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Hope as a Social Virtue in Peacebuilding 16th of April 2025, 15.00 CET | Dr. Pius Mosima

Pius Mosima will explore hope as a fundamental human virtue essential for peacebuilding. It will first highlight the necessity of hope in times of global conflict, emphasizing its psychological and social significance. Then, it will introduce an African philosophical perspective, portraying hope as a communal and relational force. Finally, it will argue that fostering this collective hope is crucial for achieving sustainable peace in an interconnected world.



Opposing support for Ukraine: *Why do parts of the public in Europe not support military aid to Ukraine?* 26th of May 2025, 15.00 CET | Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wagner

Wolfgang Wagner will analyze the ideological foundations behind opposition to supporting Ukraine, focusing on dissent from both the far left and far right in European politics. It will explore how anti-Americanism and skepticism toward the liberal international order shape these views, with the left emphasizing anti-militarism and the right favoring nationalism and admiration for Putin's Russia.



Introducing the Peace System Analysis: *Findings from Kosovo and Medellín* 10th of June 2025, 15.00 CET | Dr. Marije Luitjens

Marije Luitjens speech will introduce the Resilient Peace System (RPS) as a new analytical tool for understanding peace in conflict-affected areas, using case studies from Kosovo and Medellín. It will explore how peace is a complex, adaptive system, emphasizing local meanings of peace, obstacles, and capacities. By applying a resilience lens, the speech will highlight how integrating local knowledge can enhance peacebuilding efforts and create sustainable, context-specific solutions.