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Achieving Justice

Contextualisation

Participation

Collaboration



The Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies (CHS) was inaugurated by his Excellency Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani in 2016. CHS is headed by its founding director, Professor Sultan Barakat.

Vision

At CHS we seek to contribute towards the enablement of sustainable recovery in conflict-affected societies and ultimately to achieve a world free from conflict and crisis

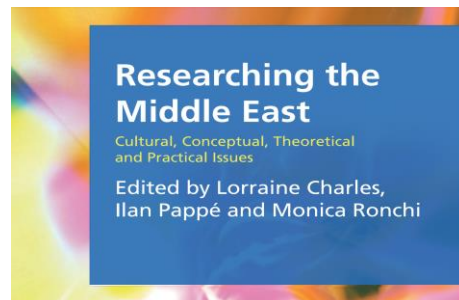
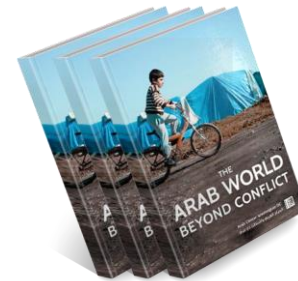


Mission



CHS research is driven by values of independence, interdisciplinarity, and intellectual rigor. By linking theory, policy, and practice in our engagement, we develop knowledge networks with constructive impact at local, national, and international levels.

CHS works collaboratively with leading research organizations to inform evidence-based approaches to conflict response. We also work with key stakeholders concerned with humanitarian action and peacemaking to facilitate multi-track dialogues, engage in mutual learning, and build common ground.



CHS in 2021

Since 2016, CHS has been a clear voice on the mediation and post-conflict recovery global stage, in academia and in government. In recent years, the strength and impact of the Center has reached new levels, culminating in the Distinguished Speakers Series, 2020-2021, which saw speakers such as HRH, Prince El Hassan of Jordan, His Excellency, Dr. Ashraf Ghani, Former President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Amir Khan Muttaqi, Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan deliver striking speeches in an online event and a live event respectively. In 2020-2021, CHS addressed topics ranging from refugee return and reintegration to peacebuilding in Afghanistan following US-NATO withdrawal to the role of women in peacebuilding and mediation/negotiations.

Distinguished Speakers Series



Discussing timely topics that enrich dialogue with esteemed experts from around the world



2016

"Women and youth can play a vital role in the social fabric of communities by creating opportunities for reconciliation in the future."



2018



"I still believe that Islam can be a source of unity in Afghanistan, but it has to be the Islam which is true, the islam which is universal..."

2020

2017

2019

2021

Event Themes 2020- 2021

Post-conflict Recovery and Mediation

Participation of Women in Peace Processes

Artificial Intelligence in Mediation

Cultural Heritage in Post-conflict Recovery

Humanitarian Diplomacy

The Role of Small State Mediators in
Peacebuilding Processes

H.E. Dr. Ashraf Ghani

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Dr. Sima Samar

Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

“Having the Center for Conflict Studies in the Middle East is really needed because we have the majority of conflict currently located in the region.”



“So, in this regard, my first proposal to you because you’re leading this institute, is that the advantage of peace and the cost of war is not sufficiently theorised and not sufficiently thought through, still.”



HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal

Member of the Jordanian Royal Family

H.E. Fatima Gailani

Afghan Negotiator at Doha Intra-Afghan Peace Talks

Fawzia Koofia

Afghan Negotiator at Doha Intra-Afghan Peace Talks

Sharifa Zurmati

Afghan Negotiator at Doha Intra-Afghan Peace Talks

Habiba Sarabi

Afghan Negotiator at Doha Intra-Afghan Peace Talks

Dr. Barnett Rubin

Senior Fellow, Center on International Cooperation, NYU

H.E. Dr. Mutlaq bin Majed al Qahtani

Special Envoy of the State of Qatar for Counterterrorism and Mediation of Conflict Resolution

H.E. Ramon Blecu

Spain's Ambassador for Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue

Sheikha Alya Al Thani

Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations

Amb. Jacqueline O'Neill

Canada's Ambassador for Women, Peace, and Security

H.E Pekka Haavisto

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

H.E. Dr. Ashraf Ghani

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Dr. Sorcha O'Callaghan

Director of Programme, Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI

Dr. Arne Strand

Director of the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, CMI

Dr. Hatem Mhenni

Senior Program Manager, Qatar National Research Fund

Nasr Al Hariri

President of the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces

H.E. Dr. Ahmad Awad bin Mubarak

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen

Dr. Antoine Bieler

Medecins sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders Humanitarian Representative in the MENA

Amir Khan Muttaqi

Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan

Featured Guests 2020-2021

Initiatives

CHS organizes several initiatives for conflict resolution and mediation in partnership with international and national institutions. This includes organizing Track II dialogues, establishing scholarly networks, and convening communities of practitioners to share experiences across contexts and jointly envision alternative pathways to peace.



- Track II Dialogue Series: Can Peace Talks Continue Amid Uptick in Violence?
- Women ART Peace Programme
- Afghanistan Future Thought Forum
- Arab Mediation Forum



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Associates and Champions

CHS offers effective fellowship programs for professors and researchers from the Arab region and around the world, who specialize in conflict studies, humanitarian action, mediation efforts and reconstruction, among other relevant areas. This works towards creating a dynamic and interdisciplinary academic community where ideas worthy of research grants are generated and academic approaches to said challenges are supported from several perspectives.

The CHS Champions programme aims to build and develop the capacity of Qatari youth. The initiative comes in support of Qatar National Vision 2030. Champions benefit from and participate in CHS events projects at local, regional and international levels, including mediation and conflict resolution efforts, and the intellectual and academic work on reconstruction and humanitarian studies.

Research Themes


As an interdisciplinary research center, CHS undertakes research across multiple projects and thematic fields, including in collaboration with regional and international research partners and funders.




- Strategic Analysis of Conflict and State Fragility
- Integrated Conflict Response in and Beyond the Arab World: Qatar's Role in Comparative Perspective
- Understanding Qatari Conflict Mediation
- Post-war Reconstruction and Development
- Women in Peace and Conflict

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- ‘Hearts and Minds’: Examining the Kuwaiti Humanitarian Model as an Emerging Arab Donor – Ghassan Elkahout
 - From Theory to Practice: A Study of Remotely Managed Localised Humanitarian Action in Syria – Ghassan Elkahout
 - Localisation Across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus – Sultan Barakat and Sansom Milton
 - Necessary Conditions for Integrated Approaches to the Post-Conflict Recovery of Cultural Heritage in the Arab World – Sultan Barakat
 - Higher Education and Sustainable Development Goal 16 in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts – Sansom Milton
 - Shrinking Humanitarian Space in Gaza Strip Under Siege – Ghassan Elkahout
 - International Aid to the Gaza under Israeli Conditionalities: Is it Time to Rethink Financing Policies and Mechanisms? – Tamer Qarmout
 - The Stagnation of Reconstruction in Gaza: Donor Delay over Subjective and Objective Concerns – Sultan Barakat

Publications 2020

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- Humanitarian Action: Reality and Challenges – Ghassan Elkahlout
 - Higher education, post-conflict democratization and the legacies of authoritarian rule: The Tripoli University Programme for Rebuilding Libya – Sansom Milton
 - Youth in post-conflict reconstruction: The case of the Gaza Strip – Wadee Al Arabeed
 - Doing Research in Conflict and Post-conflict Contexts – Sansom Milton
 - Universities in Post-2003 Iraq: Coalition and Iraqi Responses to Violence and Insecurity – Sansom Milton
 - Protecting Higher Education from Attack in the Gaza Strip – Sansom Milton

Publications 2021

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- Rebuilding Gaza: the Need for a Radical Shift in Reconstruction Strategy – Sultan Barakat, Sansom Milton, Ghassan Ekahlout
 - Afghanistan Under Renewed Taliban Rule: Charting a Pathway to Inclusive and Effective Governance – Sultan Barakat

Policy Briefs

Op-eds 2020

Trump's Opportunism
Could Plunge the Middle
East Into Turmoil –
Sultan Barakat

What is Behind the Talk
of Sudan-Israel
Normalisation? – Sultan
Barakat

Could Diplomacy Come
After Tragedy in Iran?
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Sultan Barakat

Afghanistan's Peace
Process is in Danger of
Unravelling – Sultan
Barakat

In Afghanistan, Peace is
Finally in Sight In
Afghanistan, Peace is
Finally in Sight – Sultan
Barakat

Wars of Reconstruction
and Wars of Colonialism
– Ali Al-Za'tari

A Peace Deal Alone
Cannot Solve
Afghanistan's Myriad
Problems – Sultan
Barakat

Libya: Utility in
Repetition – Ali Al-Za'tari

An Objective Reading of
UAE- Israel Peace – Ali
Al-Za'tari

Amiable Normalization –
Ali Al-Za'tari

Op-eds 2021

Qatar-GCC Agreement: A
Victory for Measured
Diplomacy – Sultan
Barakat

Donors and Syria... A
Personal International
Retrospective – Ali Al-
Za'tari

Afghanistan: New US plan
may erase progress made
in Doha – Sultan Barakat

Now that the guns are
silent, minds turn to
reconstruction – Sultan
Barakat

Israel is Waging a War on
Truth in Gaza – Sultan
Barakat

Peace can Still be
Achieved in Afghanistan –
Sultan Barakat

Perils and Pitfalls of
America's Return to the
Multilateral Order –
Sultan Barakat

Can a Disaster in
Afghanistan be Averted? –
Sultan Barakat

Partners

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