Aarhus Center for Conflict Management (Aarcon)

Start-up workshop

May 23, 2023

Today's agenda

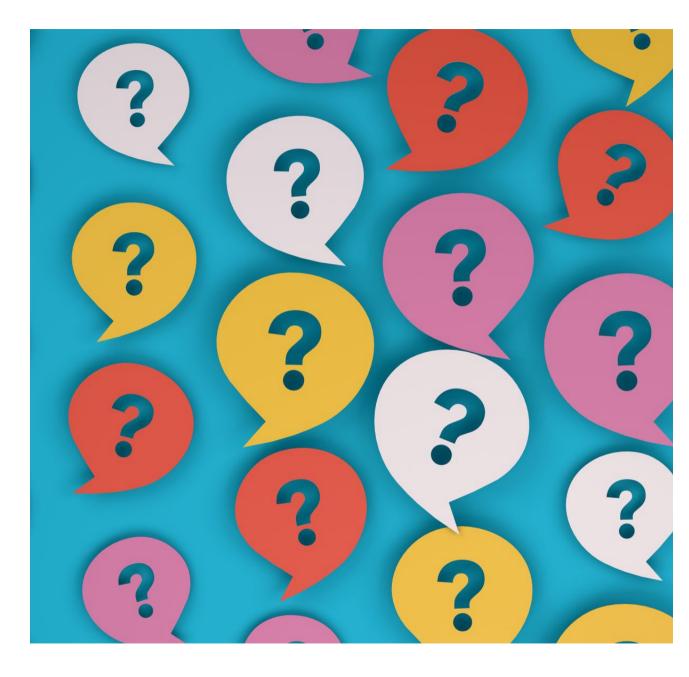
- 1. Round of introduction
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 - 1. What kind of centre activities would be meaningful to you?
 - 2. How would you like to get involved, and how can you contribute?
 - 3. Would you like to be affiliated with the new centre (with a profile on the website)?
- 4. What are the next steps?



Round of introduction

- 1. Who are you?
- 2. Why are you here today?

30 seconds per person 🙂



Introduction to Aarcon

- Aspiration: Not "just" a standard research centre
- **Inclusiveness:** An interdisciplinary centre where everyone who would like to make some kind of contribution to the centre is welcome to be affiliated (researchers, students, practioners)
- **Dynamic bottom-up approach:** We do whatever the affiliated people would like to do (ownership, a "playful/experimenting" approach, where we also try to challenge established assumtions, would be great)
- A few ideas: Research presentations and feedback, practical training and supervision, development of new projects, promotion of new collaborations, promotion of student projects, a centre publication series



Introduction to Aarcon

- What is the centre? Basically, the centre is people who are affiliated
- Who established the centre? The School of Culture and Society at Aarhus University
- Where is the centre located? Moesgaard Campus, which is where most of the people from the steering group have their offices (we do not have a specific building)
- What kind of ressources do we have? Our time and energy; we can use rooms at Aarhus University and the museum for free; later, we may generate funding for Aarcon via projects and other activities
- Centre management in the autumn: Me, Ida Kromann (intern), steering group, advisory board





Steering group

Advisory board



Current affiliated projects

- After Access to Justice: Exploring the Development of Local Dynamics and Perceptions of Justice in Northern Uganda after the ICC's Access to Justice Project
- Anthropology of Human Security in Africa: ANTHUSIA
- Fencing the Feral: Biosecurity and the Invasive Other in Danish-German Borderlands
- Imagining Gender Futures in Uganda
- Konfliktråd Impact Project
- Settler Colonial Beasts
- Territorial Phantom Pain: Exploring the Post-Conflict Environment of Territorial Loss, Crisis and Non-Return in the Republic of Georgia
- Eur-Asian Border Lab

Concrete ideas for Aarcon activities

- Aarcon conferences: Two per year (December and June) with different types of activities: "normal" presentations; idea workshops (writings in progress, project proposals, etc.); training, and...?
 - Responsible in the autumn: Christian and Ida
- Aarcon publication: Published twice a year (at the same time as the conferences)
 - Responsible in the autumn: Mikel, Ida, and editorial board

Short group dialogues: Any questions?



Facilitated dialogues

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I would like to take a few pictures for our website if that is okay for you...



Next steps

- 1. Creation of website profiles (<u>https://aarcon.au.dk</u>)
- 2. Organization of the first Aarcon conference in December
- 3. Preparation of the first Aarcon publication
- 4. Contact me if you would like to organize something before December (gade@cas.au.dk)
- 5. Join our new LinkedIn group <u>"Aarhus Centre for</u> <u>Conflict Management (Aarcon)"</u> for easy communication

Look forward to seeing you again 🙂