

## **Working Group on Conflicts, Security and Development – Annual Report 2009**

On the occasion of the EADI General Conference in Geneva, June 2008, the proposal on establishing an EADI Working Group on the theme ‘Conflicts and Development’ came out both during the General Assembly (see Minutes of EADI General Assembly 2008, 26 June 2008) as well as individually among several participating scholars. In April 2009, the EADI Executive Committee Meeting approved the initiative for the Working Group coming from two EADI member institutions: Norwegian University of Life Sciences and University of Jyväskylä (Finland).

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In addition, the following colleagues have expressed their interest in joining the WG (in alphabetical order):

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The first meeting of the Group Work was on 11-12 August 2009 in Helsinki, in connection with a seminar on 'Security-Development Nexus', organized by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki. Three members and a coordinator from the Households in Conflict Network attended the meeting, in addition to both convenors.

The research agenda and subsequent activities were discussed at this meeting. It was decided that future activities of the group would focus on two areas of research, the micro-level dynamics of conflicts, and the macro-level policies towards them. Prof. Shanmugaratnam will take the leadership of the first area, addressing in particular comparative analyses of case studies. The second area, led by Dr. Siitonen, will seek to analyse European policies vis-à-vis the case studies.

The Working Group is constituted for a period of five years until the EADI General Conference in 2014. During this period the WG will establish institutionalized collaboration between its members, organize meetings in connection with research seminars and seek publisher/funding for a book based on the papers prepared for meetings/seminars and the EADI General Conference.