



“There is nothing so practical as a good theory.” -Kurt Lewin

# THE MD-ICCCR BLOG

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SCIENCE AND PRACTICE FOR  
CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE

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Too often, scholars studying peace and conflict fail to utilize the expertise of highly skilled practitioners in their development of theory, and research often fails to account for what practitioners and policy makers most need to know. As a result, many practitioners of conflict resolution dismiss the contributions from research, particularly when they challenge their own assumptions or approach.

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