



## NEWSLETTER

September - October 2015

### CRS News

#### CRS Annual Conference 2015

Thank you to the University of Kent's Conflict Analysis Research Centre's organizing committee for a very successful CRS conference this year!

For those who weren't able to come, there was quite a buzz. It was our biggest conference yet, with 110 participants, and a high level of international participation. We were delighted that old Burton students like Christopher Mitchell and Dennis Sandole came over to join us from George Mason University. We had Kevin and Valerie Clements from New Zealand. Other participants came from Japan, Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, south and north, and Britain, so it was a truly international conference. It was encouraging to see a high level of participation by researchers and senior figures from the University of Kent.

We had excellent plenary contributions from Scott Gates, Kathleen Cunningham, Richard Sakwa and a barn-storming Burton lecture from Kevin Clements – we are grateful to them all for coming. And Annette Idler who won the Cedric Smith prize gave a fascinating presentation on the merging of crime and violence in the Latin American borderlands. This year we encouraged panels and these helped to give coherence and showcase various areas of the Society's current interests. There were four of five parallel sessions with lots of papers of high quality.

Photos of the conference will be available on our website shortly.

#### CRS Annual Conference 2016 at Trinity College Dublin!

The past conferences in Essex, Leeds and Kent are a good platform to build on for the next three years. We are glad to inform that an organizing committee has been formed at Trinity College Dublin for the 1916 conference!

We are open for bids for 2017 and 2018, and I hope we can discuss possible sites in the next Council Meeting.

#### Theory-Practice Workshop

One of the strategic directions we agreed to pursue a year ago was strengthening the interface between research and practice. We decided to support the two-day 'Theory-Practice' workshop that Kevin Clements initiated, which took place at Kent immediately after the conference. The co-sponsors were the New Zealand National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in Dunedin, CARC at Kent and the CRS. A number of you were among the 27 academics, 'pracademics' and practitioners who Kevin brought together from around the world. It was a very interesting exchange of views and led us to a clearer idea of the different but complementary perspectives of researchers and practitioners, and what they want from each other. A written report will be produced in due course.

The workshop led to several ideas for follow-on developments. It was thought that, like the Pugwash conference, this workshop should become an annual event. There was enthusiasm for the idea of a Practitioner in Residence, who might also move between several research centres. It was suggested that PhD students in the peace-building area should include 'practitioner reviews' as well as literature reviews in their PhDs. It was also suggested that research centres could do more to support academics and researchers in conflict zones. There is a need for more information and networking between academics and researchers, and we plan to develop this further with the help of the PPCF-funded project and the CRS interns at Kent.

### Calls for Papers

#### 21st Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

14th - 16th April 2016, Columbia University, New York, US

The ASN Convention, the largest international and inter-disciplinary scholarly gathering of its kind, welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to nationalism, ethnicity, ethnic conflict and national identity in regional sections on the Balkans, Central Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia, the Caucasus, and Turkey/Greece, as well as thematic sections on Nationalism and Migration/Diasporas. Disciplines represented include political science, history, anthropology, sociology, international studies, security studies, geopolitics, area studies, economics, geography, sociolinguistics, literature, psychology, and related fields.

The ASN 2016 Convention invites proposals for individual papers or panels. A panel includes a chair, three or four presentations based on written papers, and a discussant. The Convention is also welcoming offers to serve as discussant on a panel to be created by the Program Committee from individual paper proposals. The application to be considered as discussant can be self-standing, or accompanied by an individual paper proposal. In order to submit proposals to the Convention, contact information, an abstract, and a biographical statement must be included in a single Word document (PDF documents will not be accepted) attached to a single email message.

[Website](#)

#### Sixth Eurasian Peace Science Conference

21st-22nd July, 2016, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey

Proposals are invited for the Sixth Eurasian Peace Science Conference, which will take place on 21-22 July, 2016 at Özyeğin University in Istanbul, Turkey. The Conference's goals are to broaden cooperation among Eurasian and Middle Eastern peace science scholars, encourage interaction with the worldwide peace science community, and bring together research on conflict and peace-related topics from throughout the world.

All aspects of the peace science field are welcome, including: (a) empirical and theoretical analyses of peace, political violence and peaceful resolution, (b) dataset presentations on conflict and peace-related topics, (c) economic and political causes and consequences of international and domestic violence encompassing war, ethnic conflict, and terrorism, (d) contemporary regional conflicts in Eurasia and Middle East, (e) security and foreign policy, (f) conflict analysis, management, and resolution, (g) macro and micro level studies of conflict, and (h) in honour of the 200th anniversary from the Vienna Congress, empirical analyses focusing on the effect of systemic regimes on conflict dynamics.

All submissions before April 1, 2016 will be considered for the conference. Proposals after that date will only be considered if there are presentation slots available. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to apply. Accommodations for childcare are available.

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#### 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference

20th-21st of June 2016, Milan, Italy

The 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, will take place at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Largo Gemelli, in Milan on 20th – 22nd June 2016. Raul Caruso will be the local host of the conference at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart. The 2016 NEPS Lecture will be given by Halvard Buhaug, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Presentations that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined are welcomed. As in the past, the conference organizers strive for a multi-disciplinary program comprising contributions with a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches, including strictly theoretical work, game theory and formal modelling, statistical and econometric analysis, qualitative studies, and experiments. Programs and lists of participants of previous editions are available online.

All abstracts (150-250 words) with a tentative title must be submitted by 30th January 2016.

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### Peace and Conflict Jobs

#### Assistant or Associate Professor of Security and Conflict

Indiana University, US

The Department of International Studies in the Indiana University School of Global and International Studies invites applications for a tenured or tenure-track position as Associate or Assistant Professor, specializing in security, conflict, or peace. The Department is seeking a scholar interested in the origins and resolution of armed conflict, shifting forms of the conduct of war, and/or technologies and strategies of warfare. Discipline is open, but applicants should have strong contextual knowledge of specific cases, an active research agenda, broad theoretical interests and evidence of publication in high-visibility venues. Cross-disciplinary scholarship and engagement with public policy is a plus. Evidence of strong teaching skills required.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of two research publications, relevant course syllabi, and teaching evaluations (if available) online. Full consideration will be given to applications received by October 15, 2015.

For more information, contact [Padraic Kenney](#), Chair, Department of International Studies, GISB 1027, 355 North Jordan Avenue, Bloomington, IN, 47405-1105.

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#### Assistant Professor in Conflict and Development

American University, Washington D.C., US

The School of International Service (SIS) at American University (AU) invites applications for a full-time, tenure-line position at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning August 1, 2016. Applicants should possess a Ph.D. or the highest equivalent degree in a relevant discipline by August 2016.

The School is seeking scholar-teachers whose work is theoretically grounded, empirically tested, and policy relevant. Candidates should demonstrate excellence in research and teaching and a commitment to university service. Candidates should also share the School's commitment to diversity. It seeks candidates whose work focuses on the development and well-being of societies abroad in the face of extreme violence, including issues of transitional justice and reconciliation, post-conflict development, inequity, vulnerability, human rights, and the relationship between violence, local governance, and collective action. As a school that includes a diversity of scholarly disciplines and approaches, it seeks the best candidates, without respect to a particular discipline, with a preference for a regional focus outside of the Americas, particularly in the Middle East, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Central or East Asia.

Applications must be submitted online. Attach a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and recent teaching evaluations (when possible). Applicants will be asked to submit the names and email addresses of three referees, who will be automatically contacted and asked for a confidential letter of recommendation. Queries about the search may be sent to [sisfacultysearch@american.edu](mailto:sisfacultysearch@american.edu). Queries about the online application system may be sent to [help@interfolio.com](mailto:help@interfolio.com).

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### Events

#### RISING Global Peace Forum

11th-13th November

RISING 15 gathers global figures, grassroots practitioners and thought leaders from politics, business and society to look at the state-of-the-art in peacebuilding and global affairs. The programme includes talks from some of the world's most inspirational and experienced peacemakers, a UK film premiere, networking events and a gastronomic peace-themed gala dinner in Coventry's atmospheric cathedral. We have a great line-up of more than 20 fantastic speakers, including:

Rt Hon Gordon Brown, UN special envoy for Global Education; Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Lord John Alderdice, former Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly; Terry Waite CBE, humanitarian and author held hostage in Lebanon for 1,763 days; Mary Harper, the BBC World Service's Africa Editor; Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; Cardinal Onaiyekan, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria; Emma Sky OBE, former adviser to the US Commanding General in Iraq; Michael Binyon OBE, veteran foreign correspondent and deputy writer for The Times; Anjli Raval, Oil and Gas Correspondent at the Financial Times; Iman Icar, Leader Mayor of Mogadishu, capital of Somalia; Karam Hilly, activist and community organiser from Syria; Nick Pickles, Public Policy Manager for Twitter UK; Rozin Khalil Hanjool, a Yazidi young woman petitioning the UK government for more action on ISIS's violence against women; and Greg Barrow, Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, London Office.

Early bird tickets are available at £295 for all three days, including lunches and the gala dinner. Find out more at RISING's website or email [Laura Payne](mailto:Laura.Payne).

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#### OxPeace "Culture in Crisis: Conflict and Cultural Heritage" Conference

21st October, University of Oxford, UK

Saturday 31 October 2015, 09.30 – 17.30 at St John's College, Oxford: 'Conflict and Cultural Heritage', day conference jointly organised by OxPeace with the Changing Character of War (CCW) programme, Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA), the Ashmolean Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum and other organisations.

The Conflict and Cultural Heritage conference aims to raise public awareness and develop understanding of the issues surrounding the protecting of cultural heritage at risk from armed conflict. Focussing on the Middle East, the area currently undergoing the greatest destruction and where the heritage is most at risk, we aim to demonstrate the importance of the heritage, why its destruction matters, and what can be done. Topics to be explored will include the material heritage of the region from international and local perspectives, and the living heritage of communities with rich and longstanding traditions, before exploring why such destruction is happening, and the beliefs that underlie extremist practices. Focus will then move to an overview of what is being done already, and what more the international community can do. The Conference is intended to provide information from a variety of cultures, perspectives, and organisations, including academics, archaeologists, the military, and the media, raising awareness of the multi-cultural nature of Middle Eastern heritage, and its global relevance in the past and today.

Registration is not required. For further information contact [Annette Idler](#) or [Liz Carmichael](#).

#### Publications

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