

The Interaction of Trust in Peacebuilding Processes

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Abstract:

This article explores the construction of “confidence” and its linkage with the process of consolidation of peace. The approach we follow to the definition of confidence is related to the System Theory, Rational Choice and the Theory of Social Change. A concise analysis of the methodological proposals is subsequently presented in order to look at the peace-building processes. The emphasized is placed in the confidence-based mediating model developed by John Paul Lederach. Furthermore, the experience of the Association of workers “Campesinos de Carare” in Colombia is presented with the intention to illustrate the linkage of the processes of building trust to the social effort made to consolidate peace. The goal is to distinguish the interaction of trust with the consolidation of peace processes.

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