



NEWSLETTER

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CRS NEWS

Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society

2nd-4th September

Our annual conference will be taking place at the School of Politics and International Studies at the University of Leeds. It will bring together academics, practitioners and policy makers to discuss a broad range of issues relating to peace and conflict studies. The Conference will also feature presentations from this year's joint winners of the **Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize**:

.**Kevin Avruch** (2012) *Context and Pretext in Conflict Resolution: Conflict, Identity, Power and Practice*. Boulder CO: Paradigm Publishers.

.**Lars-Erik Cederman, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Halvard Buhaug** (2013) *Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War*. Cambridge University Press.

This year's **Cedric Smith Prize** has been awarded to **Dr Althea-Maria Rivas** (University of Brighton) for "Revisiting the Security Development Nexus through the Everyday of International Intervention: the story of Behsud District". **Dr Mareike Schomerus**, (LSE) was the runner-up for "Fluidity and Complexity: The Challenge of Researching Complex Peace Processes".

For the conference overview and program and all the latest updates please visit the **Conference Website** and the **Conference Update Page**. For on the spot updates, follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.

Events

Untold Stories of Good Relations Report Launch

22nd October

At the beginning of 2013 "Talk for A Change" and "International Alert" received funding from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and Oxfam to build a coalition of voice and influence for good relations work, contributing to the creation of more resilient, cohesive and peaceful communities in England. 346 people attended the events from 235 organisations from across the public sector, which asked the following questions: what is the work that you do that contributes to good relations? what challenges / issues are you currently facing? what methodologies and approaches do you use? how do you measure whether or not your work makes a difference to local good relations?

The Untold Stories of Good Relations report will be launched at the Conflict Issues All Party Parliamentary Group on October 22nd. Professor Miles Hewstone and Sunder Katwala will speak alongside Jo Broadwood of Talk for a Change and 5 dialogue practitioners from around the country. If you would like to attend the APPG please contact **Nicola Sugden**.

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28th Isodarco Winter Course

7th -14th January 2015

The International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflict will be holding its 2015 Isodarco Winter School. Directed by Paolo Foradori (School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy) and Tariq Rauf (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden), the course will take place from the 7th to the 14th of January of 2014 at Andalo (Trento) in Italy.

Under the theme "Global Nuclear Governance: Actors, Policies and Issues", the course will address and deepen participants' understanding of the main elements of the nuclear governance system, review their functions, highlight strengths and limitations, and propose possible remedies to enhance their effectiveness. It will be articulated in formal lectures, round tables, seminars offered by the participants and general open discussions.

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St Ethelburga Forthcoming Events

St. Ethelburga will be holding a series of events this upcoming month. It will be hosting the London Peace Conference on Monday 15th of September, organised by The Cordoba Foundation, London Peace Network and Faith-based Regeneration Network. On the same day, Camilla Carr, who was held hostage by Chechnyan rebels for in 1997, and Richard Wilson, whose sister was murdered in Burundi by a group who have never admitted responsibility will be discussing "Can you move on without forgiveness?", whether forgiveness is the only route to healing after a traumatic event. On the 24th, the "Earthing Group" will hold its monthly meeting to delve deeper in to the issues of "Re-awakening the Sacred" series.

For more on these events and others, please visit the Centre's [Website](#)

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The GCCT's mission is to raise awareness and understanding about conflict transformation, facilitate theoretical and policy-oriented debate on conflict transformation, advocate for greater support for conflict transformation processes and catalyse the sharing of best practice between practitioners. The GCCT has developed a set of principles to contribute to the conceptual debate about conflict transformation, whilst helping to guide individuals and organizations alike in the field of conflict transformation.

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New Agenda

This month's themes are values, intervention, empathy, gender ... and the mathematics of Riemann surfaces. Things are getting better – so Steven Pinker and Matt Ridley say. But can this be true in the light of recent events in Ukraine, Gaza and Iraq? This *New Agenda* considers the cases of Judit Polgár, the strongest female chess player in history, and Maryam Mirzakhani, the first woman to win the Fields Medal, mathematics' Nobel Prize. Psychological studies and also some cases of how men react to women will be considered. There is also more on the study of Penrose's Road to Reality with a discussion of Riemann surfaces, coincidentally the object of Maryam Mirzakhani's research.

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