



**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

The Resuscitation of Peacekeeping: Why We Need Critical Theories of Gender, 'Race' and Militarisation in Peace and Conflict Studies

**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

- 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: Catalina Montoya, Shaping cooperation: international frames and local contestations about peacebuilding in Colombia
- Paper 2: Andrew Thomson, Multiple Warring Parties and FARC Perceptions of threat in the Colombian Peace Process
- Paper 3: 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

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 122)**

##### Security sector reform (SSR) and the legacy of wartime institutions

Chair: Corinne Bara

- 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 Brettell and Christine Cheng, How cognitive frameworks shape the American School of IR
- Paper 3: Megan Stewart and Karin Kitchens, The Creation of Social Order and the Legacies of U.S. Reconstruction

- 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 Opatow, The inclusionary transition from postwar conflict to peace and justice A social psychological perspective
- Paper 3: Adrian Stanciu, Oscar Smallenbroeck, 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

- 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
- Paper 3: Anouk Rigterink, Diamonds: Rebel's and Farmer's Best Friend. Impact of variation in the price of a lootable, labour-intensive natural resource on the intensity of violent conflict
- Paper 4: Philip Luke Johnson, Counter-Insurgency Without Insurgency: How Narco-Messages Frame Violence in Mexico

#### M11F (**Muirhead Tower 122**)

##### 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, Annekatriin 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 3: Dana Landau and Andreas Hirblinger, The Politics of Diversity in Inclusive Peace Processes
- 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: Andrea Purdekova, The Challenges of Socio-Spatial Integration in Post-War Burundi: Micro-strategies of Resistance from Peace Villages to Land-Sharing Arrangements
- Paper 3: Velomahanina Razakamaharavo, Conceptualizing Conflict Transformation by exploring the case of Madagascar
- Paper 4: 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

#### **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

**M12F (Muirhead Tower 122)**

Pacts, Promises and peace processes

Chair: Malin Åkebo

Discussant: Andrew Thomson

- Paper 1: Martin Ottman and Felix Haass, Does Peace Trickle Down? Micro-Level Evidence from Africa
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Ablaslan 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: Stephen Powell and Adrian Florea, Introducing the Armed Nonstate Actor Rivalry Dataset (ANARD)

**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 3: 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?

**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-Dialogical 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 122)**

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  
The UN's Defining Challenge: Protecting Civilians in Civil War

**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: Jonathan Cohen, 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: Feargal Cochrane

Discussant: Adam Sandor

- 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 3: Feargal Cochrane, 'Happy Birthday -Or is it a Wake?' Brexit the Good Friday Agreement and Breaking Peace in Northern Ireland
- Paper 4: 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
- Paper 5: Alison Brettle, Individual exit from armed groups: Identifying opportunities for disarmament and demobilisation interventions

**T11E (Alan Walters 112)**

Nonviolent political action and civil resistance

Chair: Rachel Rafferty

- 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 122)**

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

#### **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

#### **T12F (Muirhead Tower 122)**

##### Psychology - Making sense of Trump from a diagnostic perspective: A workshop

Workshop run by Julie Lloyd and Susan Mitzman

**17.00 End of Conference**