuilding', International Seminar on Strategic Frameworks for Peacebuilding organised on behalf of the Utstein Countries by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and PRIO, Asker, Norway, 1-2 December 2003.

By Luc van de Goor:

- Presentation on the Security Sector Governance Assessment Framework, at the Utstein workshop on 'Enhancing Democratic Governance of the Security Sector: An Institutional Assessment Tool', organized by the Clingendael Institute in collaboration with the Netherlands MFA, DMV/VG, The Hague, Netherlands, 19 March 2003.
- Presentation on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration: Considerations for the Government of the Netherlands (together with Nicole Ball). Brainstorm session organized by Clingendael Institute and the Netherlands MFA, DMV/VG, The Hague, 28 March 2003.
- Presentation on *Enhancing Democratic Governance of the Security Sector* at the 'Justice and Security Sector Reform: Coherence, Cooperation and Comparative Strengths' UNDP and the Government of Norway, Oslo, 10-11 April 2003.
- Presentation on Democratic Transition Project during Country Workshop on Mozambique, Maputo, 7 October 2003.
- Presentation on 'Overcoming the Knowledge-Action Gap', Conference on 'Security and Development: Assessing International Policy and Practice since the 1990s. Moving the Agenda Forward', organized by the International Peace Academy, New York, 6 December 2003.

By Tsjeard Bouta:

- Lecture on 'Linking Development, Relief and Peace Building in the Case of Algeria' at the National Defence College (IDL), The Hague, 28 and 29 January 2003.
- Guest Lecture on 'Gender, Conflict and Development' at Webster University Leiden, 3 June 2003.
- Presentation on 'Mainstreaming Gender into International Police Missions to Post-Conflict Societies' and moderator at the Conference Gender Mainstreaming, co-organized by the European Network of Policewomen/Ministry of Interior of BiH/Police Academy Vraca, Sarajevo, 25/26 September 2003.
- Presentation on 'Women's Political Empowerment During and After Conflict' and moderator at the International Symposium on Women's Voice and Conflict Resolution, organized by the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Centre and the Centre for International Cooperation (MASHAV) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Haifa, Israel, 2-7 November 2003.

By Martina Huber:

- Presentation on 'Conflict and minority protection and respective International Organizations' policies for the George Marshall Center at a conference on 'National minorities, balance factor in the democratic process' in Bucharest, 20 May 2003.
- Lecture and case study work on 'The role of the OSCE in the Caucasus and conflict prevention approaches of International Organizations' for the Clingendael Alumni Course 'The OSCE Dimension in Eurasia', 27 November 2003.

By Bart Klem:

- Lecture for 'Leergang Buitenlandse Betrekkingen' on causes of contemporary conflict and the position of development co-operation, 30 October 2003.

By Emeric Rogier:

- Presentation at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 'Dutch policy options in the Great Lakes', 6 March 2003.

By Suzanne Verstegen:

- Lecture and case study on 'Building a Conflict Prevention Capacity' for the Clingendael Alumni Course 'The OSCE Dimension in Eurasia', 27 November 2003.

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- Introductions and presentations during the Democratic Transition Project's country workshops in Uganda, Ethiopia and Guatemala (various dates).

Conference Participation

- Participant at Review meeting by UPEACE on the idea of regional educational programs in Central Asia, held in Uppsala, Sweden, 15-16 January 2003 (Martina Huber)
- First Discussant lecture 'The effects of traumatic experiences on the infant-mother relationship in the former war-zones of central Mozambique: the case of *madzawde* in Gorongosa' by Victor Igreja, Africa Studies Centre, Leiden, 16 January 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Chair at Working Session on PCIA and IEA, Clingendael Institute/Cie MER, The Hague, 30 January 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Chair at Debate on New Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, Annual Meeting Netherlands Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (NALACS), Utrecht, 7 February 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Participant at Symposium 'Van IOV naar IOB, 25 jaar Inspectie en Evaluatie', Clingendael Institute, The Hague 19 February 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Participant at Conference on 'Frozen Conflicts in the Transcaucasus: problems and solutions' at Leiden University, 3 March 2003, (Martina Huber)
- Participant/co-organizer at the Utstein workshop on 'Enhancing Democratic Governance of the Security Sector: An Institutional Assessment Tool', organized by the Clingendael Institute in collaboration with the Netherlands MFA, DMV/VG, The Hague, Netherlands, 19 March 2003 (Tsjeard Bouta)
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- Chair at lecture 'Veiligheid versus ontwikkeling' (Security versus Development) by former minister for development co-operation Jan Pronk, Centrum voor Conflictstudies/ ECCP/NCDO, Utrecht, 11 April 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Participant at Conference of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee on the Caucasus, 28 April 2003 (Martina Huber)
- Chair at 5 May-Symposium 'Economische Vluchtelingen, Waarom Niet?!' (Economic Refugees, Why Not?!), Wageningen, 2 May 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Chair at International Conference 'Resource Scarcity and Conflict' organised by the Netherlands Institute of Health and Environment and the Clingendael Institute, The Hague, 3 July 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Participant at 'The Boston, Melbourne, Oxford Conversazione 2003: Making States Work (Failing States and Benevolent Empires)', organized by Boston University, Magdalen College and the International Peace Academy, Oxford, 4-6 September 2003 (Luc van de Goor)

- Participant at the International Expert Workshop on 'MONUC and the Challenges of Peace Implementation in the Democratic Republic of Congo' organized by the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, 17-19 September 2003 (Emeric Rogier).
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- Participant at symposium 'Ethics in Aid – humanitarian aid in a politicised environment', organised by the Netherlands Red Cross, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, 8 October 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Panel member at debate 'Schieten of schenken: soldaten als ontwikkelingswerkers' (Shooting or giving: soldiers as development workers', organised by Pax Christi and Cordaid, Debatterij, The Hague, 8 October 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Participant at Conference 'Northern Perspectives on Conflict and Development in Sri Lanka', Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 15-16 October 2003 (Georg Frerks and Bart Klem)
- Co-chair International Expert Seminar 'Gender, Violent Conflict, Development: Issues for Theory, Policy and Practice' organised by the Clingendael Institute and the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, 16-17 October 2003 (Georg Frerks)
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- Moderator at Workshop 'Stability Assessment Framework' organised by the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the Clingendael Institute, Nairobi, Kenya, 23-24 October 2003 (Georg Frerks)
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- Participant/co-organizer at Conference 'Southern Perspectives on Conflict and Development in Sri Lanka', Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, 26-28 October 2003 (Georg Frerks)
- Resource person at Expert meeting on 'Gender Based Violence in Armed Conflicts. The Role of the Dutch Government and Civil Society', organized by NOVIB, The Hague, 28 October 2003 (Tsjeard Bouta)
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