



Mô Bleeker

Mrs. Mô Bleeker (Dutch and Swiss citizenship) is trained as a political anthropologist. She has long and diverse experience in accompanying groups and societies in the social and political process of transition from war to peace with field experience in different countries and cultural context, in all continents.

Between 1992 and 1996, she was mandated by the Swiss Ministry of Health and the University of Fribourg to design several pilot training programmes; one program in the field of interculturality and another one in the field of addiction and social rehabilitation. In the same period, she also developed participatory investigation tools, trainings and was a coach for several professionals and institution working in political and social transformation.

From 1996 to 1999, she served as the director of the foreign assistance program of the Pestalozzi Children's Foundation. In 2000, she was hired to contribute to the creation and development of the Centre for Peace building (KOFF) at Swisspeace. There, she worked specifically on Guatemala, Colombia, Central Asia and on the issue "dealing with the past, transitional justice". In that position, she published several reports, among them Colombia: Conflict Analysis and Options for Peacebuilding. Assessing Possibilities for Further Swiss Contributions (Koff report, 2003) and Dealing with the Past, Critical Issues, Lessons Learned, and Challenges for Future Swiss Policy, (KOFF report, 2004 with Jonathan Sisson).

In 2003, she assumed the position of Swiss Peacebuilding Adviser, based in Guatemala and working for the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). Since September 2004, she serves as a senior adviser in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Dealing with the Past and Transitional Justice. She supports FDFA colleagues and national actors in the design and implementation of strategies for dealing with the past in several countries (Colombia, Burundi, Indonesia, Balkans and other countries). She also develops conceptual inputs and develops tools for a constructive inclusion of dealing with the past issues in peace initiatives.

Mô Bleeker has studied anthropology, religion sciences, journalism and social communication at the University of Fribourg. She also holds a post-graduate diploma in development studies (Institute of Development Studies, IUED, in Geneva). She has also directed and produced two documentary films *Le Fromage de la Liberté* (1992) and *Roba le Bou* (1999).