



**Non Western Donors & Aid Recipients:
Exploring 'hybridity' beyond the liberal peace
June 22, 2011**

Seminar hosted by the Humanitarian & Conflict Response Institute (Manchester University) and Peace Studies (Bradford University)

Agenda	
Venue	University of Manchester, University Place 1.219 (please see map for directions)
10 am	Registration and Coffee
10.30 am	<p>Panel 1: Exploring 'hybridity' and contradictions of the liberal peace</p> <p>Chair Prof Bertrand Taithe (HCRI-Manchester)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Roger MacGinty (St. Andrews University): "Hybridity and hybridisation: beyond top down and bottom up" • Dr. Eli Stamnes (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs): "Values, context and hybridity: the liberal peace critique and UN Peacebuilding Architecture" • Dr. Jenny Peterson (HCRI-Manchester): "Holy Grail or Empty Signifier? Unpacking Hybridity in the Context of Liberal Hegemony"
12 pm	Lunch (Delegates can purchase lunch from various outlets in University Place)
1 pm	<p>Panel 2: The Liberal Peace versus BRIC/Non-Traditional Donors</p> <p>Chair Dr. Tim Jacoby (HCRI-Manchester)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fiona Macaulay (Bradford Peace Studies): "Brazil: selling social technologies - soft power, sovereignty, and south-south cooperation" • Dr. David Lewis (Bradford Peace Studies): "Rising powers and contested norms: liberal peacebuilding and the BRIC states" • Dr. Julia Buxton (Bradford Peace Studies): "No peace without justice: business as usual in Venezuela's foreign policy"
2.30 pm	Coffee Break
2.45 pm	<p>Panel 3: Peace, Security and Development: Country Profiles</p> <p>Chair Kirsten Howarth (IDPM-Manchester)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ayla Göl (Aberystwyth): "The Kurdish question and peace in Turkey: the AKP and illiberal democracy? " • Dr. Mandy Turner (Bradford Peace Studies): "Counter-insurgency vs. <i>sumud</i>: peacebuilding policies and the Palestinian people" • Stefanie Kappler (St. Andrews): "The formation of hybrid cultural identities in the peacebuilding context of Bosnia-Herzegovina"
4.15pm	Seminar close

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Seminar Summary

Within the fields of peace, security and development (PSD), debates over models of core concepts and policy interventions have recently been dominated by a discussion of the supposed hegemony of ‘liberalism’ or ‘western’ models – often referred to as the ‘liberal peace’ – with anything that falls outside of said models often being homogenised as ‘non-liberal’, ‘illiberal’ or simply ‘other’.

However, this dominance is currently facing a number of challenges. The role and influence of non-western/non-traditional donors in the realm of PSD interventions – both financially and practically – has, over the past few years, been growing in importance. There has thus been an increase in scholarly interest in the impact of non-western states on the international system, particularly states such as Brazil, Russia, India and China (also known as the BRIC). While research in this area has been led by economists, it is clear that this shift in international economic power and influence will also have a profound influence on global governance and approaches to engagement in war-torn and fragile states.

This workshop therefore invites explorations of the interaction of non-western donors (including but not exclusive to BRIC) and local aid recipients through case study examples and critical engagement with the concept of ‘hybridity’. Recent work on hybridity has focused on the interaction of liberal peace interventions and local realities (Richmond, 2009; Mac Ginty, 2010). This workshop seeks to expand and apply this to include an analysis of non-western donors in war-torn and fragile states to further “conceptualise the ‘variable geometry’ of peace” (Mac Ginty, 2010).

Seminar Location

University Place is a large round building located on Oxford Road (see building 39 on the map below). Buses from Piccadilly Bus Station (14, 16, 41, 42, 43, 43a, 44, 45a, 48, 111, 140, 142, 157, 250) all go past the building. If you arrive at Oxford Road train station simply get any bus from the Oxford Rd bus stop opposite The Cornerhouse.

