i'm currently working on a number of projects. one that occupies lots

of time at a minute is called everyday piece indicators.   and that's looking

at bottom-up anecdotal indicators of peace and change in local

communities in a number of sub-saharan African countries.

so indicators of peace and conflict of insecurity might be things like

barking dogs, or hearing primers at night.   or are you see if to get to the

bus stop in your Timeship in south Africa.   and what's really interesting

about these bottom-up anecdotal indicators is how different they are from

the indicators used by international organizations or the world bank.

so the narrative of insecurity that people on the ground have is very

different from the narrative of insecurity, that large organizations have

and that governments have.   so we've got two different narratives and

the trick is to find out how governments donors large organizations can

actually listen to this anecdotal evidence this grind up evidence.

probably the most interesting current developments in the field of peace

and Conflict Studies <u>relate to </u>an attempt to refine our understanding of a

post-cold war consensus that liberal democratic capitalist States tended

to be most peaceful around the world. there's been a lot of attempt to manufacture these types of states and its broader regional international peace system. but there's also been a lot of problems emerging all around the world. different types of responses to it leading to different forms of social phenomena are different formulations of the modern state different engagements of the international political economy. and different regional as well as international frameworks. and I think we're really running to catch up with those phenomena. so some of the attempts that we made here to engage with that have related to turning towards local dynamics of peace, making in the in the event of a failed state or failed peace process of beans national level. looking at questions of hybridity hybrid forms of peace both negative and positive, and my own particular research interest has moved back to the question of the International Peace architecture itself and how it would be revised to. respond to 21st century issues of war conflict **and violence.**