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["Actually I am different." Subjective constructions of ethnic identity in a migration context and new ways in psychological acculturation research]

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Abstract [English]

"the expectations that long lasting wars can be pacified have not been fulfilled. on the contrary - since the end of the cold war between east and west wars have become even more complex due to the fragmentation and privatization of violence. this holds true for many conflicts that formerly have been studied only by regional specialists like colombia, the oldest 'theatre of war' in latin america. in the context of the debate over 'new wars', war economies and failing states, the andean country has been of interest for many scholars because it shares some of the characteristics discussed in these studies, some of these features are a special relationship between structural conditions and actor constellations aiding war, like the drug based war economy, a hybrid political system and deficits in the functioning of central state structures. although the following analysis has its main focus on the political violence that plays a central role for the stagnant transformation of the political system and as a determining factor, the colombian conflict shows a symbiotic relation between different forms of violence called into existence and favored by state and non-state actors. the following publication shows that there is no silver bullet (königsweg) for peace in colombia but that there are different entry points at different levels that can help to reduce violence. on the local level existing civil approaches must be strengthened. on the national level the consolidation and enhancement of reform processes in the context of dialogue over democratization, rule of law, reconciliation and justice should be a main focus, a policy of violence reduction should include an active role for external actors and reflect their part in shadow globalization and war economies. such an integrated approach could be a contribution to contain the political violence and not just to change its form." (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

"die hoffnungen auf die befriedung lang anhaltender kriege haben sich nicht erfüllt. im gegenteil - das kriegsgeschehen ist 95