



The Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 2017
Ending Violence in Turbulent Times: Exploring the Conflict, Peace, and Violence Nexus

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Conference Schedule Overview

September 18th

8.45-9.15	Registration & coffee
9.15-9.30	Welcome (Hugh Miall, Govinda Clayton, John Gledhill, Annette Idler)
9.30 -10.45	Plenary I - Studying War and Peace: Perspectives from Oxford: Panellists: Anke Hoeffler, Richard Caplan, Peter Wilson. Chair: Andrea Ruggeri
10.45-11.00	Coffee/tea
11.00-12.30	Parallel Session I
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Parallel Session II
15.00-15.30	Coffee/tea
15.30-17.00	Parallel Session III
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)

September 19th

9.00-10.30	Parallel Session IV
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-12.30	Plenary III - Lars-Erik Cederman: The Threat to Liberalism and the Future of War
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Parallel Session V
15.00-15.30	Coffee/Tea
15.30-17.00	Parallel Session VI
17.00	Conference closes

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
- Kristin M. Bakke: Perceptions of peace agreements, war-time violence, and state authority: A comparative study of Guatemala, Nepal, and Northern Ireland

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

- Desirée Nilsson, Isak Svensson: How Do Islamist Conflicts End? Religious claims and civil war outcomes, 1975-2015
- Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs: A Matter of Faith? Mediation attempts with Boko Haram in Nigeria
- 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?
- Charles Larratt-Smith: Landed Elites, Peasant Social Networks, and State-Insurgent Embeddedness in Contested Territory: Evidence from 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: Lukasz 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
- Ian Madison: Exploring the Infrastructural Power of a 'Parallel State': Kosovo's Blood Feud Reconciliation Campaign, 1990-1999
- 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: Oisín Tansey

Discussants: Walt Kilroy & Allard Duursma

- Allard Duursma: Blurred Lines: Explaining Violence against Aid Workers
- Oisín 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
- Melanie Garson: In us we trust? The effect of political violence on social cohesion Israel, 2003-2013.
- 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 is 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

- Lars-Erik Cederman, Francisco Villamil, Simon Hug, Livia Isabella Schubiger: "Civilian Victimization, Ethnic Targeting, and Conflict Escalation
- 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
- Margherita Belgioioso: Biting the Hand that Feeds? Population Dependence and Rebel Groups' Allocation of Violent Tactics.
- 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 Grävignholt: 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 Ari

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 Ari, 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