**PEACE IS AN INTERVAL BETWEEN WARS (1)**

**WHAT IS WAR FOR?**

More political power, deliberate political decisions (eg. on border issues) and / or within the state (drafting an "own people first"-like or a "greatness" agendas) cause disputes to arise or fuel them. You just have to think about operations in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Ethiopia (Tigray), Yemen and the contemporary deeds by the Russian regime to destroy and dominate their neighbor country.

**WHERE ARE WE?**

The world has become a white water course, whooping left to right and top to bottom. The tensions and vacuums that has arisen force us to discuss and act who we actually are and who we want to be, about our place in the world, taking into account all the other countries. And **how we are going to defend our values**.

**WORDS in stead of WAR**

Europe has experience through eras of high cultures, interspersed with horrific miseries. The **old question** arises “how to prevent violent conflicts?” **What languages to be spoken** in order to reach out to aggressive states, so that a compromise can be agreed?

There can be risk of conflict throughout the chain of peace up to and including war. If you are going to investigate the reasons for a conflict and what measures have been devised to prevent such, you won’t cheer if you are aware that an **enormous amount of thinking power** (2) **and deployment of numerous missions** has been spent on this and sees what now **the result of it** is.

We will have to seek **insight into which states are eligible potential danger**. [Global Peace Index Map » The Most & Least Peaceful Countries (visionofhumanity.org)](https://www.visionofhumanity.org/maps/#/) can be of help, just as a specialized European agency tracking sources that can lead to possible conflicts and will draft a regular security risk assessment of potential threaths and challenges.

**WHAT DEFENSES?**

When we collectively have full knowledge of what causes and continuates violent conflict (remember humiliation and belittling too), we might be able to successfully prevent or intervening conflict. Not just **through jobs at global institutions such as the UN, NATO, EU, OSCE (2022 chair Poland) or international NGO’s, but also, and perhaps even more crucial, through grassroots initiatives such as sport, music, theatre and art. This, you may call Bildung**.

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| Creating a culture of prevention |  | Well-founded articles with a story in the right context and perspective (pathos, logos en ethos) and not that of disinformation | | |  | Sanctions; economic support; weapons |
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| Supranational, intergovernmental and court organizations, which can mediate during conflicts between individual countries and trie when agreements are violated. Individual states to group through an organization and to take appropriate actions in order to stop aggression towards each other | | | | | | |
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| Attention for the conflict; clarify what the issue is; bring involved parties together to talk; identify a solution; continue to monitor and follow up on the conflict | | |  | Effort for vast cybersecurity | | |
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| Protecting the citizen (PoC), promoting IL and stability, supporting disaster relief and humanitarian aid, peacebuilding, improving the rule of law, diplomacy (military, cultural), dialogue and inclusive security structures | | | | | | | |

1. E.M. Forster (‘What I believe’): "I realize that all society rests upon forces. But all the great creative actions, all the decent human relations, occur during the intervals when force has not managed to come to the front. These intervals are what matter. I want them to be as frequent and as lengthy as possible and I call them 'civilization';
2. - in **2015** a report with recommendations was presented by the Commission on **Global Security, Justice & Governance** to

encourage a broad-based global policy dialogue and an institutional reform agenda aimed 2020 in the context of the 75th

anniversary of the UN and it appears that no further follow-up has been given: “Confronting the crisis of global

governance”(Albright / Gambari): [Commission on Global Security, Justice and Governance – Citizens for Global Solutions](https://globalsolutions.org/cooperation/commission-on-global-security-justice-and-governance/#:~:text=The%20Commission%20on%20Global%20Security,Creating%20U.N.)

* **The Carnegie Commission** on Preventing Deadly conflict (**1997**). International commitment to the concept of prevention. War and mass violence, usually result of deliberate political decisions (border issues) [Preventing Deadly Conflict: Final Report : Publications | Carnegie Corporation of New York](https://www.carnegie.org/publications/preventing-deadly-conflict-final-report/)
* **CFR**, the Center for Preventive Actions: preventive priorities survey (support of Carnegie Corp. NY.). [Conflicts to Watch in 2022 | Council on Foreign Relations (cfr.org)](https://www.cfr.org/report/conflicts-watch-2022) (Paul B. Stares)
* [Clingendael Institute: trainings (diplomatic practice, humanitarian negotiations, on mediation in conflict resolution](https://www.clingendael.org/training-program/negotiation-mediation-conflict-resolution)
* Chaillot paper (**2019**): [Healty Bounderies](https://www.iss.europa.eu/sites/default/files/EUISSFiles/CP_152_Borders.pdf) (**ISS Institute for Securities Study EU**)
* [EU Strategic Compass](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/strategic-compass-security-and-defence-1_en) -> to guarantee and safeguard freedom of our open and democratic societies
* [Future wars: protecting civilians in high-intensity urban warfar](https://www.stimson.org/2022/future-wars-protecting-civilians-in-high-intensity-urban-warfare/) (Stimson Center)
* [How to respond to the confrontation that Russia is imposing on Europe](https://pulaski.pl/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Pulaski_Policy_Paper_No2_22_EN.pdf) (Pulaski Policy Paper, 21-02-2022)
* [Conflict prevention, peace and stability (europa.eu)](https://ec.europa.eu/fpi/what-we-do/conflict-prevention-peace-and-stability_en)
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* [War & International Conflict - Research and data from the Pew Research Center](https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/politics-policy/political-issues/defense-national-security/war-international-conflict-1/)
* [PAX](https://paxforpeace.nl/)
* [Valdai](https://valdaiclub.com/)