



NEWSLETTER

February 2015

CRS News

Conflict Research Society Annual Conference

14-15 September 2015, University of Kent, UK

Our annual conference this year will be hosted by the Conflict Analysis Research Centre (CARC) and the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent. To mark the centenary of John Burton's birth, the conference returns to some of the enduring questions and issues that defined his work under the theme "Peace and Violence Explained? Assessing John Burton's Legacy". The conference seeks to generate debate and ongoing relationships between scholars and practitioners interested in key issues surrounding the dynamics of violent political conflict, dialogue, diplomacy and peacebuilding.

Individual and panel proposals should be submitted online by May 31 2015.

Panel proposals should include a title (less than 50 words) an abstract (less than 200 words) and a list of four papers. Individual proposals should likewise include a title (less than 50 words) and an abstract (less than 200 words).

[Online Call](#)

Calls for Papers

IAPSS Panel at ECPR Conference 2015

26th-29th August, Université de Montréal, Canada

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) is inviting students, young researchers and scholars to submit their papers for panels included in the IAPSS Section at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference 2015 in Montréal, Canada. The IAPSS Section "Cooperation, Conflict and Security in Global Politics" is composed of three panels connected to the IAPSS Annual Theme 2015 "Cooperation, Conflict and Security". The panels are: Intervention and State-building; Mediation and Conflict Management; and Cooperation and Trust-building in International Organisations.

Submissions must be done through the [MyECPR](#) system. Information on the fit of papers and the selection process can be given at academic@iapss.org.

The deadline for the submission of papers is 16 February 2015.

[IAPSS Call
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Scholarships and Grants

Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Award in Palestine Studies

The Center for Palestine Studies at Columbia University's Middle East Institute is inviting applications for the 2015-2016 Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Award, a post-doctoral fellowship in Palestinian Studies. The one-semester fellowship carries a stipend of \$25,000 and the status of post-doctoral research fellow or visiting scholar at Columbia University, as appropriate. The Fellow will spend one semester at Columbia University, pursuing her or his research and writing, and participating in the intellectual life of the Center for Palestine Studies at the Middle East Institute. In exceptional cases, as when research elsewhere is necessary for the completion of the project, shorter-term residence at Columbia (no less than 8 weeks during term time) can be considered. The Fellow will present a seminar paper in the Middle East Institute's colloquium series and may be invited to speak at other universities in the United States.

The deadline for applications is the 20th of February.

[Website](#)

Berghof Foundation Grant for Innovation in Conflict Transformation

This programme is designed for innovative and state-of-the-art projects in the field of conflict transformation. The Berghof Foundation is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organisation based in Germany that supports efforts to prevent political and social violence, and to achieve sustainable peace through conflict transformation. By means of a regularly revised thematic focus, its Grant for Innovation in Conflict Transformation seeks to address issues that the Foundation believes to be of future relevance to the field, and support projects that provide insightful and innovative impulses to researchers and practitioners.

The call for proposals will be published during February. Both individuals and organizations are eligible to apply.

[Website](#)

Peace Nexus Grant for NGOs

The PeaceNexus Foundation has announced the new call for the Grants 2015 PeaceNexus Fund which provides funding support for peacebuilding NGOs to 'better manage their change, growth and learning processes. The purpose of the grant is to support NGOs that have a peacebuilding mandate, in increasing their ability to deliver on their missions. Examples of activities: coaching and advice on organisational restructuring; research and advice on building new partnerships; and support to strengthen organisational approaches to advocacy.

The 2015 call for proposals is open to NGOs with an explicit peacebuilding mandate that operate internationally (in at least five countries) and to local organizations operating in west Africa and the Balkans. The deadline for applications is the 11th of February.

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International Summer Program on Identity-Based Conflict Resolution

Bar-Ilan University, Israel

BIU has recently opened its International Summer Certificate Program in Identity-Based Conflict Resolution, in English. This four week Summer Program (July 5-30, 2015) offers 11 academic credits and a certificate in Conflict Resolution, and includes internships in peace NGOs and in related think tanks. Applications are open to holders of undergraduate/graduate degrees and current graduate students.

[Find out more](#)

OxPeace Day Conference

OxPeace is inviting registrations to its seventh annual Day-Conference on 'Peace and the UN at 70'. The Conference will be held on the 9th May 2015 at St John's College, Oxford. Plenary sessions will include the participation of UN High level staff discussing the role of the organization in peace and sustainable development. Parallel sessions will discuss religion in conflict, justice and reconciliation, and peacebuilding. For registration and more information please contact [Jeremy Cunningham](#).

All Things Ablaze

A film by Oleksandr Te-chynskyi, Aleksey Solodunov, Dmitry Stoykov

This film is not about the revolution that changed Ukraine. Not exactly. It rather shows a universal pattern of particular kind of uprisings - those ones that end with bloodshed. At first, the noble endeavor for freedom collides with the dark force of repressive rulers. Then eventually, after much confusion and chaos, the righteous anger of people changes to pure outrage. And when the first casualties on both sides fall, no matter how black and white it seems from outside, the edge between good and bad blurs when one looks from the epicenter of a battle. And finally, all things ablaze.

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