Four Years of Peace Accord Implementation: International Comparative Experiences and the Colombian Case

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9 - 9:30 a.m.  Opening

Greetings from Asher Kaufman, John M Regan, Jr. Director, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; R. Scott Appleby, Marilyn Keough Dean, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame; and Fr. Jorge Humberto Peláez, President, Universidad Javeriana

Welcome by María Lucía Zapata (M.A.’07), Director, Master’s in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Universidad Javeriana; Josefina Echavarría Álvarez, Associate Professor of the Practice and Director, Peace Accords Matrix Program, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

9:30 - 11 a.m.  Panel 1: Third Party Monitoring of Peace Agreements

Since the end of the Cold War, more armed conflicts have been terminated through the negotiation of peace agreements than through decisive victories. Countries that negotiated and implemented comprehensive peace agreements have seen a higher rate of durable and quality peace in the post-accord years. One of the key determinants of a successful implementation process is independent verification. Increasingly, mediators and conflict parties have found ways of creating space for independent, external and internal bodies to monitor the implementation process. This panel will discuss the concept of independent monitoring and verification mechanisms, including international observers and monitors as one of many tools in a larger, more holistic peacebuilding “toolbox” that peace process stakeholders can leverage to create and sustain a more viable peace process. Panelists will share insights from their monitoring and verification work, methodologies, obstacles they face, and best practices for supporting peacebuilding through independent accompaniment.

Moderator: Madhav Joshi, Research Associate Professor; Associate Director of the Peace Accords Matrix, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Presentations:

The Carter Center Mali Independent Observer Program
John J. Goodman, Associate Director for Africa, Conflict Resolution Program, The Carter Center

Civil Society-Led Monitoring of the Mindanao Peace Process
Myla Leguro (M.A. ‘10), Peacebuilding Technical Advisor and Lead Convenor of the Mindanao Peaceweavers, Catholic Relief Services
Roundtable on Monitoring Implementation: The Experience of the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Program’s Barometer Initiative in Colombia

This roundtable takes a look at the development of the Barometer Initiative methodology for following implementation of the 2016 Final Peace Accord in Colombia. Speakers will discuss the process of adapting the categories from the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) to meet the needs of the Colombian Peace Accord and the CSIVI Commission, as well as the creation of the Barometer Matrix methodology. The session will also discuss the formation of the Barometer Initiative team and their comprehensive reports on implementation. Speakers will also present the latest innovations for following implementation with a gender approach and an ethnic approach as included in the latest Kroc Institute reports.

Speakers:
- Elise Ditta (M.A. ‘16), Research Associate, Peace Accords Matrix Program
- Rebecca Gindele, Gender Approach Specialist, Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix Program
- Ivonne Zúñiga, Ethnic Approach Specialist, Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix Program
- John Paul Lederach, Professor Emeritus of International Peacebuilding, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Senior Fellow, Humanity United
- Moderator: Luis Felipe Botero (M.A. ‘15), Specialist, Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix Program

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9 - 10:30 a.m.  Panel 2: Violence and Victimization in Post-Accord Contexts

Over the last four years since the signing of the peace agreement between the Colombian Government and the former FARC-EP, the promise of drastic change from pre-signature armed conflict to post-agreement peace has not fully materialized. Violence and victimization has continued, although with different dynamics, territorial expressions, and intensities. The post-accord security situation has created new victims, hindering implementation and feeding into pre-existing political polarization about the accord. This panel will provide international comparative insights about post-accord violence and victimization. It will also explore the particularities of Colombia’s current post-accord
violence and victimization as compared to its prior post-demobilization experiences, especially the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC) demobilization (2003-2006) and the M19-EPL demobilizations (early 1990s). This panel will also explore how localized political and polarization dynamics, especially at the municipal level, may partly account for the assassination of social leaders.

Moderator: Carolina Cepeda Másmela, Director, Master’s in International Studies and the Master’s in Contemporary Latin American Studies, Javeriana University

Presentations:

Violence after Civil Conflict and Patterns of De-escalation
Jason Quinn, Research Associate Professor, Peace Accords Matrix Program, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Post-Accord Violence and Victimization in Colombia
Gerard Martin, Peace Accords Matrix Representative in Colombia, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and Daniel Cano Insuasty, Political Relations Coordinator, Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix Program

Local Competitive Authoritarianism and Post-Conflict Violence in Colombia
Juan Albarracín Dierolf, Director, Political Science Program, and Assistant Professor of Political Science, Universidad Icesi; and Inge Valencia, Chair, Department of Social Studies, and Associate Professor, Universidad Icesi

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Panel 3: Structural and Institutional Reforms during Implementation

Peace research has made visible two meaningful trends in peace agreements since the late 1990s. First, there has been a significant increase in the number of peace agreements that seek to end civil war or internal armed conflicts. Second, whereas the pages of civil war peace agreements were once dominated by military and security issues, in contemporary agreements a much larger content share is devoted to political-, social-, development-, and justice-related reforms and issues. This is consistent with the evidence that peace agreements that address the social and political root causes of conflict, in addition to security, have better chances of producing longer-lasting peace and improvement of quality of life indicators for the societies involved. Yet, how do we create those structural and institutional conditions that anchor the security gains in peace processes? To shed light on this question, panel presenters will share their evidence-based insights on the questions of political constitutions, reforms, and innovations to the justice system, and the right to food in Latin America and elsewhere.
Presentations:

**Ulysses at the Constitutional Mast: Why Majority Parties are Willing to Constitutionalize Their Peace Agreement**

Isabel Güiza Gómez, Ph.D. Student in Peace Studies and Political Science, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs; and
Laurie Nathan, Director, Mediation Program, and Professor of the Practice of Mediation, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and
Ilana Rothkopf, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

**Containing Large-Scale Criminal Violence through Internationalized Prosecution: How the CICIG Contributed to the Reduction of Guatemala’s Murder Rate**

Camilo Nieto-Matiz, Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University; and
Guillermo Trejo, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, and Faculty Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies

**The Right to Food in the Peace Accord: Contested Views on Rural Reform and Difficult Conciliations**

Felipe Roa-Clavijo, Specialist, Barometer Initiative, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

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9 - 10:30 a.m. **Panel 4: Reconciliation and Transitional Justice**

The signing of the peace agreement between the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP guerrillas created the expectation of reconciliation and justice after more than 50 years of intense conflict. Moreover, concepts included in the peace accord, such as territorial peace, acknowledged the importance of a legacy of peacebuilding across Colombia. However, the increase of violence in rural and urban areas, especially against social leaders; the spread of social protests; and the attacks on the transitional justice system are some of the latest obstacles in implementing the Agreement. Each day, reconciliation seems more elusive.

This panel will explore the challenges that reconciliation and transitional justice face in post-accord contexts, as well as the contributions made by civil society organizations.
Moderator: María Lucía Zapata, Director, Master’s of Peace and Conflict Studies, Universidad Javeriana

Presentations:

Peace and Reconciliation beyond the Accord  
Luis Fernando Múnera Congote, S.J., Dean, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Javeriana University

Civil Society Accompaniment in the Monitoring of the Peace Accord  
Fernando Sarmiento Santander, National Coordinator of the Network of Regional Programs, Development and Peace (Redprodepaz), and Executive Director, Redprodepaz Foundation

Remilitarization vs. Reconciliation  
Sarah Daly, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Columbia University

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Roundtable 2: Political and Civic Participation in Post-Accord Contexts

This roundtable focuses on the importance of bottom-up initiatives in the implementation of the Colombian Peace Accord. It highlights the strengths and weaknesses of local initiatives in fostering political participation in areas where violence was, and still is, prevalent. It will focus on the experience of the municipal council of Vista Hermosa, Meta; grassroots initiatives in monitoring the Peace Accord; and a comparative analysis of the grassroots initiatives in the municipalities of Vista Hermosa, Catatumbo, and Buenaventura.

Speakers:
- Paloma Cobo, Daniela Mosquera Camacho, and Ana María Rodríguez, Junior Researchers, Improbable Dialogues Project (University of Sheffield, Javeriana University, and the Center for Research and Popular Education)
- Egoitz Gago, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Javeriana University
- Borja Paladini Adell, Ph.D. Candidate, University of the Basque Country, Institute for International Cooperation and Development Studies
- José Manuel Salamanca Rangel, Director, Alfredo Vázquez Carrizosa Institute of Human Rights, Javeriana University
- Moderator: Francisco Diez, Senior Advisor, Mediation Program, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

12:00 - 12:05 p.m. Closing
Speaker Biographies

Alphabetical by last name

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Luis Felipe Botero is a Specialist for the Peace Accords Matrix Program’s Barometer Initiative, where he leads the territorial approach. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Anthropology from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá and a Master’s in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He has more than ten years of experience working with ethnic and campesino communities, grassroots organizations, government programs, and international institutions focused on areas affected by armed conflict and illicit crops in Colombia.

Daniel Cano Insuasty is the Political Relations Coordinator for the Barometer Initiative of the Kroc Institute in Colombia. He worked as an advisor for the Colombian Agency for Reintegration and for the Secretary of Security of Medellín. He holds a master’s in social science from Uppsala University. He also completed a bachelor’s in psychology focusing on the psychological profile of child soldiers recruited by guerrilla groups in Colombia.

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Sarah Z. Daly is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. Before her current position, she held posts at Princeton University, the University of Notre Dame, and Stanford University. Her first book, Organized Violence After Civil War: The Geography of Recruitment in Latin America, received an Honorable Mention for the Conflict Research Society’s Best Book of the Year Prize in 2017. Her second book, for which she was named a 2018 Andrew Carnegie Fellow, is about transitional justice and the electoral legacies of mass violence.

Francisco Diez is currently a Senior Advisor for the Kroc Institute’s Mediation Program and a member of the United Nations Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisors, and previously served as the Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina. He is the founder of the Mediator’s Network in Argentina, and served as the Carter Center’s representative in Latin America before joining the Kroc Institute in 2014. From 2014 to 2019, Diez was the representative in Latin America of the Kroc Institute’s Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) program.
Elise Ditta is a Research Associate for the Peace Accords Matrix Program and holds a Master’s Degree in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and a Bachelor’s Degree in International Development and Spanish from Calvin College. As part of her studies, she completed a USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship in Colombia, examining urban violence and territorial peace on the Caribbean coast. She previously served as the Director of Communication for the Association for a More Just Society in Honduras.

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Egoitz Gago holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of the Basque Country and Ph.D. in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and Javeriana University.

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John Goodman is the Conflict Resolution Program’s Associate Director for Africa at The Carter Center, where he holds responsibility for the design, implementation, and evaluation of the program’s mission and strategy in East and West Africa. Prior to joining The Carter Center, Goodman worked at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), where he served as delegate and head of sub-delegation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. Before joining the ICRC, Goodman was an attorney in private practice in the United States, working primarily in civil litigation on behalf of the immigrant community. He holds a B.A. from Centre College, a Master’s and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, and a Doctorate from the Graduate Institute, University of Geneva (Switzerland). He speaks fluent French, Spanish, and Catalan.

Isabel Güiza-Gómez is a Peace Studies and Political Science Ph.D. student at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame where she works with the Violence and Transitional Justice Lab. Her research agenda explores the interactions between constitution-making, peacebuilding, and broad political inclusion in transitional societies, as well as peasant (campesino) mobilization and land policies.

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**Myla Leguro** holds an M.A. in International Peace Studies from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She has worked for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) since 1991 on peace and development projects in Mindanao, Philippines. As the Program Manager of the Peace and Reconciliation Program of CRS-Philippines, Myla organized two major peacebuilding initiatives: the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute in 2000 and the Grassroots Peace Learning Course in 2003. She has worked as an international trainer in Timor-Leste and Nepal, and has served as a resource person in various peacebuilding conferences in Colombia, Thailand, and the United States. In 2006, she was the first CRS-Kroc Visiting Fellow. Myla holds the distinction of being one of the 1,000 women collectively nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. She currently serves as Program Director of a CRS global program on Advancing Interreligious Peacebuilding, an initiative that covers four interrelated projects on interreligious dialogue and cooperation in Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Niger, Nigeria, and the Philippines. Currently, Myla serves as Peacebuilding Technical Advisor for CRS in the Philippines and Asia Region Focal Point for Peacebuilding, Justice and Social Cohesion.

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