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# Cultures of Governance and Conflict Resolution in Europe and India (CORE)

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**Description of Work** The post-Cold War world is witnessing the emergence of new forms of intra-state conflicts accompanied by a weakening of the nation-state's traditional means of dealing with these. There is a need for substantial revision in conventional approaches and strategies aimed at transforming such conflicts since they often fail to take into consideration the complex social and cultural contexts of the local level. Particularly there is a gap in knowledge about the impact that governance agendas have on local conflict dynamics, especially in the cases where identity mobilisation is a prominent factor.

CORE analyses the premises and operation of governance initiatives in conflict transformation processes through a combination of fieldwork, qualitative analysis and theory development. The project will review and critique current approaches to conflict resolution in order to revise and improve both the theoretical and operational sides of conflict resolution and peace building. CORE facilitates a reciprocal learning process between the European Union and India

## The CORE project sets out the following objectives:

Analyse how increasingly globally articulated and networked norms, rules and policies of governance are transforming and affecting conflicts locally;

- Improve the knowledge and understanding of the cultural dynamics of current governance, peace and development practices in India and Europe;
- Assess the effect and impact of governance initiatives on conflicts where issues of identity mobilization and minority rights are prominent;
- Analyse how increasingly globally articulated and networked norms, rules and policies of governance are transforming and affecting conflicts locally;

- Assess how and to what degree governance measures on global, regional, state and local level impact each other in a multi-level dynamic, and how they constitute peace processes with broad local legitimacy.
- Compare how the emerging EU peacebuilding framework, compares with regional strategies aimed at dealing with conflict on and around the Indian subcontinent.
- Map a select set of current governance programmes and analyse these governance initiatives.
- Form a methodological framework for field analysis of governance initiatives implemented in societies of long-term conflict;
- Make a significant contribution to basic research and policy on global politics, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and governance.

## Cases

- Bihar
- Bosnia
- Cyprus
- Georgia
- North East India
- Kashmir

