

Research Questions

The project assesses how domestic political conditions affect the outcome of international efforts in the reconstruction of statehood after conflict and studies the influence of recipient-side interests and perceptions in the transformation of international state- and security building strategies.

1. How do domestic political conditions influence whether international security interventions strengthen or undermine the reconstruction of statehood after conflict?



2. How do transnational actor networks in areas of limited statehood influence the transformation of international state building strategies?

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Implementation

Research Goal 1 Domestic Politics of State-Building

The project focuses on three sets of domestic factors to explain under what conditions international interventions consolidate and when they undermine state-building in areas of limited statehood.

1 Resource dependence

2 Domestic elite bargains

3 Governance constellation

undermine /
consolidate

Process of
state-building
after conflict

1 Resource dependence: rent-seeking and strategies of extraversion

→ We expect the effects of external interventions to be mediated by the availability of rents or material and ideational resources in the domestic polity (**H1, H2 and H3**).

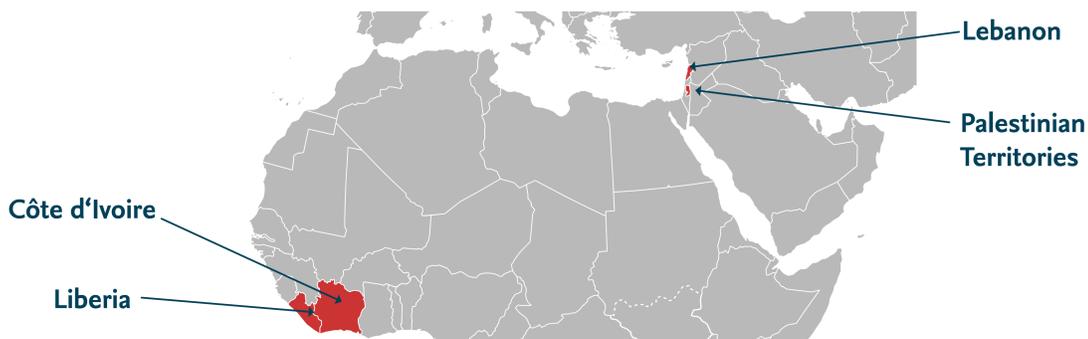
2 Post-war power constellations: inclusive and exclusive elite bargains

→ We expect variations in post-conflict elite power-sharing arrangements (e.g. inclusive or exclusive political coalitions) to influence the effects of international interventions (**H4 and H5**).

3 Domestic governance constellation: formal and informal institutions

→ We expect relationships between (competing or substitutive) informal institutions and formal state institutions to change as the result of external interventions (**Q1, Q2 and Q3**).

Case Research and Methods



Comparative Case Research: We conduct structured and focused case comparisons of international state- and security building interventions selected for variation of domestic political conditions.

Data: We combine secondary source material and available historical studies of state formation processes with several sets of qualitative, semi-structured interviews with domestic and international experts.

Research Goal 2

Transformation of State-Building Strategies

To study the influence of recipient-side interests and perceptions in the ongoing transformation of international state-building strategies, we focus on the role of new transnational actor networks:

The project

- investigates the **sources of discursive change** in the field of state building.
- identifies and maps **emerging alternative voices** and outlines whose ideas matter on the international stage.
- specifies the conditions under which **recipient-side actor networks** gain influence on international discourses.

Case Research and Methods

Case Research: The project studies the *International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding*. We track debates among core actors in the context of this new international forum to assess where and how new norms emerge.

Case:



Data: The project conducts a qualitative content analysis of international and regional discourses on state- and security building. The primarily document-driven analysis is complemented by a set of qualitative expert and focus group interviews in core International Organizations and with crucial actors in recipient-side expert networks.

Beitrag zum SFB 700

Das Teilprojekt C6 trägt zur Analyse der Konsequenzen des Regierens in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit für den Staat sowie für das Internationale System bei. Auf der einen Seite untersucht das Projekt die Auswirkungen lokaler Aneignungs- und Abwehrmechanismen auf den Aufbau von Staatlichkeit im Fall internationaler Interventionen in Westafrika und im Nahen Osten. Auf der anderen Seite analysiert das Projekt den Einfluss lokaler und regionaler Akteure auf die Strategien internationaler Organisationen im Bereich der Staatsaufbauhilfe.