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Sensemaking - the New Frontier for Peace

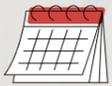
Speaker: **Keil Eggers**, George Mason University



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Abstract

It is difficult to make sense of war. Sensemaking, defined as “gaining an understanding of the world to take action,” is a multidisciplinary field that seeks to translate this innately human capacity into methods that are appropriate for organizations and society. Violence threatens cognitive capacities through trauma, shifts focus to reducing immediate threats, and dominates attention. Emerging technologies allow governments and private sector actors to directly influence our decision making by controlling what we see and who we interact with in virtual environments. With the recent US-Israeli strikes on Iran, it is important to understand how sensemaking capabilities at the individual and social level are threatened and how they can be bolstered to support peace. This talk will outline how sensemaking is emerging as the new frontier of peacebuilding theory and practice. Dr. Eggers will define sensemaking, describe how it has become a new domain for warfighting, introduce threats to sensemaking capabilities, and share the implications for peacebuilding.

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