Part E

Approaches to Peace, Conflict & Development
Chapter XVIII

Systemic Thinking and Practice in Conflict Transformation

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1 Introduction

Concepts and strategies of peacebuilding and civilian conflict management have been developed substantially since the 1990s. However, fundamental problems in this field remain unresolved, especially with regard to the challenges arising from the high complexity and the multi-layered nature of today’s protracted conflicts.¹ Long-lasting conflicts develop their own dy-