



# THE FLETCHER SCHOOL

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## THE NEXUS: CORRUPTION, CONFLICT & PEACEBUILDING Thought Piece

### Overview

Thought Pieces are intended as a means to share perspectives and information in a structured way to inform the discussion of the colloquium. Each piece should offer the unique knowledge and experience of the author and is not expected to be the definitive work on the topic. Effort should be made to distinguish between what is known, from what is hypothesised or assumed. They are not for circulation or citation beyond the colloquium group.

### Parameters

The Thought Piece should be between 4-6 double spaced pages in length and contain the author's reflections on the topic assigned (see below). It should broadly follow the structure of discussion of the colloquium, which is:

- What do we know about this topic? Using the illustrative questions within each section of the agenda as guidance. (see Draft Agenda)
- What is the research question(s) of most importance?

Although each contribution may be written in a scholarly format, this is not required. Of importance is the communication of ideas and the format can reflect the author's preferences. Please return your piece no later than Monday, April 2, 2007 to Jennifer Buntman at [jbuntman@gmail.com](mailto:jbuntman@gmail.com).

### Authors & Topics

Allocation of colloquium participants to different topics (sessions in the agenda) attempts to blend geographic experience, policy and research angles, expertise and perspective. Within these parameters every attempt has been made to align topics with people appropriately. However if you feel that you are better placed in another area, please let me know.

### MAIN AGENDA

#### ***What is it?* Corruption in Conflict & Post-conflict Zones**

Karen Hussmann  
Daniel J Smith  
Tjip Walker  
Marc Sommers

A \* indicates the person has not confirmed attendance.

**How does corruption happen? Embedded Networks, Illicit Power Structures, Paramilitaries / Rebels, Ex-combatants**

Jeanne Giraldo  
Michael Pugh  
Diana Klein

**What is the impact? Effects of Corruption in Post-conflict**

William Durch  
Lorenzo Delesgues  
Philippe Le Billon\*  
Peter Uvin

**What can be done about corruption? Anti-Corruption Measures**

**Session IV: Capacity (Legislation, Systems, Structures, Skills) for Anti-Corruption**

Glen Ware  
Antonia Chayes  
Tim Steele\*  
Liz Hart

**Session V: Anti-Corruption Mechanisms Causing Conflict?**

Mary Anderson  
Phyllis Dininio  
Susan Rose Ackerman  
Jonathan Hargreaves\*

*Cross-Cutting Themes Thought Pieces*

The three cross-cutting themes transect the different core questions found in the main agenda and as such can not be isolated to just one session. In order to not lose these important elements, Thought Pieces will be written on each of theme. These Thought Pieces can pull from any section of the agenda. Illustrative examples can be found under each theme, though the authors should not feel limited to these questions.

**Corruption embedded into peacebuilding**

Peacebuilding in this case refers to the active processes conducted to stop the key driving factors and actors of armed conflict. It includes everything from attempts made during the active conflict to the peace negotiations process and negotiated settlement to post-conflict peacebuilding by INGOS, NGOS and the UN. For instance, if you consider Peace Agreements in the section “How does corruption happen?” there are many instances where the final accord formalizes the role of corrupt actors in a way that boosts their ability to engage in corrupt practices. However, taken from a different angle Peace Agreements could be part of ‘Anti-Corruption Measures’ from the perspective of what anti-corruption actions could be taken as part of those negotiations.

Diana Chigas  
Madalene O'Donnell  
Cheyanne Church

***Donor Governments, the UN & Corruption***

Donor governments and the UN transcend the anti-corruption sections in the afternoon in a variety of ways. For instance, how do donor governments' aid policies in areas of conflict or post-conflict embody the behaviour that donors are demanding of the host government such as transparency or accountability mechanisms? Earlier in the day, the session on the impact of corruption, could include the questions, 'How does the enormous injection of aid in an immediate post-conflict situation increase the opportunities and scale of corruption?' or 'how does the occurrence of sexual exploitation of women by peacekeeping troops effect their legitimacy in the eyes of the local community?'

Leslie Benton  
Susan Ringler

***Grand versus Petty Corruption***

Questions around Grand versus Petty corruption also transcend the agenda. For instance, in the section 'How does corruption happen?', are former warlords supporting their new political basis through grand or petty corruption? The Impact session after lunch, raises an interesting question too: is it grand or petty corruption that creates the de-legitimization of the government in the eyes of the public in a post-conflict setting?

Jens Andvig  
Dominic Zaum

***In Sum***

Thank you for agreeing to complete Thought Pieces for the Colloquium. Experience has shown they will contribute significantly to the level of discussion.

Do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the purpose or content of your Thought Piece. As I am currently in Liberia the best means to reach me is through my email address: [Cheyanne.church@tufts.edu](mailto:Cheyanne.church@tufts.edu) until after March 25.

***Remember: Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2007***