



10th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS)
12-14 July 2023, University of Amsterdam

**Workshop AC – At War With the Truth:
Epistemic Politics, Contestatory Practices, and the Co-Production of
Knowing and Unknowing in Peace and Conflict Studies**

Thursday 13 July

9.00: Scene setting – Workshop Convenors' introduction

Elisa Randazzo (University College London)

Simone Tholens (John Cabot University/European University Institute)

9.30-10.30 Workshop Session 1: Knowledge production in and of Peacebuilding

Maria Martin de Almagro (University of Ghent)

'Incorporating' experiential knowledge to Sustaining Peace: Exploring Indigenous and Ecofeminist perspectives to UN knowledge production initiatives

Christine Andrä (University of Groningen)

A Foucauldian approach to studying knowledge practices in international politics

Elisa Randazzo (University College London)

The Complex Orders of Others: Scales and Knowledge in Critical Peace Studies

Discussant: ~~Michał Natarski~~ **Simone Tholens**

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Workshop Session 2: Doing, sensing and being peace

David Chandler (University of Westminster)

Unknowing, Unmaking, Unsettling and Ungoverning Peace? Deconstruction as International Policy Governance

Seán Brennan (independent)

Biopolitical Peacebuilding A 'counter-conduct' of Governmentality

Farai Chipato (University of Glasgow)

Aesthetics of peace: Representation, epistemology, and post-critique

Discussant: **Maria Martin de Almagro**

12.30-14.00 Lunch break: Workshop lunch

@ *Mama Makan* (Indonesian restaurant in Spinozastraat 61)

14.00-15.30 Workshop Session 3: Making of crises: technology and expertise

~~**Michał Natęski (Maastricht University)**~~

~~*The epistemic influence of Artificial Intelligence on United Nations crisis interventions*~~

Amelie Harbisch (University of Erfurt)

*Assembling knowledge and ignorance on the German intervention in Afghanistan:
The role of experts*

Kristin Cain (University of Amsterdam)

*Navigating Political Sensitivities in Policy Reporting on Violent Conflict: A Case Study
of Nepal's Tarai-Madhes*

Simone Tholens (John Cabot University/European University Institute)

*For the Peace Yet to Come: Boundaries of knowing/unknowing and the emergence of
Situational Awareness in UN Peacekeeping operations*

Discussant: ~~Simone Tholens~~ **Farai Chipato**

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

END OF DAY 1.

Friday 14 July

9.00-10.30 Workshop Session 5: Whose Peace? Whose war?

Kerstin Tomiak (University of Nottingham Ningbo China)

*From the bunker: Engagement with elite local actors in NATO's Resolute Support
Mission and the consequences for knowledge production*

Silvia Peirola (University of Trento)

*"We don't do politics": How International Peacekeeping Training Centers depoliticize
Peace*

Chiara Libiseller (Leiden University)

The sources and substance of 'COIN theory'

Discussant: **David Chandler**

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.00 Workshop Session 6: Epistemic Violence and Disruptions

Anne Stein (Lund University)

Agonism, Antagonism and Protest: Epistemic Disruptions and Bodies of Dissent in Palestine/Israel

Megan Manion and Nasema Zeerak (University of Minnesota)

Storytelling as/is Epistemic Violence: Imperial Shortcuts to Producing Knowledge about Afghanistan

Discussant: **Elisa Randazzo**

12.00-12.30 Conclusions: Final remarks, general reflections, and the way forward

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00 WORKSHOP END.