



## NEWSLETTER

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## CRS News

**Conflict Research Society Annual Conference**

14-15 September, University of Kent, UK

**Peace and Violence Explained? Assessing John Burton's Legacy**

We warmly invite you to submit proposals for papers, panels or posters for the CRS Conference which will be held at the University of Kent on 14-15 September. We have extended the original deadline of May 31 and can still accept online submissions after this date on the [CRS conference website](#).

The conference marks the 100th anniversary of CRS co-founder John Burton's birth, and the is an opportunity to explore John Burton's legacy and to discuss the latest developments in peace and conflict research and practice. Plenary events will include presentations by:

**Scott Gates**, former director of the PRIO Research Programme on Civil Wars,

**Kevin Clements**, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Otago University and Director of the New Zealand National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

**Kathleen Cunningham**, University of Maryland, Winner of the CRS Book of the Year Prize for her book on the Politics of Self-Determination Groups

**Richard Sakwa**, Professor of Russian and East European Studies at the University of Kent, and author of 'Frontline Ukraine'.

There will also be panels on John Burton Centenary, Migration and Conflict, a Practitioners Panel and a Panel on World Society, Values and Social Modelling. There will also be a poster display and PhD students are encouraged to present papers or posters.

Please see the [CRS conference website](#) for full details of the conference, including the social programme, the banquet, and the attractions of Kent which lie in store for participants. The website gives details of the conference costs and information about how to submit paper, poster and panel proposals online. We hope to see you in September for another great CRS conference!

## Calls for Papers

**Narratives of Identity in Social Movements, Conflicts & Change**

*Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, a peer-reviewed volume published by Emerald Group Publishing, encourages submissions for Volume 40 of the series. This volume will include research in two areas: (1) submissions focused on analytical analyses of identity and narratives of identity in conflict outbreaks, dynamics, resolution and/or post-conflict peacebuilding and transitional justice; and (2) general submissions appropriate to any of the three broad foci reflected in the Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change series title. The Volume Editor is Landon E. Hancock (Kent State University). Submissions may focus on single or comparative case studies or may explore other avenues of analysis, but all submissions should be data-driven and theoretically informed.

To be considered for inclusion in Volume 40, papers should arrive by September 15, 2015, earlier submissions are welcomed as well. Send submissions as a WORD document attached to an email with the subject line "RSMCC" to [Landon Hancock](#). Except for on the title page (which should include full contact information for all authors) remove all self references (in text and in bibliography). Include the paper's title and the unstructured abstract on the first page of the text itself. Provide 5-6 key words below the abstract. For initial submissions, any standard social science in-text citation and bibliographic system is acceptable.

[Website](#)**Conflict Dynamics and Challenges to Building a Resilient Peace in Colombia**

A special issue of **Conflict Management and Peace Science** will gather contributions from scholars across academic disciplines on the Colombian civil war and peace process. The Colombian government initiated peace negotiations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the country's largest and oldest insurgent group, in November 2012. That process has engendered agreement on several major issues, but a final peace deal remains elusive. This special moment in Colombia's long conflict demands new scholarship on the dynamics of violence in Colombia and the political, social, and economic challenges to building a durable peace.

Papers may be theoretical or empirical, but should endeavour to connect their findings to understanding ongoing roadblocks to a resilient peace in Colombia. Papers should be sent to [Juan F. Vargas](#) (Universidad of Rosario) or [Thomas E. Flores](#) (George Mason University) no later than August 15, 2015. Manuscripts will be subject to a conventional refereeing process.

**6th International Meeting on Conflict Management, Peace Economics, and Peace Science**

24th-26th July, Bangkok, Thailand

The Sixth International Conference on Conflict Management Peace Economics and Peace Science will take place in Bangkok, from July 24th to the 26th, 2015. Persons interested in attending and presenting are requested to contact Professor [Manas Chatterji](#) (Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y).

Some of the topics to be discussed are: Interface of Peace Studies and Peace Science; Gandhian Peace Studies, Arms Control; Nuclear Proliferation; Peace Science Methodology and Theory; Democracy and Conflict; Linkage of Internal and External Conflict; Ethnic Conflict; Coalition Politics; Environmental Conflict and Global Warming; Globalization and Conflict; International Trade and Financial Crisis; Disaster Management; Terrorism; Resource Conflict; Empirical Case Studies of South Asian countries; Disaster of Identity and Conflict Management.

Manuscript proposals for possible publication in the [Conflict Management Peace Economics and Development Book Series](#) are also invited. Twenty-four volumes in this book series have been published by Emerald Publishing, U.K.

**Call for Nominations - The Kenneth E. Boulding Award**

The Peace Studies Section of the International Studies Association (ISA) invites nominations for the 2015 Boulding Award. The award was established to honour Kenneth E. Boulding, a founder of the field of Peace Studies. The Award Committee seeks a graduate student research paper, delivered at the most recent ISA meetings, that is (a) theoretically based, (b) empirical (qualitative and/or quantitative), and (c) relevant to a significant problem in the field of peace studies. Any excellent exploration in the area of Peace Research is eligible (but please note – it MUST be related to peace). Direct submissions from graduate students and nominations from panel chairs and discussants are welcome.

The award recipient will receive a two-year membership in the ISA (including the peace studies section), a cash award of \$250.00 (USD), a travel grant of up to \$300 (USD) to attend next year's convention and a certificate to be awarded at the convention. A cash award of \$50.00 (USD) will be awarded to the runner-up.

To nominate, please submit an electronic copy of the paper presented at the New Orleans convention to the chair of the Boulding Award Committee, [Roger Mac Ginty](#). Please include the full contact information institutional affiliations of the nominator and, if different, the nominee. Deadline for submissions: June 30, 2015.

## Peace and Conflict Jobs

**Assistant Professor in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation**

The Irish School of Ecumenics at **Trinity College Dublin in Belfast**, Northern Ireland (UK), is seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation to teach mainly at postgraduate level on its Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation MPhil course, under the overall direction of the Head of Department. The post is based in the ISE campus Belfast. As well as teaching on the MPhil, the appointed person will be expected to supervise MPhil dissertations and participate across the range of the School's activities, attending the Dublin campus of ISE and Trinity College as necessary. The successful candidate will be expected to produce work of international significance in her or his field and will be research-active according to the research strategy, norms and criteria of Trinity. The successful candidate will be a person with expertise in the areas of conflict resolution or reconciliation studies, with a background in political/social sciences or theology/religious studies.

Informal enquiries are welcome and may be made to Ms. [Aideen Woods](#), School Administrative Manager, School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology. The deadline for applications is the 19th of June.

[Website](#)**All We Can Partnerships Manager - London Office**

*All We Can* is a distinctive international **development agency**, making an effective long term contribution to ending the cycle of suffering caused by poverty, inequality and injustice. They help people in some of the world's poorest communities to become all that they can, by investing in local partnerships that improve quality of life and create positive, long-term change for individuals, families and nations. They are seeking a culturally aware, sensitive leader and team player, with field experience and knowledge of systems and processes to head their International Partnerships Programme operations in London. Reporting to the Director, the Senior Partnership Manager will be responsible for the management and development of partner relationships, management of staff and consultants, development of the International Partnerships Programme (IPP), programme quality, developing and managing systems and processes. This role will require travel up to five times a year for up to three weeks at a time. Please note that All We Can is unable to provide sponsorship for this role and thus, you would need to have the right to work in the UK.

The deadline for applications is the 15th of June.

[Website](#)

## Scholarships and Grants

**Leeds Beckett University MA in Peace and Development**

Leeds Beckett University is offering scholarships for students from UK/EU who wish to pursue a [Masters in Peace and Development](#) (MA in International Relations and MA in International Political Economy also offered). The course addresses the global challenges of poverty and violence by linking theory and practice. It provides students with an opportunity to develop their awareness of the relationships between peace, conflict resolution and development, both locally and internationally. The course will invite students to consider issues such as gender, poverty, livelihoods, human rights, the role of civil society and community participation in decision-making and governance. From security threats and terrorism, to the arms trade and non-violent social movements, you will acquire an in-depth insight into global issues. The course also studies the political, economic, cultural, environmental and technological changes that influence development decisions.

The scholarships are for students graduating, since there were higher tuition fees in the UK.

[Website](#)

## Events

**Global Peace Index 2015 London Launch**

17th June, London, UK

This year's Global Peace Index launch will take place at King's College London on 17th June at 6:00 pm, when Steve Killelea, Founder and Executive Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace, will unveil the 2015 Global Peace Index. Mr. Killelea will be introduced by Professor Edward Byrne AC, Principal of King's College London, who will reflect on the relevance of this research and draw out its implications for policymakers. Following a presentation of the Global Peace Index from Mr. Killelea, Peter Apps, Reuters correspondent, currently on sabbatical as Executive Director of PS21, will moderate an interdisciplinary panel of experts, including Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Emeritus Professor of War Studies, and Lieutenant-General Jonathon Peter Riley, CB, DSO. The panel will explore the practical applications of identifying the structural drivers of peace, emphasising the importance of strong institutions in building resilience. This will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience. This event will be followed by a drinks reception and an opportunity to meet the presenters and panellists.

Please RSVP by June 10th [here](#).

**Publications**

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