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Relatively few peace agreements signed since the mid-1970s explicitly address economic issues like revenue sharing, job creation or the establishment of a robust economic climate. Available evidence suggests that countries with specific economic language in their peace agreements are less likely to relapse into conflict. A growing body of work argues that paying more attention to investment, production, wealth, distribution, accountability, and equity issues during peace negotiations could help consolidate peace and lay the foundation for sustained recovery.



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Sean Kane is a Program Officer with USIP's Iraq Programs. Prior to joining the Institute, he worked as a Political Affairs Officer with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) in Baghdad, Erbil, Mosul and Kirkuk from 2006 to 2009. At UNAMI, Sean worked on a range of political issues including advising the Iraqi Parliament during the 2007 constitutional review, analysis of oil and revenue sharing legislation, monitoring the 2009 provincial elections, and preparing UNAMI's reports to the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government on Kirkuk and other disputed internal boundaries. From 2009 to 2010, Sean also served as a Middle East Desk Officer with the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, covering Middle East Peace Process related issues and supporting the Secretary-General's participation in the Middle East Quartet.

From 2005 to 2006, Sean was a Program Officer with the U.S. Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). At MCC he conducted economic growth analysis and designed monitoring and evaluation systems for Millennium Challenge Compact proposals from the Governments of Mali, Senegal and Sri Lanka. During the summer of 2004 he worked for the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina on internal debt and property restitution issues resulting from the 1990s conflict. He was previously an Associate Lecturer/Researcher with the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa and a Senior Research Analyst at the U.S.-based strategy consulting firm Dove Associates.

Sean has written on the subjects of natural resource negotiations and Iraqi politics. He has a B.A. from Bowdoin College and a Masters in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. He has also studied at the London School of Economics.

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Topher McDougal is currently a faculty member in Economic Development & Peacebuilding at the Kroc School of Peace Studies (KSPS) at the University of San Diego. He is also a Research Fellow at the Centre on Conflict, Development, & Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Graduate Institute for International & Development Studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. At KSPS, Topher directs, and has created the curriculum for, the Development Concentration for Master of Arts in Peace & Justice Studies.

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Topher is in his last year of a PhD in International Economic Development from MIT, and holds a Master of International Development from MIT, as well as an MS in Geography from the University of New Mexico and a BA in Philosophy from Swarthmore College.

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Corinna Gilfillan is Head of the US Office for Global Witness, an international advocacy organization working to break the links between natural resource exploitation and conflict and corruption. Corinna has been with Global Witness since 2003 and has led Global Witness' efforts to combat conflict diamonds through the establishment of the Kimberley Process. She currently directs Global Witness' US Office in Washington, DC leading GW's advocacy of the US government and International Financial Institutions on natural resource governance issues. In 2008, Corinna was an adjunct instructor at the Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where she worked with graduate students to carry out a study on the impacts of EITI implementation in Azerbaijan and Gabon. She previously worked for the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris, promoting compliance with international environmental treaties in developing countries. She was also Director of Friends of the Earth's Ozone Protection Program. Corinna has a M.Sc. in Environment and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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John is senior consultant with CMPartners, a conflict management firm based in Cambridge, MA. He specializes in training and coaching individuals in public and non-governmental organizations as they address communal conflict, with particular attention to water and other natural resource concerns. John currently provides long-term assistance to the Palestinian negotiation effort and offers training in negotiation and communication skills to students and professionals from the Middle East region. In addition to his consulting work, John is an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University's School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), teaching a course in international conflict settlement methods.

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John's background includes military service, state-level elective office, law practice and education. He retired in 2005 as Professor of Practice in International Relations at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and Associate Director of Maxwell's Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (PARC). Prior to teaching at Syracuse, John taught at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and the Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock, TX. In the 1980s John co-founded and served as acting executive director, then as president, of the Conflict Clinic, Inc., a negotiation and mediation firm established with the support of the Harvard Negotiation Project. During this time John co-authored the first two editions of a law school text on alternative dispute resolution.

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Since 1992, Stephen has conducted research work in several African countries on topics related to NGOs, land reform, electoral systems, institutions and governance, and AIDS policy. He has also undertaken consulting assignments on democracy, governance, and evaluation reviews for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). His most recent assignments at the World Bank included work on Zimbabwe and Sudan.

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At the CCDP, Dr. Wennmann leads the project *Economic Issues and Tools in Peace Processes*. The collected insights of this multi-year research project are forthcoming in *The Political Economy of Peacemaking*. He also collaborated with the Economics of Conflict Resolution Programme of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London the results of which appeared in the volume *“Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives”*. Currently, he is also Researcher at the Small Arms Survey where he works on armed violence reduction and prevention and coordinates various research teams in support of the Geneva Declaration for Armed Violence and Development. Dr. Wennmann has lectured at the graduate level and acted as a trainer in various settings including in courses for mediation professionals and government officials. He has field experience in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, Angola, Kosovo, Nepal, and Sudan. For his work on the relationship between the engagement of armed groups and the political economy of conflict he received the Young Researcher Prize in 2007 awarded by Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Processes of International Negotiation Network.

Prior to the CCDP, Dr. Wennmann coordinated training courses for young government officials in the South Caucasus, and worked on peace policy and the decentralization of governance in Georgia at the Graduate Institute. Achim Wennmann holds a Doctorate in International Relations of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Previously, he obtained a Diplôme d’Études Supérieures (DES) at the Graduate Institute, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.



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Raymond Gilpin directs the USIP’s Sustainable Economies Center of Innovation. He leads the Institute’s work on analyzing relationships among economic actors during all stages of conflict (including prevention, mediation, resolution and post-conflict). In doing so, he collates sound practices from practitioners and experts, and designs appropriate capacity-building and tools for conflict environments. He teaches the Economics and Conflict course at the USIP Academy and manages the Web-based International Network for Economics and Conflict.

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