



PRESENTATION OF MAIN FINDINGS
“VIOLENCE AND SMALL ARMS: THE PORTUGUESE CASE”
PEACE STUDIES GROUP (NEP/CES)
LISBON, 20TH MAY 2010

1. The research project

Objectives

The main aim of the research project “Violence and Small Arms: the Portuguese case” (2008-2010), funded by the Science and Technology Foundation, Portugal, was to contribute to the multidimensional characterisation of small arms dissemination in Portugal as well as to the identification of good practices and policy recommendations on armed violence prevention and reduction. Specifically, the project intends to map legal and illegal supply of firearms, to identify its users/bearers and their motivations, to investigate the differentiated impacts of armed violence and analyse existing prevention and combat strategies, promoted by both the State and civil society.

Organisation

The Peace Studies Group (NEP/CES) has a solid trajectory of research in the fields of war and peace in the former Portuguese colonies. The recently completed research project on the role of development aid in peacebuilding processes in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, as well as the on going project “Trajectories of violence dissemination and containment: a comparative study between Bissau and Praia” are examples of this.

Recently, NEP/CES has been developing research in the domain of armed violence, with a special focus on its gender dimensions. In 2005, NEP/CES coordinated, in partnership with the Brazilian NGO Viva Rio, the project “Women and girls in contexts of armed violence: a case study on Rio de Janeiro”. Presently, NEP/CES is finishing the research projects: “Women and armed violences. War strategies against women in non-war contexts” (Rio de Janeiro, San Salvador and Medellín).

In October 2008, NEP/CES has established an Observatory on Gender and Armed Violence (OGAV), contributing to the advancement of the Group’s activities in this particular field of research. Its work consolidates research on gender and armed violences developed both within CES and in Portugal, including the objective of international audiences through its work on international processes of arms control and violence against men and women.

Venue: Centro de Estudos Sociais-Lisboa, Picoas Plaza, Rua do Viriato 13

Date: 20th May 2010

PROGRAMME

9:30/10:00 | *Presentation of the project's objectives and main findings*

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Tatiana Moura (Peace Studies Group/CES and Observatory on Gender and Armed Violence/CES, University of Coimbra)

PANEL 1 | SMALL ARMS SUPPLY IN PORTUGAL

10:00/10:20 | *Small arms production, fluxes, legal and illegal markets*

Julio Purcena (Viva Rio, Brazil)

10:20/10:30 | *Commentary*

Intendente Francisco Bagina (National Department of Weapons and Explosives, Public Security Police)

10:30/11:00 | *Debate*

11:00/11:15 | *Coffee-break*

PANEL 2 | SMALL ARMS DEMAND IN PORTUGAL

11:15/11:35 | *Profiles, uses and motivations for small arms demand*

Tatiana Moura (Peace Studies Group/CES and Observatory on Gender and Armed Violence/CES, University of Coimbra)

Rita Santos (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

11:35/11:45 | *Commentary*

Pedro Krupenski (Amnesty International, Portugal)

11:45/12:15 | *Debate*

12:15/14:00 | *Lunch break*

PANEL 3 | THE DIFFERENTIATED IMPACTS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN PORTUGAL

14:00/14:20 | *The direct impacts of gun violence: the dead and injured*

Carla Afonso (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

14:20/14:40 | *Domestic violence and firearms*

Tatiana Moura (Peace Studies Group/CES and Observatory on Gender and Armed Violence/CES, University of Coimbra)

14:40/15:00 | *The costs of gun violence in Portugal: an analysis of indirect and direct costs*

Pedro Godinho (School of Economics, University of Coimbra)

15:00/15:20 | *For an analysis of the costs of fear in Portugal*

Eduardo Barata (School of Economics, University of Coimbra)

15:20/15:30 | *Commentary*

Rita Serra (OSIRIS, Risk Observatory, University of Coimbra)

15:30/16:00 | *Debate*

16:00/16:15 | *Coffee-break*

PANEL 4 | GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND COMBAT STRATEGIES

16:15/16:35 | *The Portuguese gun and ammunition legal regime*

Carla Afonso (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

Marta Peça (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

16:35/16:55 | *Portugal, the PoA and the Arms Trade Treaty process*

Rita Santos (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

16:55/17:05 | *Commentary*

Fernando Roque de Oliveira (Observatory on Production, Trade and Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, CNJP)

17:35/18:00 | *Debate*

18:00/18:30 | Closing session

José Manuel Pureza (Peace Studies Group/CES, University of Coimbra)

Tatiana Moura (Peace Studies Group/CES and Observatory on Gender and Armed Violence/CES, University of Coimbra)

José Conde Rodrigues (Secretary of State of Home Affairs)

