# The Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 2017

**Ending Violence in Turbulent Times: Exploring the Conflict, Peace, and Violence Nexus**

**Changing Character of War Programme, University of Oxford**


## Conference Schedule Overview

### September 18th

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| 17.05-18.25 | **Plenary II – Prize Giving and Book Prize Presentation**  
CRS Book of the Year 2016/7 - Sabrina Karim & Kyle Beardsley |
| 18.30-19.00 | Christopher R Mitchell: Video interview tribute to Tony de Reuck (Auditorium) |
| 19.30- | Dinner (For those who have registered and prepaid for dinner) |

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Parallel Session I (September 18th, 11.00-12.30)

PS1-1: Interventions for Protecting Civilians in Armed Conflict
Room – Auditorium
Chair: Corrine Bara
Discussants: Hannah Smidt & Hannah Dönges

- Sabine Otto: Protecting Civilians: The Role of Pro-Government Militias during UN Peace Operations
- Jessica di Salvatore: Radio for peace: UN broadcasting and violence against civilians
- Hannah Dönges: Peacekeeping in South Sudan: Protection of civilians sites as microcosms of violence and protection
- Allard Duursma: Obstruction and Intimidation of Peacekeepers: How Armed Actors Undermine Civilian Protection Efforts
- Lisa Hultman, Angela Muvumba Sellström: International Intervention and Insurgents: Prevention and Persuasion against Atrocity

PS1-2: Perceptions about Peace, Norms and Justice
Room - Allen
Chair: Kristin M. Bakke
Discussants: Iain Atack & Bethany Lacina

- Jéssica Lima Alencar, Domingos Araujo: Special Criminal Court’s Restorative Justice Nucleus
- Iain Atack: Pacifism and the Critique of State Violence
- Akiko Horiba: Peacebuilding in Southern Thailand - Searching for Justice Through Asian Initiatives
- Denisa Kostovicova: Measuring Deliberation and Assessing a Regional Approach to Transitional Justice

PS1-3: Gender and Conflict
Room: Mary Eccles
Chair: Sophia Close
Discussants: Gillian Wylie & Geoffrey Darnton

- Gillian Wylie, Grainne Kilcullen, Amiera Sawas, Sian Maseko: Ending Gender-Based Violence - Lessons from Conflict Affected States
- Jessica Smith: Snaga Žene: Countering Discourses of Victimhood in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Jennifer Philippa Eggert: Resist by all means: Explaining the involvement of female fighters in Harakat Amal
- Sophia Close: Gender and political transition processes in Bougainville, Nepal and Colombia
- Darya Maoz: Crossing Romantic Borders – Jewish Female Tourists and Local Arab Men in Sinai

PS1-4: Modernity, Technology, Conflict and Peace
Room: Andrew Pitt
Chair: Jake Lynch
Discussant: Bernd Hirschberger
- Fahima Abbas: The Integration of Arab Middle Class in the Metropolitan Areas of Tel Aviv and Haifa.
- Steve Wright: Resisting the Slippery Slope Towards Autonomous Killing technologies
- Bernd Hirschberger: Strategies of external communication in the social media in the conflict in Israel and Palestine and how they might affect the continuation of conflict and violence as well as initiatives for peace
- Jake Lynch: How to monitor and evaluate interventions of media development aid in conflicted societies

**PS1-5: Resources, Geography, and Conflict**
Room: Littlegate
Chair: Sinem Arslan
Discussant: Joakim Kreutz

- Stefan Döring: Down By the Water - Water Scarcity and Intergroup Fighting
- Charlotte Grech-Madin: A Sanctuary for Water: The Normative Exclusion of Water from International Conflict
- Daniel Gomez: Rebel vs. Paramilitary Groups: Adaptation to the Coal Mining Region of Colombia
- Sinem Arslan: Cities on Fire: Suicide Attacks in Urban Spaces
- Tianyang Liu: The Alternative Geographies of Counter-terrorism: Rethinking Space, Hope and Securitization in the Old Town Redevelopment Project of Kashgar, China

**PS1-6: Experiences of Violence and Reconciliation**
Room - SCR Parlour
Chair: Dagmar Kusa
Discussants: Melanie Garson

- Elena Butti: Lasting peace and younger generations: dynamics of peace and violence through the eyes of marginalised adolescents in (post-?)conflict Colombia
- Dagmar Kusa, Deirdre Johnston: Generations: Transition and justice through the eyes of three generations in South Africa
- Melanie Garson: Defying Gravity: Evaluating the Vertical Limits of Rising Reconciliation

**Parallel Session II (September 18th, 13.30-15.00)**

**PS2-1 - Political Dimensions of Peacekeeping and Domestic Security**
Room: Auditorium
Chair: Sabine Otto
Discussants: Lisa Hultman & Sabine Otto

- Corinne Bara: The Impact of Peace Operations on Collective Violence in the Post-war Period
- Govinda Clayton, Han Dorussen: The Political Side of Peacekeeping
- Hannah Smidt: Making electoral peace: How peacekeeping activities influence electoral violence
- Andrea Ruggeri, Stefano Costalli: Peace at home? UN Peacekeeping Operations, Refugees and Returned Refugees

**PS2-2: Crime, Conflict and Justice**
Room: Allen
Chair: Chrissie Steenkamp
Discussants: Daniel Kirkpatrick & Sophie Haspeslagh
- Daniel Kirkpatrick: Politicising crime to criminalise politics: Reconciling counterinsurgency and criminal justice
- Chrissie Steenkamp: Narcotics and the war in Syria: what does it mean for peace?
- Carla Prado: Building bridges or widening gaps: the role of memory in post-conflict transitional societies
- Philip L. Johnson: From the Cuartel to the Cartel: Armed Groups, State Institutions, and Extreme Violence
- Dora Robinson, Christine Cheng: “I was just following orders” – How new evidence from the 1948 United Nations War Crimes Commission rewrites the law on the defence of superior orders.

PS2-3: Dialogue, Mediation and Facilitation
Room: Mary Eccles
Chair: Geoffrey Darnton
Discussant: Isabel Phillips
- Geoffrey Darnton: The Role of Civil Society in Ending Nuclear Violence
- Jérôme Grimaud: Humanitarian Mediation: Opportunities for Reduction of Violence and Improved Protection of Civilians
- Isabel Phillips: Mediation Skills: An Autoethnographic Interrogation
- Yaser Alashqar: Comparative Perspective: The United States and Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

PS2-4: The Nexus of International and Internal Conflict
Room: Andrew Pitt
Chair: Manus Midlarsky
Discussants: Charles Davidson & Oliver Ramsbotham
- Manus Midlarsky: Russia’s Interstate Wars: Implications for Current Conflicts in Ukraine and the Caucasus
- Pascal Carlucci: The Migrant Crisis, irregular warfare and crime
- Charles Davidson: Dynamic Insurgencies: Does the diversification of transnational insurgent strategies benefit the host community?
- Ilham Shahbari: Internationalization of the national aspirations of the Arab Minority in Israel
- Keith Little: What really is hybrid warfare, and what a failing response looks like.

PS2-5: Education, Culture, Peace and Conflict
Room: Littlegate
Chair: Herbert Blumberg
Discussants: Anthony Ware & Tom Woodhouse
- Anthony Ware: The 'Rohingya' conflict in Myanmar: The role of a name a conflict factor dynamic
- Miho Taka: Reclaiming education in post-conflict Rwanda
- Martijn Kitzen: The mechanism of cultural legitimation: exploiting local patterns of legitimacy for ending violence and achieving durable peace
- Herbert Blumberg: Structural "violence" based on bias related to (hypothetical) status
- Tom Woodhouse: Expanding the field: sport and conflict resolution
PS2-6 Scientific Approaches to the Study of Conflict
Room: SCR Parlour
Chair: Steven Ratuva
Discussants: Gordon Burt & Meredith Reid Sarkees

- Altaf Ali: Identifying Conflict Escalation Patterns with Nonparametric Bayesian Models
- Gordon Burt: Values, World Society and Modelling – the fourth Yearbook
- Meredith Reid Sarkees: “The most peaceable era in our species’ existence”? Examining the Declinist Argument
- John Tirman: The Epistemology of War: Measuring the Human Costs of Armed Conflict
- Steven Ratuva: Indexology, pseudo-science and human ranking: Reducing peace into a quantifiable commodity

Parallel Session III (September 18th, 15.30-17.00)

PS3-1- Resolving Religious Conflict? Exploring the Termination of Religiously Defined Armed Conflicts
Room – Allen
Chair: Govinda Clayton
Discussants: John Gledhill & Andrea Ruggeri

- Daniel Finnbogason, Isak Svensson: How Jihadist States End: Exploring the Termination Patterns of Revolutionary Islamist Statelets
- Mona Kanwal Sheikh: Talking with the Taliban: Reintegration, reconciliation or negotiation?

PS3-2: Conflict Responses in Colombia
Room - Auditorium
Chair: Christine Cheng
Discussants: Enzo Nussio & Andrew Thomson

- Sophie Haspeslagh: Language, conflict and peace: how the vilification and de-vilification of the FARC influenced the prospects for peace in Colombia?
- Joakim Kreutz, Enzo Nussio: Dealbreaker: Trust in government after the extradition of paramilitary leaders in Colombia
- Andrew Thomson: Multiple Warring Parties and Rivalries in the Colombian Peace Process
- Christine Cheng, Jorge Delgado: A criminalized peace in Colombia- Entrenchment of the Urabeños

PS3-3: The Local Level and Conflict Management
Room - Mary Eccles
Chair: Łukasz Mackiewicz
Discussant: Judith Large

- Lukasz Mackiewicz: When global does not work, try a local ceasefire - Analysing Donbass de-escalation dynamics through so called localized ceasefire
- Chas Morrison: Civilian Protection in Urban Sieges: Capacities and practices of first responders in Syria
- Sheldon Levy: Understanding violence: from individual motivations to inter-group conflict
- Mario Fumerton: Beyond Counterinsurgency: Rural militias, civic governance, and contested citizenship during the Peruvian civil war

PS3-4: External Actors, Local Identities, Conflict and Peace

Room - Andrew Pitt
Chair: Andrew Mumford
Discussants: Donald Ferencz & Matthew Dixon

- Solange Fontana: Between War and Peace: The Ambivalent Role of Congo’s Ethnic Associations
- Tatjana Stankovic: The Dynamics of Civil War Peace Negotiations and the Duration of Peace
- Donald Ferencz: The International Criminal Court on the Verge of Activating its Jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression: Who’s Trying to Kill it and Why
- Richard Byrne: Growing peace ?– civil military co-operation in Afghanistan
- Andrew Mumford, Vladimir Rauta: A Blast from the Past: Arms Support, Proxy wars, and Spoiler Effects to Disarmament, Demobilisation, and Reintegration (DDR)

PS3-5: Local Aspects of Peace

Room: Littlegate
Chair: Angharad Jones Buxton
Discussants: Lara Olson & Angharad Jones Buxton

- Lara Olson: Civil Society, Local Legitimacy and Conflict Recurrence in Kosovo
- Angharad Jones Buxton: Peacebuilding’s Local Turn: radical or revisionary?
- Andrew EE Collins: Local Ownership of Police Reform: Foreign and Local Perspectives in Kosovo and Northern Ireland

Parallel Session IV (September 19th, 9.00-10.30)

PS4-1- Causes and Consequences of Peacekeeping Deployment

Room - Allen
Chair: Oisin Tansey
Discussants: Walt Kilroy & Allard Duursma

- Allard Duursma: Blurred Lines: Explaining Violence against Aid Workers
- Oisin Tansey, Sarah von Billerbeck: Enabling Autocracy? Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Authoritarianism
- Rachel Julian: Direct protection of civilians from violence, by civilians without weapons: How Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping tasks in global case studies reveal new protection strategies.
- Maline Meiske: Peacekeeping Contributions, Public Attitudes, and Access to Information: Does the Public Affect Peacekeeping Policy?
- Walt Kilroy: Institutionalising an emergency response: “Protection of Civilians” camps at UN bases in South Sudan as a way to deal with violence against communities.

**PS4-2 - States, Regimes and Conflict Dynamics**
Room - Mary Eccles
Chair: M. Rodwan Abouharb
Discussants: Kaisa Hinkkainen & Sebastian Ziaja

- Baris Ari: Tax in Kind on the Deprived: How Compulsory Military Service Prolongs Civil Conflicts?
- Sebastian Ziaja: Political regime indicators do not predict civil wars -- they predict their absence
- Sophia Hatz: Conditional or Collective Punishment? Palestinian Perspectives on House Demolition
- Kaisa Hinkkainen, Gaku Ito: Battle Diffusion Matters: Examining the Impact of Micro-dynamics of Fighting on Conflict Outcomes and Termination
- M. Rodwan Abouharb: Taming the Tiger: peaceful and violent protest and the repressive responses of government

**PS4-3 Quantitative Approaches to Studying Violence and Conflict**
Room - Auditorium
Chair: Bethany Lacina
Discussants: Max Gallop

- Chuyu Liu: Money Talks: Inter-Ethnic Co-optation and Ethnic Conflict in China
- Andreas Juon: Does Ethnic Categorization Increase the Salience of Ethnic Identities?
- Bethany Lacina: Regional autonomy and recurrent separatist violence: the role of local ethnic rivalry
- Max Gallop: Predicting the Evolution of Intrastate Conflict: Evidence from Nigeria

**PS4-4 Ideas and Ideology**
Room - Andrew Pitt
Chair: Jonathan Leader Maynard
Discussant: David Brenner & Emine Ari

- David Brenner: Beyond Insurgency: Drugs, Vigilantes and the Biopolitics of Ethnic Violence in Myanmar
- Matthew Zelina: It's Not What You Think: A Typology of Armed Group Ideological Strength
- Jonathan Leader Maynard: Ideology, Strategy and Mass Killing: Re-evaluating Theories of Civilian Victimization
- Jerome Drevon: Introducing Jihadi Salafism in Civil Wars: Rationales, Consequences, and Regulations

**PS4-5: Civil Wars**
Room: Littlegate
Chair: Adrian Florea
Discussant: Bill Kissane & Keshab Giri

- Bill Kissane: What it a civil war?: a sociological view
- Fabio Andres Diaz: Can continuous events be studied with a ‘discrete’ theory?
- Adrian Florea, Michael J. Lee: Civil Wars and State Making
- Keshab Giri: Female Combatants and Civil War Duration
- Matthew Dixon: Understanding asymmetric warfare: popular support and civil war outcomes

**Parallel Session V (September 19th, 13.30-15.00)**

**PS5-1 - Wartime Civilian Agency: Trajectories of Violence, Protection, and Prevention**
Room - Auditorium
Chair: Jennifer Welsh
Discussant: Mats Berdal
- Jana Krause: The Gender Dimensions of Non-Violence in Communal War: The Case of Jos, Nigeria
- Rebecca Sutton, Emily Paddon Rhoads: (Self) protection of civilians in South Sudan
- Annette Idler: Coping with Uncertainty: Between Conflict and Crime in the Andes
- Juan Masullo: Ideology and Civilian Agency in Civil War. How ideas and normative commitments shape civilian non-cooperation

**PS5-2: External Influences on Internal Armed Conflict**
Room: Allen
Chair: Andrew Boutton
Discussants: Ashley Jackson & Margherita Belgioioso
- Ashley Jackson: State building by Other Means: the Aid-Insurgency Nexus
- Niklas Karlén: A Constant Bargaining Game: External State Support to Rebels in Syria and Nicaragua
- Andreas Mehlretter, Oliver Pamp, Paul W. Thurner: Arming for Conflict: Small Arms Imports and the Onset of Intrastate Violence
- Andrew Boutton: Coup-proofing in the shadow of a superpower

**PS5-3: Assessing EU Capacities for Inclusive and Coherent Peacebuilding Intervention: A Whole of Society Perspective**
Room: Mary Eccles
Chair: Véronique Dudouet
Discussants: Chris van der Borgh, Steinar Skaar and Panellists
- Véronique Dudouet: From Power Mediation to Dialogue Support: Assessing the European Union’s Approach to Multi-Track Diplomacy
- Shyamika Jayasundara-Smits: From Revolution to Reform and Back: EU-Security Sector Reform in Ukraine
- Matteo Dressler, Stina Lundström: EU Support to Decentralisation Reform in Peacebuilding Contexts: a Whole-of-Society Perspective
- Linda Benrais, Julie Simon: Societal resilience in the EU Global Security Strategy
- Chris van der Borgh: EU Intervention in Kosovo

**PS5-4: Pathways to Peace**
Room: Andrew Pitt
Chair: Gyda M. Sindre
Discussants: Geoffrey Corry & Owen Frazier

- Geoffrey Corry: From Bullets to Ballots: Creating the political path to stop the violence
- Andres Ballesteros Moyano: How Does Military Conversion Affect Conflict Recurrence?
- Charlotte Fiedler, Karina Mross, Jörn Grävigholt: Identifying pathways to peace – A configurational analysis of international support after civil war
- Owen Frazer: Sequencing in peace negotiations
- Gyda M. Sindre: Political parties as conflict managers: Maintaining or breaking down wartime cleavages?

**PS5-5: States, Power and Violence**
Room: Littlegate
Chair: Emine Arı
Discussants: Oriol Sabaté & Matthew Felice

- Oriol Sabaté, Alfonso Herranz-Loncán, Sergio Espuelas: Opening the 'black box' of military spending: coup-proofing strategies in Spain (1850-1915)
- Matthew Felice: Old and New Disciplines on Hierarchy and the Power-Law Distribution of War
- Tafadzwa Zvobgo: Investigating the Relationship between Election Violence and Foreign Policy in Southern Africa: a Study of Zimbabwe
- Emine Arı, Reşat Bayer: Terrorism and Banking Sector: Case of Turkey

**Parallel Session VI (September 19th, 16.00-17.30)**

**PS6-1: Causes and Dynamics of Nonviolent Activism**
Room: Auditorium
Chair: Catherine Mooney
Discussants: Marina Petrova & Luke Abbs

- Catherine Mooney: Reading Primo Levi in Palestine: The Grey Zone of Political Resistance
- Catharina Lewerenz: Shades of State Violence: The Potential of Hired Arms and the Effectiveness Resistance Movements
- Luke Abbs: United we Stand, Divided We Fall: Cleavage Structures and the Onset of Nonviolent Resistance
- Marina Petrova: External Actors as Harbingers of Change in Dissident Strategy

**PS6-2: Novel Forms of Peacemaking and Peacebuilding**
Room: Allen
Chair: Mark Owen
Discussant: Rachel Julian

- Vicki-Ann Ware: Promoting creative counter-narratives to conflict discourses: the role of music, story and poetry in countering conflict in Rakhine State, Myanmar
- Mark Owen: Religion and Peacebuilding in Myanmar: An Analysis of Three Diverse Case Studies
- Laura Payne: Faith-based forms of violent conflict prevention – turning conventional wisdom on its head?
- Rachel Julian: Raising Silent Voices: How cultural expression of conflict can inform analysis and intervention strategies in Myanmar.
- Christoph Daniel Schaefer: The long way of moving beyond intractability: The roles of mutual recognition and common values in dealing with intractable conflicts

**PS6-3: International Intervention**
Room: Mary Eccles
Chair: Judith Large
Discussants: Mareike Schomerus & Gokhan Ciflikli

- Steinar Skaar: Manoeuvre theory, a bad starting point for Counterinsurgency warfare. The case of German and Norwegian use of Force in Afghanistan
- Judith Large: Overreach and R2P: Addressing Reflexive Behaviours and the Production of Violence
- Mareike Schomerus, Anouk Rigterink: "I am used to many soldiers." Does external military intervention push civilians towards violence?
- Gokhan Ciflikli: Paper Tigers and the Empire: Local Perceptions of Power and Foreign Military Interventions in Sierra Leone
- Evelyn Pauls: Unraveling the ‘Poster Child’: International Advocacy and Child Combatants in Sierra Leone

**PS6-4: Complexities of Ending Violence and Building Order in ‘Red Zones’**
Room: Andrew Pitt
Chair: Chris van der Borgh
Discussant: Alexandra Abello Colak

- Alexandra Abello Colak: Urban Order and Security Provision in Medellin
- Jeroen Adam: ‘If you are in the government, you can still implement the traditional law’. Hybridity and justice delivery in Lanao, the Philippines.
- Laurens Bakker: Indonesian urban security as a socio-political process
- Katharina Blank: Policing Hearts and Minds: Pacification and Cultural policy in Rio de Janeiro’s favela
- Chris van der Borgh: Dealing with street gangs in El Salvador

**PS6-5: Cosmopolitan Interventions and Institutions and the Protection of Civilians**
Room: Littlegate
Chair: Timo Kivimäki
Discussant: Wali Aslam & Timo Kivimäki

- Timo Kivimäki: Discursive Origins of Military Protection of Civilians
- Wali Aslam: Counter terrorism and the signing of peace deals in the AfPak zone
- Mattia Cacciatori: Sending the wrong message? Mimetic Theory Encounters the International Criminal Court
- Brett Edwards: Beyond intent: How do we know a Cosmopolitan Protection War when we see one