

Working Report 1999-2000

1. Research Projects

1.1 "Nonviolent Intervention"

At the beginning of 1999 Barbara Müller and Christian Büttner finished their study on the "Balkan Peace Team - a case study on intervention in escalated conflicts with non-violent concepts". This study was financed by the "Forschungsverbund Niedersachsen" - a program run by the State of Lower Saxonia. The research report has been made available to BPT, and the publication of a revised version will be forthcoming probably end of 2000.

1.2 Peace Constituencies

This project is carried out by Barbara Müller as a follow-up of the BPT study, and is financed by the Berghof Institute (Berlin). In the course of the project there have been two work-shops in Croatia with activists from Split in 1999, and with different state and non-state actors from the Knin area in April 2000.

1.3 Research on Satyagraha

Martin Arnold is working in collaboration with others on the practice and theory of Satyagraha. (He uses a new German term, "Gütekraft"). A first publication, a compilation of essays, has been published in 1999.

1.4 Others

Other, smaller projects included a small study on Kosovo by Christine Schweitzer, and an evaluation of a four-month training course for peace workers by Achim Schmitz.

2. Study days

Twice a year the IFGK carries out a week-end meeting which includes a study day where different projects are presented and discussed. These study days routinely are open to non-members as well.

3. Secretariat of Platform Civil Conflict Resolution

Since its foundation, the IFGK serves as the secretariat of the German Platform Civil Conflict Resolution.