



THE GEORG ARNHOLD  
PROGRAM ON  
EDUCATION FOR  
SUSTAINABLE PEACE

## THE ARNHOLD SYMPOSIUM 2015 IN NEW YORK CITY

### “Education and Armed Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa”

**When?** October 29 to 30, 2015

**Where?** German Center for Research and Innovation  
The New School for Social Research

October 29, 2015

#### Venue

German Center for Research and Innovation  
German House  
871 United Nations Plaza



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#### SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m.

#### WELCOME

Joann Halpern, Director, German Center for Research and Innovation  
Henry H. Arnhold

6:45 p.m.

#### OPENING SPEECH

Simone Lässig, Director of the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC, and member of the board of the Georg Arnhold Program

7:00 p.m.

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND Q & A SESSION

*Education, Peace & Social Justice in Conflict-Affected Contexts:  
Beyond Negative Peace and Peace Education*

Mario Novelli, Centre for International Education, University of Sussex

8:00 p.m.

#### NETWORKING RECEPTION

October 30, 2015

**Venue** The New School for Social Research

Bob and Sheila Hoerle Lecture Hall  
UL105 (Lower Level)  
University Center  
63 Fifth Avenue



## **SCHEDULE**

9:00 a.m. **ARRIVAL OF GUESTS AND REGISTRATION** (breakfast will be served)

9:30 a.m. **WELCOME**

William Milberg, Dean and Professor of Economics, The New School for Social Research  
Henry H. Arnhold  
Eckhardt Fuchs, Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research

9:45 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**

*Symposium Framing: Theorizing Education, the State, and Armed Conflict in Africa*

Susan Shepler, American University and Georg Arnhold Visiting Research Professor 2015

10:15 a.m. **PANEL I INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES: DONOR ASSUMPTIONS, CONFLICT VARIABLES**

**Chair:** Benoit Challand, Associate Professor, Sociology, The New School for Social Research

- **Andrew Epstein:** “Convergence and Divergence Between International Donors, National Governments, and Local Communities in the Meanings and Practices Around Projects to (Re)Construct Conflict-Affected Education Systems”
- **Helen Boyle:** “Islamic Schools in West Africa”
- **Jaimie Bleck:** “The Role of Education in the Wake of the Malian Political Crisis”
- **Anders Breidlid:** “Education and Conflict in Sudan and South Sudan”

- 12:00 p.m.                   **LUNCH**
- Starr Foundation Hall  
UL102 (Lower Level)  
University Center  
63 Fifth Avenue
- 1:00 p.m.                   **PANEL II WHAT GOES ON IN THE CLASSROOM: CURRICULUM AND TEACHERS**  
**Chair:** Arien Mack, Alfred J. & Monette C. Marrow Professor of Psychology, The New School for Social Research
- **Susan Garnett Russell:** “Addressing the Violent Past: Rights and Reconciliation in Rwanda, Burundi, and South Africa”
  - **Jennifer Riggan:** “The Teacher State: Navigating Tensions between Education and Militarization in Eritrea and Elsewhere”
  - **Susan Shepler:** “Do Teachers in Sierra Leone and Liberia Teach about their Countries’ Past Conflicts?”
  - **Laura Quaynor:** “Human Rights in Education Discourse in Post-Conflict Liberia”
- 2:45 p.m.                   *Coffee break*
- 3:15 p.m.                   **PANEL III EDUCATION AND DESIRE: YOUTH ASPIRATIONS**  
**Chair:** Elzbieta Matynia, Professor, Sociology, The New School for Social Research
- **Elisabeth King:** “What Youth Want: Aspirations, Education & Peace in Nairobi”
  - **Krystal Strong:** “Post-Military Possibilities: Higher Education and Political Transformation in Nigeria”
  - **Eva Harman:** “Desire for Education as a Social Relation: Perspectives from Research with Non-School Enrolled Youth in Post-War Liberia”
  - **Hannah Hoechner:** ““Secular Schooling is Schooling for the Rich!”: Qur’anic Students and Educational Inequalities in Northern Nigeria”
- 5.00 p.m.                   **CLOSING REMARKS**
- Susan Shepler  
American University and Georg Arnhold Visiting  
Research Professor 2015
- 6:00 p.m.                   **FAREWELL RECEPTION: A TASTE OF AFRICA**
- Orozco Room  
Room 712, 7th Floor  
Alvin Johnson/J.M. Kaplan Hall  
66 West 12th Street
- 7:00 p.m.                   *End of symposium*

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