Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 17-18 September 2018
Rethinking the transition from violence to peace in uncertain times

Monday 17 September

8.45 – 9.15  Registration and refreshments (Alan Walters Atrium)

9.15 – 9.30  Welcome (Alan Walters GO3)
Professor Heather Widdows, John Ferguson Professor of Global Ethics and Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) (University of Birmingham)
Hugh Miall (Chair, Conflict Research Society)
Govinda Clayton (Strategic Director, Conflict Research Society)

9.30 – 10.45  Plenary (Alan Walters GO3)

Marsha Henry, London School of Economics

10.45 – 11.00  Refreshments (Tea and Coffee)

11.00 – 12.30  Parallel Sessions I

M10A (Alan Walters GO3)
From paper to peace: Examining the role of institutional design in war-to-peace
Chair: Karl Cordell
Discussant: Ulrike Theuerkauf
• Paper 1: Stefan Wolff, The ICCS Dataset on Political Agreements in Internal Conflicts
• Paper 2: Dawn Walsh, Independent commissions: Power-sharing beyond executive and legislative politics
• Paper 3: Giuditta Fontana, Overcoming cultural violence: cultural institutions in peace agreements
• Paper 4: Natascha Neudorfer, How and why do territorial self-governance arrangements in peace agreements foster enduring peace after a conflict?
• Paper 5: Argyo Kartsonaki and Christalla Yakinthou, Power sharing and transitional justice in war-to-peace transitions: a research agenda

M10B (Alan Walters G11)
Political institutions and the management, and prevention, of violence
Chair: Eric Awich Ochen
Discussant: Kristin Bakke
• Paper 1: Laurence Cooley, The census: A neglected institution in the study of post-conflict state-building
• Paper 2: Charlotte Fiedler, The effects of constitution-writing processes on post-conflict peace
• Paper 3: Katariina Mustasilta, Customary force for peace? Traditional authority strength and armed violence at the local level in Sub-Saharan Africa
• Paper 4: Jun Sudduth, Culpability and Leadership Change During Civil War

M10C (Alan Walters 103)
Conflict and Peacebuilding in Colombia
Chair: Juan Gutierrez
Discussant: Gyda Sindre
• Paper 1: Roddy Brett, A Victim-Centred Peace? The Role of Victims' Delegations in the Santos-FARC Peace Talks
• Paper 2: Montoya, Shaping cooperation: international frames and local contestations about peacebuilding in Colombia
• Paper 3: Andrew Thomson, Multiple Warring Parties and FARC Perceptions of threat in the Colombian Peace Process
• Paper 4: Phillip Nelson, Like Rebel, Like Militiaman? The motivations behind militia recruitment

M10D (Alan Walters 111)
Reconciliation and transitional justice
Chair: Andrea Purdekova
Discussant: Mareike Schomerus
• Paper 1: Nadine Ansorg and Sabine Kurtenbach, Amnesty after War: Road to Peace or Continued Violence?
• Paper 2: Denisa Kostovicova and Tom Paskhalis, Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women’s Voice in Post-Conflict Reconciliation
• Paper 3: Rachel Rafferty, The Case for Narrative Change as a Central Element of Peaceful Transitions
• Paper 4: Ivor Sokolic, Partners in Peace: How Dating Aids Post-Conflict Reconciliation

M10E (Alan Walters 112)
Terrorism and extremism
Chair: Michael Spagat
Discussant: Heidi Riley
• Paper 1: Jake Lynch, Public Service Broadcasting and the representation of “terrorist” violence
• Paper 2: Enzo Nussio and Vincenzo Bove, Effects of terrorism on political attitudes across space
• Paper 3: Anouk Rigterink and Sam Vincent, The role of leadership in terrorist groups: evidence from drone strikes
• Paper 4: Kanica Rakhra, Bangladesh's Shifting Identity: Looking for Gaps in Transition

M10F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Security sector reform (SSR) and the legacy of wartime institutions
Chair: Corinne Bara
Discussant: Carl Turner
• Paper 1: Georgina Holmes and David Duriesmith, The Masculine Logic of DDR and SSR in the Rwanda Defence Force
• Paper 2: Duraid Jalili, Influencing Transitions from Violence to Peace through Strategic Defence and Security Education
• Paper 3: Christopher Rickard and Kristin Bakke, Legacies of Wartime Institutions: Vigilantism and the State in Northern Ireland
• Paper 4: Giulia Piccolino, Philip Martin and Jeremy Speight, When Does Rebel Governance Persist? Militarization and Post-Conflict State-Building in Côte d’Ivoire
• Paper 5: Chris van der Borgh, Hybrid security governance in San Salvador

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch (Alan Walters Atrium)
12.50 - 1.20  Memorial video for Dennis Sandole (Alan Walters GO3)

1.30 – 3.00  Parallel Sessions II

M11A (Alan Walters GO3)

Brokering conflictual spaces: The role of brokers in transitions from violence
Chair: Oliver Walton
Discussant: Lesley Jeffries

• Paper 1: Jonathan Goodhand, Patrick Meehan, Sharri Plonski and Oliver Walton, Towards a Theory of Spatial Brokers and Brokered Space
• Paper 2: Jonathan Goodhand and Oliver Walton, Systems in flux: borderlands, brokers and post-war politics in Nepal and Sri Lanka
• Paper 3: Patrick Meehan, The Militia Fix: Ordering space in Myanmar’s contested borderlands
• Paper 4: David Jackman, The violence of brokerage: factions, labour and political order in Bangladesh

M11B (Alan Walters G11)

Protecting civilians and the role of external actors in conflict-affected societies
Chair: Nicolas Lemay-Hebert
Discussant: David Curran

• Paper 1: Chuck Thiessen, The injection and translation of global ‘preventing violent extremism’ (PVE) norms in Central Asia
• Paper 2: Andrew Collins, Local Ownership of Police Reform: Foreign and Local Perspectives in Kosovo and Northern Ireland
• Paper 3: Margherita Belgioioso, External support and portfolios of killings of rebel groups
• Paper 4: David Brenner, Chris Alden, and Jurgen Haacke, Rebel Diplomacy: Moral Geographies and the Foreign Relations of Non-State Armed Groups

M11C (Alan Walters 103)

Cognitive frames, construction and interpretations in conflict transformation
Chair: Hugh Miall
Discussant: Oliver Ramsbotham

• Paper 1: Hugh Miall, Frames, Models and Interpretations in Conflict Transformation
• Paper 2: Alison Brettle and Christine Cheng, How cognitive frameworks shape the American School of IR
• Paper 4: Bernd Hirschberger, The strategic construction of conflict in the social media

M11D (Alan Walters 111)
Peace psychology I
Chair: Julie Lloyd
• Paper 1: Herbert Blumberg, An ultra-brief introduction to peace psychology and current developments.
• Paper 2: Susan Opotow, The inclusionary transition from postwar conflict to peace and justice. A social psychological perspective
• Paper 3: Adrian Stanciu, Oscar Smullenbroeck, Regina Arant and Klaus Boehnke, Development Trajectories and Political Engagement in Mid Adulthood: Evidence from a Three Decade Longitudinal Study of Peace Movement Sympathizers and Activists
• Paper 4: Lisa Gibson, Apologies and forgiveness as diplomatic gestures in citizen public diplomacy initiatives

M11E (Alan Walters 112)
Resources and violent conflict
Chair: Jun Sudduth
Discussant: Daniel Rio Tinto
• Paper 1: Juan Gutierrez, Oil barrels, votes and guns: The links between oil wealth and organized violence at the subnational level in Colombia
• Paper 2: Davide Natalini, Giangiacomo Bravo and Edward Newman, Fuel riots – definition and evidence for a new type of energy-related conflict

M11F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Transitions from war to peace
Chair: Christina Steenkamp
Discussant: Ivor Sokolic
• Paper 1: Ibrahim Can Sezgin, The Dynamics of Political Legitimacy between Intra-State War and Peace
• Paper 2: Steiner Skaar, Transition from conflict to peace; the challenge with military interventionism
• Paper 3: Corinne Bara, Annekatrin Deglow, and Sebastian van Baalen, What we know and could know about postwar violence: Evidence from a citation network analysis
• Paper 4: Karina Mross, Democracy support and peaceful democratization after civil wars

3.00 – 3.30 Refreshments (Alan Walters Atrium)

3.30 – 5.00 Parallel Sessions III

M12A (Alan Walters GO3)
The role of gender in conflict and peacebuilding
Chair: Katariina Mustasilta
Discussant: Marsha Henry
• Paper 1: Kyle Beardsley, Kaitlyn Webster, Priscilla Torres and Chong Chen, The Dynamics of Gender Inequality and Social Tension during Threatening Times
• Paper 2: Jennifer Philippa Eggert, A global movement with local ramifications: 1968, female fighters and the Lebanese civil war
• Paper 4: Eric Awich Ochen, Swimming against the tide? Women and post-conflict reconstruction in northern Uganda

M12B (Alan Walters G11)
Legacies of conflict and violence after ‘peace’
Chair: Tatiana Kyselova
Discussant: Matthew Whiting
• Paper 1: Christina Steenkamp, The peace-crime nexus: Organised crime and peacebuilding in the Middle East
• Paper 2: Christina Sciabarra, What Kind of Peace? How Conflict Termination and Peacebuilding Strategies Impact the Post-Civil Conflict Environment
• Paper 3: Andrea Purdekova, The Challenges of Socio-Spatial Integration in Post-War Burundi: Micro-strategies of Resistance from Peace Villages to Land-Sharing Arrangements
• Paper 4: Velomahanina Razakamaharavo, Conceptualizing Conflict Transformation by exploring the case of Madagascar
• Paper 5: Mareike Schomerus and Anouk Rigterink, Behavioural experiments, micro-narratives, structured survey and interviews: Combining four methods to understand how past violent conflict affects behaviour in Uganda

M12C (Alan Walters 103)
Conflict trends and trajectories
Chair: Catalina Montoya
Discussant: Margherita Belgioioso
• Paper 1: Stephen Powell and Adrian Florea, Introducing the Armed Nonstate Actor Rivalry Dataset (ANARD)
• Paper 2: Andera Salvi, Explaining the Variation of Violence in Civil War: Subnational Spatial Diffusion and Conflict Processes
• Paper 3: Michael Spagat and Stijn van Wezel, Has War Really Declined since World War 2?
• Paper 4: Gordon Burt, Values, World Society and Modelling – the fifth Yearbook

M12D (Alan Walters 111)
The role of identities in conflict situations
Chair: Laurence Cooley
Discussant: David Brenner
• Paper 1: Sumedh Rao, Identities from the inside: Phenomenological analysis of identity during and after conflict
• Paper 2: Karen Abi-Ezzi, Art, the web, reflexivity and shifting identities: (re)inscribing the human in the ‘other’ in conflict situations
• Paper 3: Raquel Da Silva and Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, The interplay between Western and ISIS narratives of intervention and statebuilding
• Paper 4: Heidi Riley, Punam Yadav and Hanna Ketola, Extremism and contested gender narratives in People's War in Nepal and its Aftermath

M12E (Alan Walters 112)
Civil conflict in Turkey
Chair: Marina Petrova
Discussant: Ibrahim Can Sezgin
• Paper 1: Recep Onursal, Hegemonic discursive struggles and the deadlock in Kurdish Conflict in Turkey
• Paper 2: Bill Kissane, Democratic transition and civil conflict in the Turkish Republic; a critique of electoralism
• Paper 3: Lucy Maycox, “The Boat is Broken”: Charting the Breakdown of Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process
• Paper 4: Charles Davidson, Dynamic Insurgency: Does audience proximity to a conflict affect the publicized collective action framework of a transnational insurgent group?

M12F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Pacts, Promises and peace processes
Chair: Malin Åkebo
Discussant: Andrew Thomson
• Paper 2: Christine Cheng, Jonathan Goodhand and Patrick Meehan, Deals and Disorder: Securing and Sustaining Elite Bargains that Reduce Violent Conflict
• Paper 3: Govinda Clayton and Valarie Sticher, Is the devil in the details? Ceasefire agreements and civil conflict management
• Paper 4: Margaux Pinaud, Home-grown peace: a framework to study the role of civil society in ceasefire processes
• Paper 5: Malin Åkebo, ‘Coexistence’ ceasefire in Mindanao

17.05 – 18.25 Plenary II (Alan Walters GO3)
Ana Arjona, Northwestern University
Winner of the CRS Book of the Year Prize
Rebelocracy: Social Order in the Colombia Civil War

18.30 – 19.25 Wine Reception (location TBC)

19.30 – 21.00 Conference Dinner (Horton Grange large meeting room)
Tuesday 18th September

9.00 – 10.30 Parallel Session IV

T10A (Alan Walters GO3)
International dimensions of conflict management and resolution
Chair: Stefan Wolff
Discussant: Stefan Wolff

• Paper 1: Argyro Kartsonaki, Assessing the EU’s Approach of Constructive Ambiguity on Kosovo’s Blended Conflict
• Paper 2: Nicolas Lemay-Hebert, Living in the Yellow Zone: The Political Geography of Intervention in Haiti
• Paper 3: Dawn Walsh, Institutional Instability and International Intervention: Territorial Self Government as a Conflict Management Mechanism
• Paper 4: Giuditta Fontana, Markus Siewert and Christalla Yakinthou, Managing War-to-Peace Transitions after Intra-State Conflicts: The Configurations of Successful Peace Processes
• Paper 5: George Kyris, Granting, creating and undermining sovereignty: conceptualising the role of international organisations in secessionist conflicts

T10B (Alan Walters G11)
Towards the future of conflict prevention and peacebuilding training in Europe
Chair: Peter Gardner
Discussant: Steiner Skaar

• Paper 1: Leila Demarest and Róisín Smith, E-learning applications in Conflict Prevention and Peace Building Training: Opportunities and Challenges
• Paper 2: Erin Tunney, Integrating a 'peacetraining.eu' approach to training for conflict prevention and peacebuilding
• Paper 3: David Curran, Aplaslan Ozerdem and Nancy Annan, Encouraging Novelty amongst trainers: developing a framework to understand how innovation occurs in the Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Field
• Paper 4: Svenja Wolter, Improving International peacebuilding - Exploring the possibilities of (practitioners’) training to improve the effectiveness of peacebuilding practice

T10C (Alan Walters 103)
Activism and resistance
Chair: Miho Taka
Discussant: Bill Kissane

- Paper 1: John Gledhill, Allard Duursma and Christopher Shay, Glee and Grievance in Nonviolent Resistance
- Paper 2: Marina Petrova, Water or Gasoline? Civil Society in Contentious Scenarios
- Paper 4: Daniel Rio Tinto, Liberty or Death: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Decolonisation and Post-Colonial Insecurity in Lusophone, Africa
- Paper 5: Christoph Dworschak, Jump on the Bandwagon: Military Fragmentation and Defections during Conflict

T10D (Alan Walters 111)
Mediation in civil wars: New evidence
Chair: Nadine Ansorg
Discussant: Nadine Ansorg

- Paper 1: Owen Frazer, The role of trust in the mediated settlement of civil wars
- Paper 2: Lesley Jeffries, Jim O'Driscoll and Matthew Evans, Language in Mediation - exploring new methods, finding new patterns
- Paper 3: Tatiana Kyselova, Civil Society Dialogues in Ukraine: Transformation of What?
- Paper 4: Isabel Phillips, What academic writing on mediation actually influences practitioners?
- Paper 5: Tereza Capelos and Maria Pouloupoulou, Emotional Mediation: Understanding How Affect Shapes Mediation Tactics in Conflict

T10E (Alan Walters 112)
The transformative power of narrative in politically-violent contexts: Through the looking glass
Chair: Nicolas Lemay-Hébert
Discussant: Marco Vieira

- Paper 1: Catarina Rosa, Raquel Da Silva, Pablo Fernandez-Navarro and Miguel Gonçalves, Disengagement from Political Violence and Deradicalisation: A Narrative-Dialógico Perspective
- Paper 2: Catarina Rosa, Raquel Da Silva, Pablo Fernandez-Navarro and Miguel Gonçalves, Tracking narrative change in the context of extremism and terrorism: Adapting the Innovative Moments Coding System
• Paper 3: Sarah Colvin and Daniela Pisoiu, Narrative Patterns in Accounts of Extreme-Right Violence
• Paper 4: Kurt Braddock and John Morrison, Cultivating Trust and Source Credibility in Online Counternarratives Intended to Reduce Support for Terrorism

T10F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Peace psychology II
Chair: Herbert Blumberg
• Paper 1: Angela Veale and Shelbi Macken, Adolescents and Peace: The case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon
• Paper 2: Masi Noor, The story of suffering: why we forgive
• Paper 3: David Williams, Some of us will make it transition psychology and post conflict transition scenarios

10.30 – 11.00 Refreshments (Alan Walters Atrium)

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary III (Alan Walters GO3)
Lisa Hultman, Uppsala University

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch (Alan Walters Atrium)

13.30 – 15.00 Parallel Session V

T11A (Alan Walters GO3)
Drivers of, and responses to, atrocities and human rights abuses
Chair: John Gledhill
Discussant: Jennifer Philippa Eggert
• Paper 1: Jonathan Leader Maynard, Mass Killing Outside Armed Conflict
• Paper 2: Jessica Braithwaite and Kathleen Cunningham, When Organizations Rebel: Introducing the Foundations of Rebel Group Emergence (FORGE) Dataset
• Paper 3: Noele Crossley, UCL, Implementing the Responsibility to Protect: Why we need to be consistent in our responses to conflicts that generate genocide and other mass atrocities

T11B (Alan Walters G11)
Practice notes: Active engagement in mediation and multi-track intervention
Chair: Judith Large
• Paper 1: Kristian Holzheimer, Multi-track mediation in Colombia and Mindanao
• Paper 2: Tahir Aziz, Intervention in Kashmir: Starting points for reaching across the Line
• Paper 3: Larry Attree, Crisis in the Yemen Revisited: Analysis, Engagement and Advocacy

T11C (Alan Walters 103)
Protracted conflicts
Chair: Jonathan Leader Maynard
Discussant: Irene Costantini
• Paper 1: Deborah Sanders, Can the conflict in the east of Ukraine be resolved?
• Paper 2: Jeremy Tomlinson, Rebel Organization during Protracted Peace Talks: Tracing the Karenni National Progressive Party’s (KNPP) Modern Peacemaking Experience
• Paper 4: Feargal Cochrane, ‘Happy Birthday -Or is it a Wake?’ Brexit the Good Friday Agreement and Breaking Peace in Northern Ireland
• Paper 5: Adam Sandor, The History of Militias in Mali: Crises of Citizenship and Security

T11D (Alan Walters 111)
Conflict prevention in practice
Chair: Giulia Piccolino
Discussant: Chris van der Borgh
• Paper 1: Leila Bamba, Is ‘Peace Tech’ a viable tool for conflict prevention? Examining the role of ICTs in Kenya’s 2017 election
• Paper 2: Gerrit Kurtz, The frontline diplomacy of conflict prevention: a practice-based approach
• Paper 3: Linda Benraïs and Julie Simon, Multi-stakeholder Coherence at the Core of the implementation of the EU Global Strategy
• Paper 4: Miho Taka, Business peacebuilding: From moral responsibility to moral imagination

T11E (Alan Walters 112)
Nonviolent political action and civil resistance
Chair: Rachel Rafferty
Discussant: Luke Abbs
• Paper 1: Iain Atack, Civilian-based defence and the challenge to state power
• Paper 2: Rachel Julian, Nonviolence and feminism: how everyday experience challenges norms of power
• Paper 3: Marwan Darweish and Andrew Rigby, The internationalisation of nonviolent resistance: the case of the BDS campaign
• Paper 4: Dong Jin Kim, Resisting the violent structure of militarized conflict: The role of women peace activists in Northern Ireland and Korea
• Paper 5: Veronique Dudouet, Powering to peace: Integrated civil resistance and peacebuilding strategies

T11F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Trauma-informed conflict transformation
Chair: Angi Yoder-Maina
Discussant: Tecla Namachanja Wanjala, Angi Yoder-Maina, and Belkys Lopez

• Paper 1: Tecla Namachanja Wanjala, Confronting the Legacy of Our Past Horrors: The Pain Of Memory
• Paper 2: Angi Yoder Maina, Trauma-informed approaches to countering violent extremism
• Paper 3: Belkys Lopez, Trauma and Identity: the gendered nature of violent conflict and trauma

15.00 – 15.30 Refreshments (Alan Walters Atrium)

15.30 – 17.00 Parallel Session VI

T12A (Alan Walters GO3)
Comparative lessons of rebel conversion and post-war political engagement by former armed groups
Chair: Martin Ottmann
Discussant: George Kyris

• Paper 1: Amy Eaglestone, The role of democracy assistance in the political conversion of rebel movements: Practitioner perspectives
• Paper 2: Gyda Sindre, Former rebel parties and peacebuilding: Balancing short-term goals and long-term implications
• Paper 3: Johanna Söderström, Being a Veteran, Being a Citizen: Political Identity Construction After Three Wars
• Paper 4: Véronique Dudouet, Overcoming the gender backlash: Options for female combatants' post-war political leadership
T12B (Alan Walters G11)
Effects of conflict-related sexual violence
Chair: Robert Nagel
Discussant: Robert Nagel
• Paper 1: Anne-Katrin Kreft, How do Women Make Sense of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence?
• Paper 2: Philipp Schulz, 'I felt useless and not man enough': Wartime Sexual Violence and Masculinities in Northern Uganda
• Paper 3: Robert Nagel, Post-conflict sexual violence and conflict recurrence
• Paper 4: Marsha Henry, Denisa Kostovicova, and Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic, The Continuum of Violence against Women: A Political Economy Perspective on Bosnia and Herzegovina

T12C (Alan Walters 103)
The role of peacekeeping, peacemaking and peacebuilding in conflict resolution
Chair: Linda Benraïs
Discussant: Christine Cheng
• Paper 1: Allard Duursma, Local Peacemaking and Political Peacekeeping: Evidence from Darfur
• Paper 2: David Curran, A delicate balance: Peacekeeping operations, conflict resolution and the use of force
• Paper 3: Oliver Ramsbotham, When Post-War Does Not Mean Post-Conflict: Strategic Peacebuilding in Uncertain Times
• Paper 4: Matthew Whiting, From Peace to Polarisation? The Fate of Power Sharing in Northern Ireland
• Paper 5: Peter Gardner, Problematizing Consociation’s Liberal-Corporate Dichotomy: Theories of Power and Peoplehood

T12D (Alan Walters 111)
Stabilisation operations
Chair: Georgina Holmes
• Paper 1: Alison Brettle, Individual exit from armed groups: Identifying opportunities for disarmament and demobilisation interventions
• Paper 2: Armel Dirou, A military experience of holistic approach in Central African Republic
• Paper 3: Colum Wilson, Aid for development: a world experience of a UK Civil Servant
• Paper 4: Irene Costantini, Stabilizing conflict-affected countries in the Middle East and North Africa region: managing (in)security
T12E (Alan Walters 112)
Migration policies in times of political turmoil
Chair: Jake Lynch
Discussant: Karen Abi-Ezzi
• Paper 1: Alex Braithwaite, Immigration Policies, Border Fortification, and Migrant Deaths on the Mediterranean
• Paper 2: Chrissie Hirst, Immigration, Integration and Division in the UK
• Paper 3: Bethany Lacina and Rikhil Bhavnani, Nativism and Economic Integration Across the Developing World: Collision and Accommodation
• Paper 4: Tereza Capelos and Nicolas Demertzis, Reactionary Politics beyond Anger and Fear: the complex emotionality of illegal and violent political actions

T12F (Muirhead Tower 118)
Psychology - Making sense of Trump from a diagnostic perspective: A workshop
Chair: Gordon Burt
Workshop run by Julie Lloyd and Susan Mitzman

17.00 End of Conference