

Category 11: Think Tanks That Address Issues of Conflict Resolution and Peace

Introduction: Think tanks are organizations that study social issues and recommend strategies for addressing them. While the history of similar organizations goes back centuries, the first American think tank was established only in 1910, and the term itself emerged only in the 1970s. That first American think tank - the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - is still at work today, carrying out its mission "to advance peace through analysis and development of fresh policy ideas and direct engagement and collaboration with decisionmakers in government, business, and civil society."

From 1910 until the end of World War II in 1945, five more U.S. think tanks were founded to focus on peace and conflict resolution. But from the end of World War II until today, the number of think tanks has mushroomed from six to at least 106 - 36 in the U.S. and 70 in 33 other countries around the world. Here is a sampling of their mission statements:

- “Solving problems facing society at the local, national and global level.”
- “Building a sustainably secure, prosperous and just world.”
- “Helping decisionmakers chart a course toward a better world.”
- “Advancing the cause of peace”
- “Helping make communities throughout the world safer and more secure, healthier and more prosperous.”
- “Helping people better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries.”

Following is a listing of those think tanks, as well as detailed information on their locations and founding dates, and sources of additional information on think tanks.

For more information on think tanks:

- “Key Policy Institutions and Think Tanks in Peacebuilding and Related Fields”, PCDN Social Change Careers;
- “Global Go-To Think Tank Index Report”, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania;
GuideStar, in its “Nonprofit Profiles”, lists 108 organizations under the heading “Conflict Resolution Think Tanks” and “Peace Think Tanks”;
“Top Foreign Policy/International Affairs Think Tanks”, University of Pennsylvania Think Tanks and Civil Society Program,
“Think Tank Search, Harvard Kennedy Library Research Guides”;
“Research Centers in International Relations on the Web”, U.S. Institute of Peace.

When The 106 Think Tanks Were Founded

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(+ 2, Founding date unknown, = 106)
One hundred-and-six Think Tanks that Focus on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution

1. The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (Mount Edgecombe, South Africa) - 1991
3. Arnold A. Salzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, New York - 1951
4. Association for Liberal Thinking, Ankara, Turkey - 1992
5. Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Peace Center Burg Schlaining - 1982
6. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts - 1973
7. Berghof Foundation, Berlin, Germany - 1971
11. The Carter Center - U.S. - 1982
12. Catholic Relief Services, Justice and Peacebuilding Unit, Baltimore, Maryland - 1943
14. Caucus Institute for Peace, Democracy, & Development (Tbilisi, Georgia) - 1992
15. CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Cambridge, Massachusetts - 1985
17. Centre for Conflict Resolution, Capetown, South Africa - 1968
18. Centre for Conflict Studies, University of New Brunswick, Canada - 1996
19. Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Irvine - 1983
20. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Switzerland - 1999
21. Center for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth (Buenos Aires, Argentina) - 2000
22. Center for International Peace Operations, Germany - 2002
23. Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Sydney University, Sydney, Australia - 1988
24. Centre for Peace and Development Studies, University of Limerick, Ireland - 2004
25. Center for Peace and International Relations Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia - 1992
27. Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine - 1992
28. Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University, Canada (Founding date not known.)
29. Centre of International Relations and International Cooperation, Spain - 1973
30. Chatham House, U.K. - 1920
31. Civilian Capacity for Peace Operations, Germany - 2012
32. Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael, Netherlands - 2008
35. Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden - 1971
38. The Earth Institute, New York, U.S. - 1995
41. European University Center for Peace Studies, Peace Center Burg Schlaining, Austria - 1982
42. French Institute for International Relations, Paris, France - 1979
43. Fundacion Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano, Costa Rica - 1988
44. Geneva International Peace Research Institute, Switzerland - 1980
46. Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security, Louvain, Belgium - 1979
47. Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Jerusalem, Israel - 1965
48. Hiroshima Peace Institute, Hiroshima City University, Hiroshima, Japan - 1998
49. The Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Washington, D.C. - 1919
51. The Ideas for Peace Foundation, Bogota, Colombia - 1999
52. Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity University of Ulster and United Nations University, Northern Ireland - 1993
53. Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution George Mason University - U.S. - 1981
54. The Institute for Economics and Peace, New York - 2013
55. Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria, South Africa - 1995
56. Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany - 1988
57. Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Lima, Peru - 1979
58. Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University, Japan - 1975
60. Institute for the Study of Conflict, Ideology and Policy, Boston University-U.S. - 1988
61. Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, India - 1996
62. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California, San Diego - 1981
65. The International Crisis Group, Brussels, Belgium - 1995
66. The International Peace Institute (Vienna and Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain) - 1970
67. International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm, Sweden - 1966
68. The Institute for Economics and Peace (Sydney, New York, Mexico City and the Hague) - 2008
70. The Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, Arlington, Virginia - 1992
71. Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, India - 1996
72. Institute of Security Studies - South Africa, Kenya, Ethiopia and Senegal - 2005
73. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation University of California, San Diego - 1985
75. International Peace Institute, Vienna - 1970
76. Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, Tokyo and New York - 1991
77. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame - U.S. - 1986
78. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego - U.S. - 2001
80. Libertad y Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile - 1990
81. Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, University of Idaho - 2009
82. Matsunaga Institute for Peace, University of Hawaii - U.S. - 1986
83. Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania, Cluj-Napoca: 2001
84. The Peace Institute of Frankfurt, Germany - 1970
85. The Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway - 1959
86. The Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Ottawa - 1994
87. Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School - U.S. - 1983
88. Research Institute for Peace and Security, Tokyo, 1978
89. Research Unit on Security and International Cooperation, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain - 1989
90. The Richardson Institute: Research in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Lancaster University, U.K. - 1959
91. RSIS Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Singapore - 1999
92. The Social Science Research Council, New York, 1923
93. Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University - U.S. - 1984
94. The Stimson Center, Washington, D.C. - 1989
95. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute - 1966
96. SwissPeace, Bern, Switzerland - 1988
97. The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv, Israel - 1992
98. Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI), Finland - 1969
100. The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research, Lund, Sweden - 1986
101. Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Toronto - 2001
102. United Nations Development Program, New York City, 1966
103. United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, New York City, 2005
104. The United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., 1984
105. The Universal Rights Group, Geneva - 2006
## Where the Think Tanks are Located

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Georgia, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Northern Ireland, Norway, Peru, Romania, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

### How many in each country?

1. Argentina
2. Australia - 2
3. Austria - 3
4. Bahrain
5. Belgium - 3
6. Cambodia
7. Canada - 4
8. Chile
9. Colombia
10. Costa Rica
11. Ethiopia - 2
12. Finland
13. France - 2
14. Germany - 5
15. Ghana
16. Georgia - 2
17. India -
18. Ireland
19. Israel - 2
20. Japan - 4
21. Kenya
22. Liberia
23. Northern Ireland
24. Norway
25. Peru
26. Romania
27. Senegal
28. Singapore
29. South Africa - 3
30. Spain
31. Sweden - 4
32. Switzerland - 4
33. The Netherlands - 2
34. Turkey
35. Ukraine
36. United Kingdom - 7
37. United States - 36

### Summary:
- United States: 36
- Other countries: + 70
- Total: 106

## When These Think Tanks Were Founded

- **1910s:**
  - 1910: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
  - 1916: Brookings
  - 1919: Hoover
- **1920s:**
  - 1920: Chatham House
  - 1921: Council on Foreign Relations
  - 1923: Social Science Research Council
- **1930s:** None
- **1940s:** Catholic Relief Services, Justice and Peacebuilding Unit
- **1950s:** 4
- **1960s:** 8
- 1970s: 15
- 1980s: 25
- 1990s: 29
- 2000s: 15
- 2010s: 2

- Founding date unknown: Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University, Canada