



NEWSLETTER

May 2015

CRS News

CRS Annual Conference - Submission deadline extended until 31st of May

14th-15th September, University of Kent, UK

The submissions deadline for our annual conference, which will be hosted by the Conflict Analysis Research Centre (CARC) and the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent (UK), has been extended to the 31st of May.

The conference seeks to generate debate and ongoing relationships between scholars and practitioners interested in key issues surrounding the dynamics of violent political conflict, dialogue, diplomacy and peacebuilding. We hope that this year's CRS conference will have a strong policy/practitioner voice in terms of the range of participants, papers and invited keynote contributions. It is also intended that the conference will continue its tradition of being multi-disciplinary and being open to the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches to the subject.

We invite paper and panel submissions in the following sections:

1. Conference Theme: Is Violence Explained?
2. Scientific Study of Conflict and Cooperation
3. Peace and Conflict Studies
4. Connecting research and practice.

[Submit Abstract](#)

Cedric Smith Prize 2015

The Conflict Research Society is pleased to announce that it is now accepting entries for **The Cedric Smith Prize for Peace and Conflict Research 2015**, a prize for the best piece of peace and conflict research (broadly defined) by a UK based student (either currently at the pre-degree stage or having passed their PhD no earlier than 1st September 2013). We are inviting entrants to submit a research paper or single (stand-alone) dissertation chapter of no more than 12,000 words (accompanied by a 200-word abstract). The closing date for the prize is 31st May 2015.

Candidates who are planning on submitting research articles to academic journals are encouraged to apply, as the judging panel this year will include editors from a number of high profile journals including Henrik Urdal (Editor of The Journal of Peace Research), Nicolas Lemay-Hébert (Co-Editor of The Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding), Dylan Hendrickson (Editor of Conflict, Security & Development) and Govinda Clayton (Deputy Editor of International Peacekeeping).

[Submit Paper](#)

CRS Book Prize 2015

Congratulations to **Dr. Kathleen Cunningham** for winning the 2015 CRS book prize for her new book *Inside the Politics of Self-Determination* published by Oxford University Press.

The judges on the CRS book prize panel praised Dr. Cunningham's book for "tackling a very important topic, making a clear contribution to the literature on self-determination whilst offering significant short-term and long-term policy implications." They also noted the significance of "developing a new database of self-determination groups" as well as the methodological rigour applied in order to "examine how intra-party or factional divisions on the insurgents' side and on the government side affect the chances of accommodations and civil war." The judges all agreed that this was a very impressive monograph for a first-time book author consistent with the CRS and Richardson tradition.

Leading scholars spanning the broad fields of peace studies and conflict analysis nominated over 40 excellent books for this year's CRS book prize. The judges short-listed four excellent entries out of which they carefully selected Cunningham's for the prize. Congratulations are also extended to those short-listed monographs which the judges also praised for their originality, methodological rigour, and academic and policy contribution:

Autesserre, Séverine. *Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention* Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Colaresi, Michael P. *Democracy Declassified: The Secrecy Dilemma in National Security* Oxford University Press, 2014.

Staniland, Paul. *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse* Cornell University Press, 2014.

Calls for Papers

Peace Science Society ISA 2016 Panels

The Peace Science Society, as a Cooperating Organization of the International Studies Association, has been allocated panels for the 2016 ISA meeting, to be held in Atlanta, March 16-19. Three panels are available to the Society membership. Proposals are being requested for these panels and will be evaluated for their scientific value, interest to ISA generally, relevance to this year's conference theme ("Exploring Peace"), congruence with the values and membership of the Society, and willingness to consider publication of the panel's papers in Conflict Management and Peace Science. Please note that ISA's position is that "A panel includes 5 papers along with a panel chair and 1-2."

Please submit proposals to [Glenn Palmer](#) with the panel title, participants, paper titles, chair and discussants. The deadline for submissions is the 17th of May. The decision will be announced by the 19th of May.

The Peace Science Society is also inviting proposals for its **2015 Conference Meeting**, which will take place from the 13th to the 14th of November, hosted by the University of Mississippi (US). The end date for proposal submission is the 28th of May.

[Website](#)

Power-Sharing Pacts and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

6th-7th November, Queen's University Belfast, UK

Queen's University Belfast will host a two-day workshop titled "Power-Sharing Pacts and the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda: Constructive Engagements" on the 6th and 7th November 2015. The workshop will explore the intersections of ethnonationalism and gender in comprehensive peace processes. Specifically, it will examine the extent to which power-sharing theories and practices can address new challenges emanating from the women, peace and security agenda.

This workshop is designed to push the boundaries of two important conflict resolution strategies: ethnopower-sharing practices, such as consociationalism, and the women, peace and security agenda, embodied in international legal instruments like UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Whereas power-sharing focuses on major ethnic and national cleavages, the women, peace and security agenda focuses on women and other marginalized actors.

To participate, please send abstracts of no more than 300 words along with a brief biographical statement to the conveners [Siobhan Byrne](#) and [Allison McCulloch](#) by 1 June 2015.

[Online Call](#)

Job Opportunities

Lecturer in Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building

The School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University (UK) is looking to appoint an outstanding established scholar to the post of Lecturer in Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building. This post represents the School's commitment to research and teaching excellence in the field of Global security, evidenced in the School's housing of the Durham Global Security Institute (DGSi) and its research cluster examining Conflict and Ethics identified as one of two School 'research peaks' – that is, an area in which the University aims to establish itself as world-leading in research, teaching, and impact on public debate).

The appointment will play a significant role in the development and delivery of the two DGSi MSc programmes, within the framework of the School, namely in Defence, Development and Diplomacy, and in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding. This is a full-time, non-fixed term position which is available from 1 September 2015. The deadline for applications is the 12th of May.

[Website](#)

KAS Chair for Academic Excellence in Palestine

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Ramallah announced the launch of the KAS Chair for Academic Excellence in Palestine for the 2015 Summer Semester, a two-week teaching fellowship which will be hosted this year by the Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute for International Studies (IALIIS) at Birzeit University. The IALIIS houses Palestine's first and only graduate program in international studies offering an integrated, interdisciplinary MA. Established in 1998, the Institute offers critical comparative and pioneering courses on global issues related to the evolution of international society, forced migration and refugees, regional and diplomatic studies, international humanitarian and human rights law, as well as peace and conflict resolution studies. The fellowship is excellent opportunity for both established and aspiring academics to further intellectual and academic dialogue on an international level. Interested and eligible candidates, with at least 2 years of graduate teaching experience, are encouraged to apply.

For further information on how to apply, please contact Program Manager [Adrieh Abou Shehadeh](#).

Scholarships and Grants

MA in Psychology - PRIO Equal Peace Project

The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) is inviting applications to MA student position. The position will be funded by the Research Council of Norway (FRIHUMSAM) as part of the project "Equal Peace? Women's Empowerment and Multicultural Challenges in War-to-Peace Transitions"(EPP), which will be led by Research Professor Inger Skjelsbæk.

The MA thesis will be written in English and be based on interviews with central stakeholders on gender equality norms in Bosnia Herzegovina. Applicants should submit an application which includes a cover letter, a 2 page project proposal, and transcripts of grades and diplomas. Applications should be submitted using the Online Application Form no later than 1 June 2015:

[Website](#)

Events

Uniting for Peace 2015 Summer Conference

23rd May, London, UK

"Uniting for Peace" is an international NGO working on creating and promoting a global culture of peace, disarmament and sustainable development. The organization will be holding its 2015 Summer Conference on "Surviving the 21st Century - Global Challenges, Threats and Prospects for Peace". In this major Conference distinguished speakers will explore three urgent and important issues facing humanity. The conference will consist of three sessions on War and Peace Building, Islamophobia Interfaith Dialogue, Climate Change Crisis and Solutions. The event is a free public meeting.. For registration or information please contact [Vijay Mehta](#).

[Website](#)

Publications

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