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### Award of the First International Science Prize 2023 of the



### Theme: Climate Change and Conflicts

The Foundation Board has chosen **Tobias Ide** from Murdoch University, Perth (Australia) as the first **International Science Prize** [[http://hgb-stiftung.org/html/Science\\_Prize.html](http://hgb-stiftung.org/html/Science_Prize.html)] winner of 2023 for his book: **Catastrophes, Confrontations and Constraints – How Disasters Shape the Dynamics of Armed Conflict** to be published by MIT Press, 6 June 2023.

The book is a ground-breaking study on how natural disasters can escalate or defuse wars, insurgencies, and other strife. Armed conflict and natural disasters have plagued the twenty-first century. Not since the end of World War II has the number of armed conflicts been higher. At the same time, natural disasters have increased in frequency and intensity over the past two decades, their impacts worsened by climate change, urbanisation, and persistent social and economic inequalities. Providing the first comprehensive analysis of the interplay between natural disasters and armed conflict, *Catastrophes, Confrontations, and Constraints* explores the extent to which disasters facilitate the escalation or abatement of armed conflicts—as well as the ways and contexts in which combatants exploit these catastrophes. Publisher: MIT Press [<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262545556/catastrophes-confrontations-and-constraints/>]

**Dr. Tobias Ide** [[https://researchportal.murdoch.edu.au/esploro/profile/tobias\\_ide](https://researchportal.murdoch.edu.au/esploro/profile/tobias_ide)] (born in 1985) is Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Murdoch University (Perth, Australia). He also holds appointments as a Specially Appointed Professor for Peace and Sustainability at Hiroshima University and as **Adjunct Associate Professor for** International Relations at Braunschweig University (Germany). He received his BA and MA from Leipzig University, his PhD from Hamburg University (2015), and his Habilitation from **Braunschweig University** [<https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/en/ib/mitarbeiter/tobiaside>] (2019). He has widely published in world-leading peer-reviewed journals and is founding editorial team member of the new SAGE-Journal on *Environment and Security*. He has been engaged in the academic community as an elected member of the Board of Directors, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (2020-2023), among others.

The **Hans Günter Brauch Foundation for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene (HGBS)** [<http://hgb-stiftung.org/html/Foundation.html>] was established on 8 May 2020 on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II and of the liberation of Europe and Germany from fascism to address both research and education, globally and locally, on peace, ecology in the Anthropocene—the new epoch in Earth History.

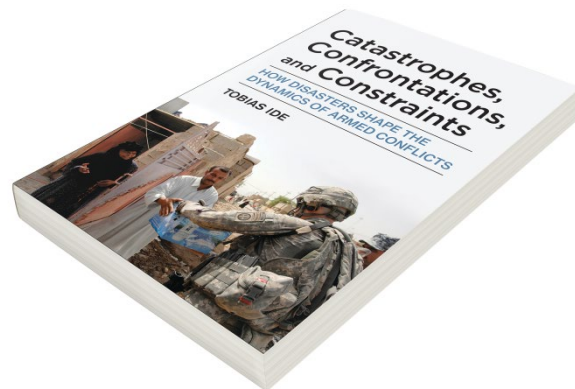
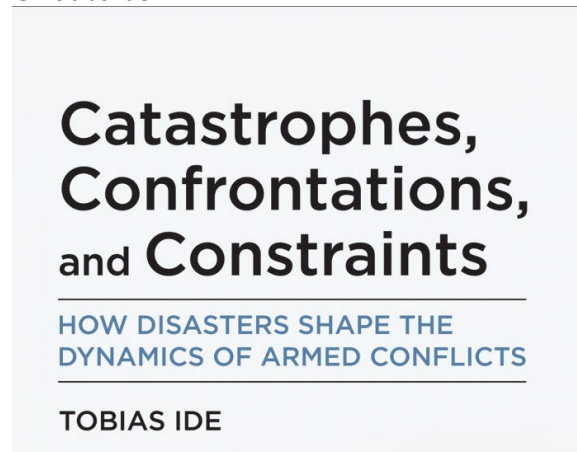
The award ceremony will take place on **Friday, 14 July 2023**, in the **Alte Mälzerei in Mosbach (Germany)**. The Prize consists of a certificate and a prize money of 3.000 Euros. The prize will be awarded annually in Mosbach (Germany).



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