



# IBEI RESEARCH SEMINAR

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## *Forms of Resistance: State-building Strategies of Local Actors in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*

Analyses of “liberal peacebuilding” generally examine the normative content of such practices as democracy promotion, security sector reform or transitional justice and rule of law, and focus on the top-down technocratic orientation of peacebuilding practices. They have highlighted the shortcomings of liberal peacebuilding, the ambiguities surrounding such concepts as “local ownership,” and the complex nature of the “peacebuilder’s contract. My presentation turns around the liberal peacebuilding paradigm, and examines the way in which local actors draw upon the financial, organizational, programmatic and rhetorical resources of the international peacebuilding community to advance state-building or rent-seeking agendas. These agendas sometimes coincide with those of the international peacebuilding community, but more often thwart its aims, bending and fusing specific programmes to the purposes of local power-holding actors. From this viewpoint, peacebuilding is often highly successful in achieving their aims.

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**Keith Krause** is Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, Director of its Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), and Programme Director of the Small Arms Survey, an internationally-recognised research centre NGO he founded in 2001. The Small Arms Survey has produced annual volumes on issues of small arms proliferation, stockpiles, transfers, misuse and effects, as well as numerous field-based and issue-based studies. It serves as the main source of information and analysis for international public policy on small arms issues. Professor Krause's research interests also include concepts of security, the changing character of contemporary armed violence, and multilateral security cooperation. He has published *Arms and the State* (Cambridge) and edited or co-edited *Critical Security Studies* (Minnesota), and *Culture and Security*, and authored many journal articles and book chapters. Professor Krause is Canadian, and received his MPhil and DPhil from Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has been a consultant for various international agencies and governments, comments frequently on international issues for the local and international media, and speaks regularly at scholarly and policy meetings and conferences.

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