CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACE BUILDING

The cases of Iran and Burundi

What Peace Research means. **Peace** is much more than security, to a certain extend the opposite. **Research** means to question received wisdom.

Negative and Positive Peace (Galtung), Static and dynamic Peace (Preiswerk).

Challenge in connecting theory and practice, knowledge and action.

Key Words

Infowar - Proxy Wars – Stakeholders – politicide – non-military war operations Military operations other than war (**MOOTW**) focus on deterring war, resolving conflict, promoting peace, and supporting civil authorities in response to domestic crises.**-** non-combat military operations – **so-called "internal conflicts" – illusory "ethnic conflicts" -**

Failed States or destroyed nations? Politicide:" The killing or extermination of a particular group because of its political or ideological beliefs."

1. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The words are not innocent.

- **Not to take the words in use for granted: mind the framing**

(Globalization, Values, Failed State, Smart Bomb, Internal Conflict, Ethnic Conflict, World Order…)

"But the extreme version of globalism neglects the mismatch between the world's political and economic organizations. Unlike economics, politics divides the world into national units."
Kissinger
- **Considering alternative concepts**: "Hierarchical National / Global System" (Michel Beaud), Misorder, Misdevelopment, Interaction Violence of the Markets / Markets of Violence, Positive Peace (Galtung)

(…) (27) "The concept of "peacebuilding" now means not only keeping former enemies from going back to war, but also addressing the root causes of conflict and even fostering development in non-postwar societies" (Call and Cook, 2003) (…) (28) Basically, peacebuilding combines security and development aspects.

NECESSITY OF CONTEXTUALISING THE CONCEPTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE HISTORY AND THE GEOGRAPHY. CONCRETELY, TO CONSIDER A MULTIPOLAR WORLD WITH VARIETIES OC CULTURES, LANGUAGES, INTERESTS AND VALUES.

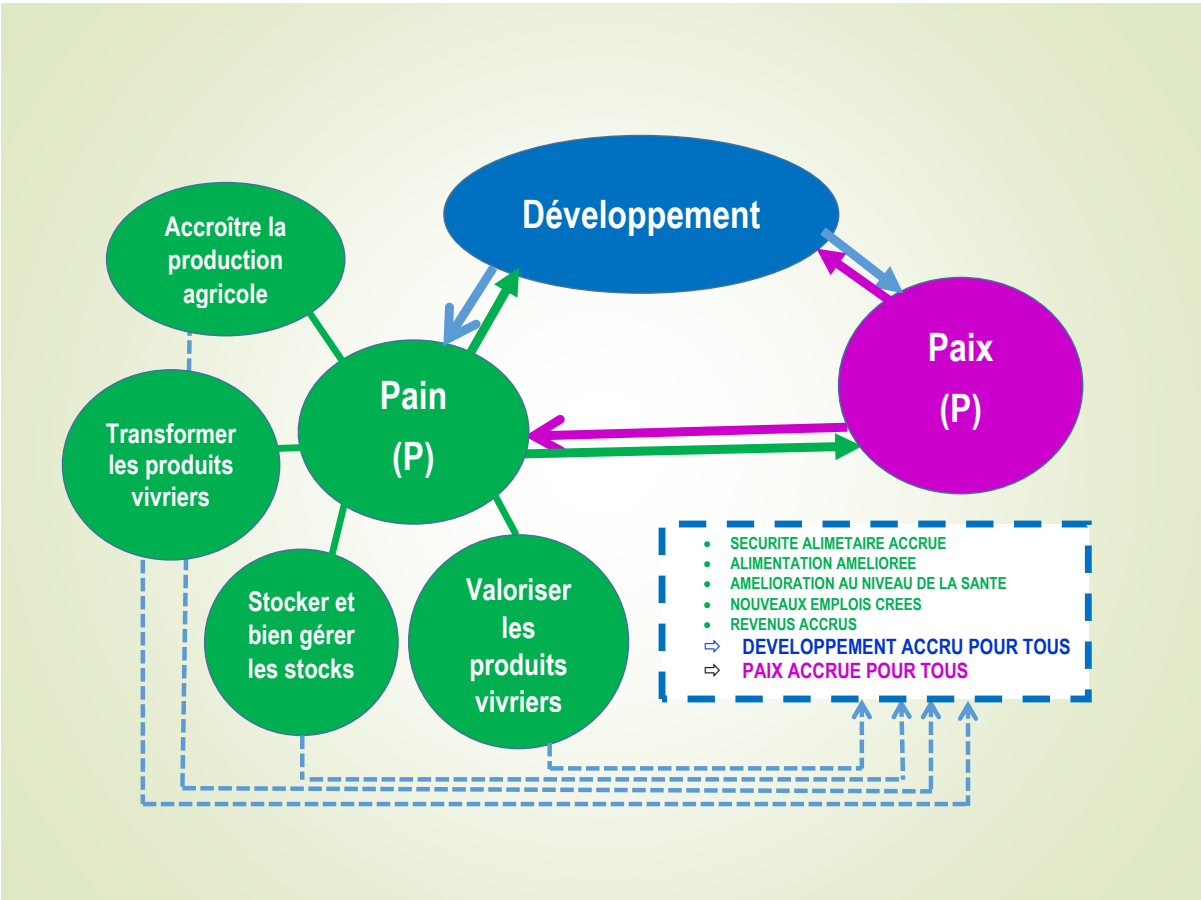## 2. CONFLICT PREVENTION IN IRAN AND PEACE BUILDING IN BURUNDI

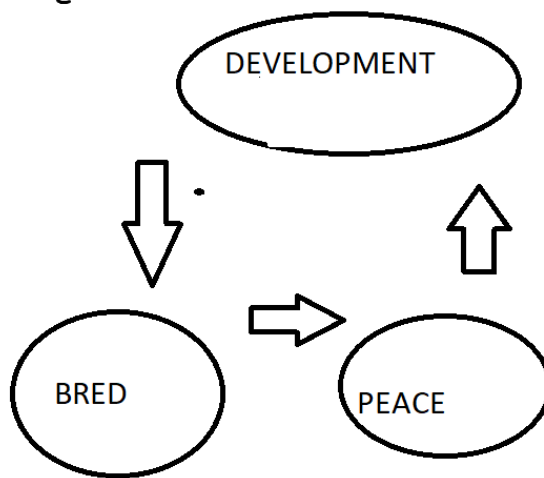### 2.1. GIPRI's involvement in Conflict Prevention in Iran 2007

2007 GIPRI was mandated by the Swiss Ministry for Foreign Affairs to organise a discreet academic round table on Iran. The Swiss ambassador in Teheran - I knew him in his previous job - came and visited me to set up a meeting. The background was the possible development of nuclear weapons. We choose the title: "What energies? What security for Iran and its neighbours?" A specific point to be noted is that
Switzerland has **represented** American **interests** in **Iran** ("Protecting Power") since 1980, and Pakistan represents **Iran's** interests to the USA. The Swiss ambassador insisted on 3 or 4 names of persons – Americans or Iranians - to attend the meeting. The meeting took place in a smooth and positive manner.

I realised several weeks after the meeting the positive "hidden agenda" of the round-table Limiting the risk of air strikes. "Objectives exceeded"

2.2 GIPRI's support to Peace Building in Burundi

MUNTUNUWUNDI Project links Peace & development, "Circles of Peace" and the cultivation of cassava, associated to other plants and the construction of dry toilets. Possibly associated to chicken farming. In 3 years, about 900 trainees. A circle of peace build from 8 to 12 persons.

Bashingantahe (roughly meaning wisemen)

The Curve of Conflict

Lund continues,

Elements of conclusion:

The West has to drop its pretence to the leadership and turn to a balanced partnership respecting the diversity of interests and values. The world is not so united as some people said 20 or 30 years ago.

Back to the UN Charter

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