

# Development, Peace and Security: towards a conceptual framework

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- Structure of lecture:
  - Introduction
  - Evolution of development thinking and practice
  - Evolution of thinking and practice on international peace and security
  - The convergence of development and peace studies
  - A conceptual framework to link, development, peace and security
  - Interventions for development and peace

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*“...if any two men desire the same thing, which nevertheless they cannot both enjoy, they become enemies; and in the way their endeavor to destroy or subdue each other”*

Thomas Hobbes

*“Patiently endured so long as it seemed be beyond redress, a grievance comes to appear intolerable once the possibility of removing it crosses men’s minds.”*

Alexis de Tocqueville

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*“It is in the nature of the human organism... that frustration induces aggression...thus some young people come to maturity full of anger .. [which] can be readily directed by ruthless charismatic leaders to hatred of other peoples”*

David Hamburg

*“...where the dignity of the individual has been trampled or threatened ...conflict has too often followed, with innocent civilians paying the price..”*

Kofi Annan

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- Introduction:
  - How to trace the complex interrelations between socioeconomic well-being and peace?
  - Does prosperity guarantee peace and security?
  - How is it that poor societies often live in peace?
- No direct and easy answer; need to develop a framework for examining these issues
- Essential to focus on local conditions: no “general theory of development and peace”

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- Evolution of development thinking and practice (1):
  - Epochal change (twilight of Baconian program; emergence of fractured global order)
  - The “development experiment” of the second half of the 20th century
  - Modernization and economic growth (1945-1970)
  - Early dissent: dependency theory (1960s)
  - End of “Golden Age”: new approaches (1970s)
  - Emergence of micro approaches (1970)

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- Evolution of development thinking and practice (2):
  - Brandt report and New International Economic Order in the 1970s (OPEC)
  - The debt crisis of the 1980s (Baker plan, Brady plan)
  - Structural adjustment and “Washington Consensus” (1980s-1990s)
  - Environment and development (1990s)
  - Asian tigers and Asian crisis (1990s)
  - The return of strategy: multidimensional approach

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- Evolution of development thinking and practice (3):
  - A new context for development
  - Diversity and unity in thinking and practice
  - Insights and lessons learned:
    - Knowledge
    - Institutions
    - Democratic governance
    - Markets and competition
    - Local, national, regional and global dimensions
    - Culture and religion
- Need for a more nuanced and modest approach



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- Evolution of international peace studies:
  - Pre World War II: idealism, self-defence, alliances and crisis management
  - Cold War: rethinking peace studies
    - Realism
    - East-West divide
    - Arms control (threat of nuclear holocaust)
    - Role of the United Nations
  - Post Cold War: new approaches
    - Peace building
    - Conflict prevention
    - Origins of violent conflicts

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- Convergence of development thinking and practice with peace and conflict prevention studies
  - Focused vs. broad perspectives
  - Focused:
    - Culture and identity
    - Natural resources and environmental degradation
    - Economics and political economy of war (greed)
    - Governance, democracy and institution building
    - Poverty and inequality
    - Gender perspectives

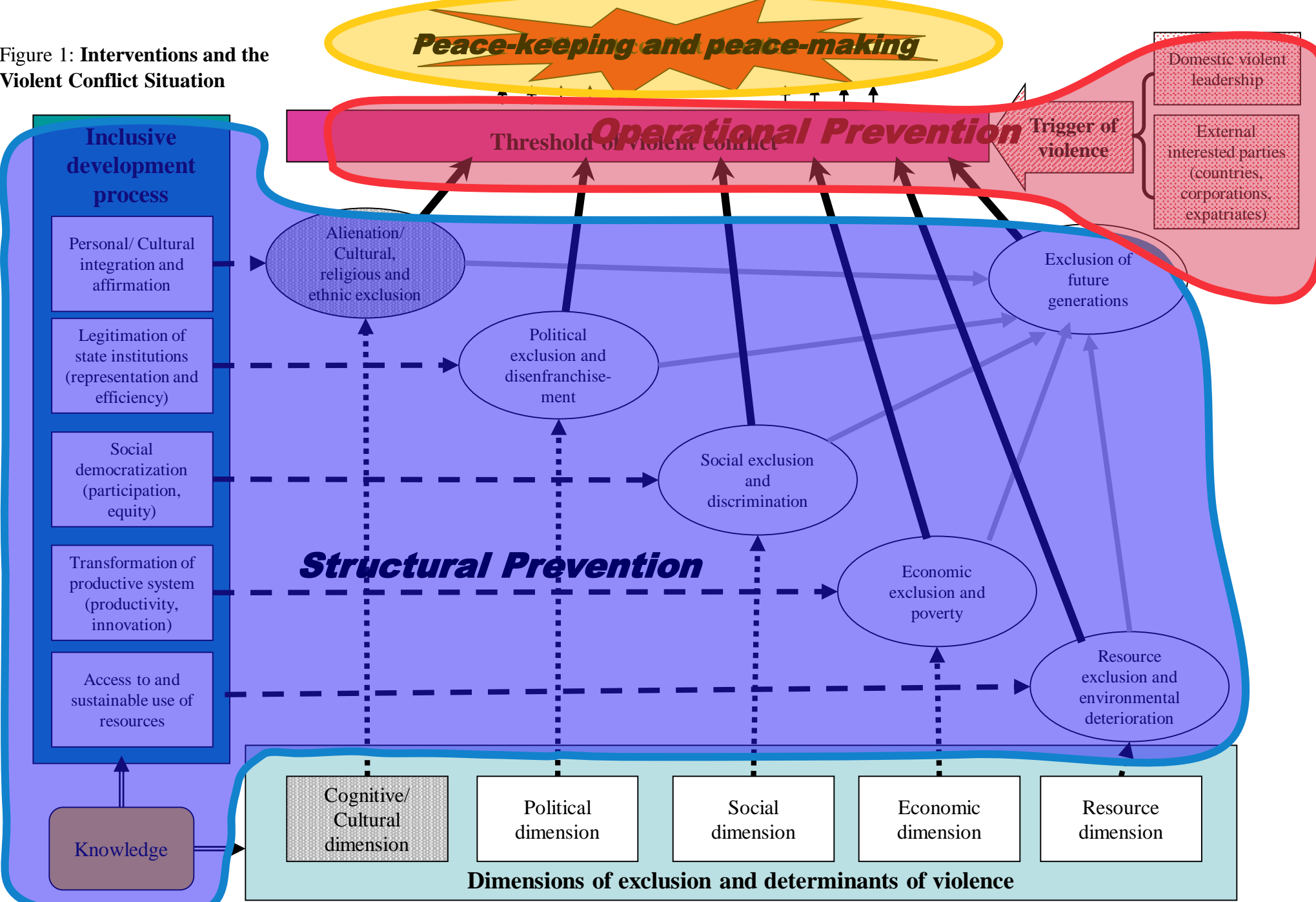
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  - Focused vs. broad perspectives
  - Broad:
    - Rights-based approach to development and human security
    - Carnegie Commission: preventing deadly conflict
    - Peace as a "global public good"
    - Post-conflict reconstruction: role of the World Bank

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- Towards a conceptual framework:
  - Components of the violent conflict situation
  - Exclusion and the violent conflict situation
  - Threshold of violent conflict, domestic violent leadership and external interested parties
  - Development, exclusion and the violent conflict situation
  - Putting it all together: a tool for synthesis
  - Using the framework as a heuristic device to guide appreciations and interpretations of conflict situations

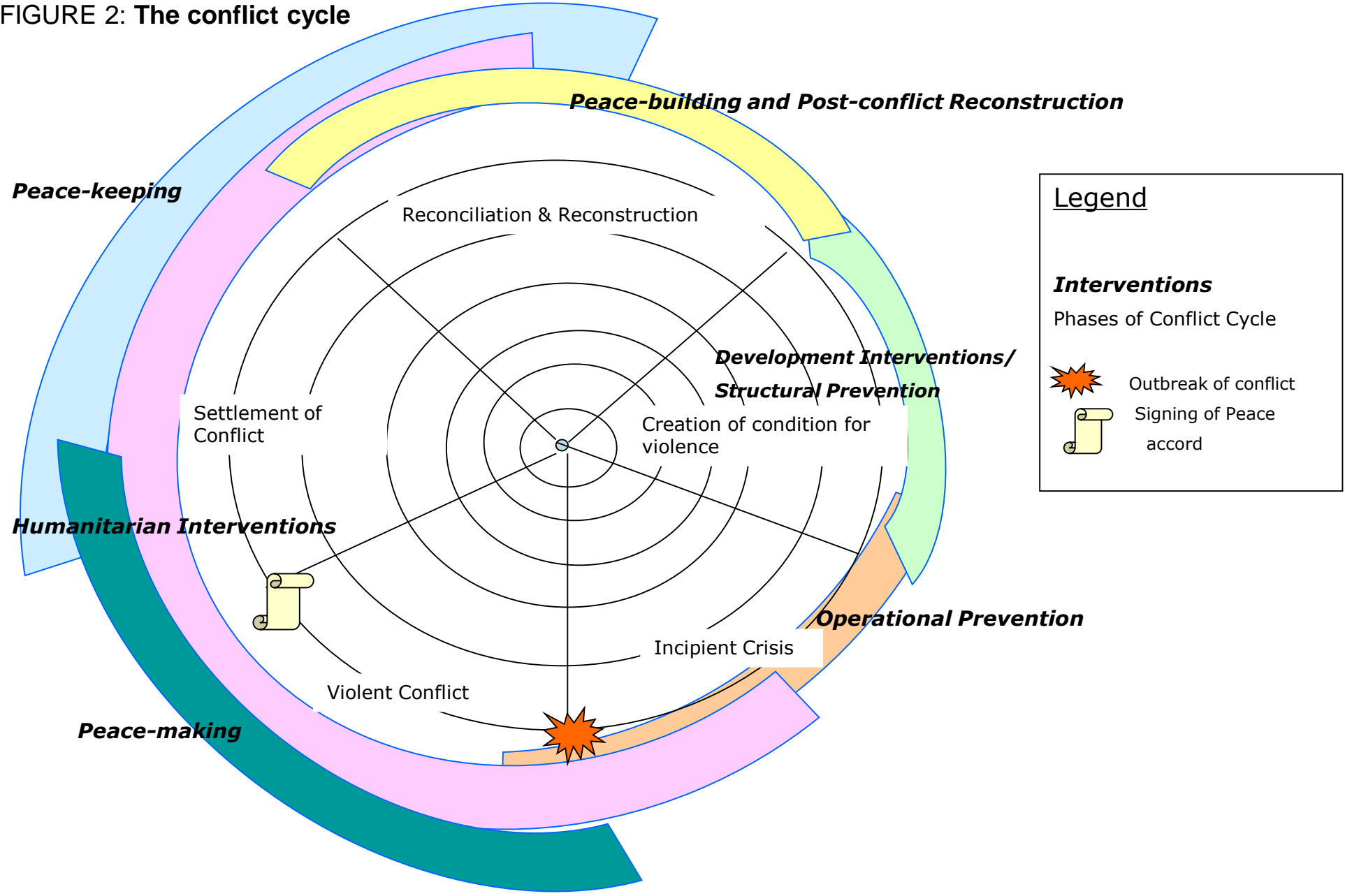
Figure 1: Interventions and the Violent Conflict Situation



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- Interventions for development and peace
- The violent conflict cycle
  - Development interventions/structural prevention
  - Operational prevention
  - Humanitarian assistance
  - Peacekeeping
  - Peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction
- Actors in development and peace interventions

FIGURE 2: The conflict cycle



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- Concluding remarks
- Framework for analysis and synthesis (heuristic guide)
- Need for further work
- Importance of linking local and global issues
- Development and peace: an unending quest