



## **AGM and Conference Coronavirus Statement**

The Conflict Research Society is closely monitoring the situation regarding the recent COVID-19 outbreak. The health and safety of CRS members is always our utmost priority. We have therefore already postponed our AGM that was due to be held in April, and are in regular discussions about the annual conference.

Though the conference is still months away, we will be keeping you continuously informed about any developments and decisions.

The programme team is currently reviewing all proposals and building the conference programme. We will inform you about the outcome of your proposals soon.

If you have any questions, please [email](#) the conference organisers, Robert Nagel and Marina G. Petrova.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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## **COVID-19 and Conflict**

## **"Feeling strongly determined." The UNSG calls for a global ceasefire to focus on 'the true fight of our lives'**

In an appeal issued on Monday, UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged warring parties across the world to lay down their weapons in support of the bigger battle against COVID-19: the common enemy that is now threatening all of humankind. Read about this call and listen to a press briefing in which the UNSG was challenged on the achievability of his aspiration [here](#), plus sign up to back the call [here](#).

## **COVID-19 and Violent Conflict: Responding to Predictable Unpredictability**

Check out the new blog post by Christine Bell, Assistant Principal (Global Justice) and Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Edinburgh, plus many more interesting posts on the latest emergency at [Just Security](#).

## **The Coronavirus and the Trump-Penrose Discourse Continuum**

Imperial College London has produced a series of [reports on COVID-19](#). 1. There are 7.713 billion people in the world. Last year 0.060 billion people died in total, (almost 1%). So far there have been 0.0006 billion [coronavirus cases](#), and 0.00003 billion [coronavirus deaths](#) worldwide. ICL 'predicts' that in three intervention scenarios (none, late, early) there would be 7.014, 2.404 or 0.470 billion [coronavirus cases](#); and 0.041, 0.010 or 0.002 billion [coronavirus deaths](#), (roughly 0.50%, 0.10% or 0.02% of total population). [Gordon Burt's latest reports](#) contrast this academic discourse with Trump's non-academic discourse.

## **The Covid-19 Pandemic and Deadly Conflict - Special Publications by the International Crisis Group**

While the COVID-19 pandemic presents a potentially era-defining challenge to public health and the global economy, its long- and short-term consequences for deadly conflict are less well understood. Much remains uncertain, but it is already clear that the pandemic could cause enormous damage in fragile states, trigger unrest and undermine international crisis management systems. The disease is already disrupting humanitarian aid flows, peace operations and crisis diplomacy, and it could be catastrophic for civilians caught in the midst of conflict, particularly refugees and displaced people. Over the coming weeks and months, Crisis Group will offer special publications on the coronavirus and its effects on the conflict landscape [here](#).

## **Coronavirus must not distract the world from Russia's war in Ukraine**

"The coronavirus crisis has been described in some quarters as the biggest global emergency since WWII. The fight against the pandemic is certainly proving unprecedented in both scale and impact, with whole nations now in lockdown and entire economies grinding to a halt. Understandably, this is dominating the headlines and preoccupying governments around the world. Nevertheless, as attention focuses on containing the coronavirus, it would be dangerous to lose sight of other threats to international security... [continue reading](#).

## Will coronavirus slow the world's conflicts — or intensify them?

UN warns millions could die once virus reaches into poor and war-ridden countries; expert says pandemic is godsend for guerrilla fighters as the powerful become weak.

Read this article [here](#).

For more stories, reports, blogs, including also development related material, see a list of resources compiled by the [Political Settlements Research Programme](#).

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## Peace and Conflict Jobs

### Research Fellow (Quantitative), University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

Deadline: 13 April 2020

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### Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway

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### Two Assistant Professors in Political Science with a specialization in Violence and Security, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands

Deadline: 15 May 2020

[Full advertisement](#)

For peace and conflict jobs in the tertiary sector see the website of the [European Peacebuilding Liaison Office \(EPLO\)](#), which lists vacancies for its many members.

For Academic positions see [jobs.ac.uk](#) and [THE](#).

For European academic funding opportunities (including PhDs, Postdocs, etc.) see [EURAXESS](#).  
If you have any recommendations to add to this list, please hit reply to this email and let us know!

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## Upcoming Events/Opportunities

### [Violence against women and girls is preventable but what will it take?](#)

Some members may have been interested in this event, which was held last month.

For those that missed it, there is a recording of the event here (link in title).

About the event: DFID hosted a high-level event for International Women's Day to celebrate the culmination of DFID's flagship What Works to Prevent Violence Programme ('What Works') and showcase its ground breaking findings which show that violence against women and girls (VAWG) is preventable.

Speakers included the world-leading researchers and civil society partners who successfully reduced VAWG through the What Works Programme, with key note remarks from a DFID Minister.

### [OxPeace Day-Conference: Women, Peace and Security: principles, policy, practice, 20 years after UNSC Resolution 1325 \(2000\)](#)

When: **16 May** Where: **Oxford, UK**

Marking the 20th anniversary of a path-breaking resolution, this year's conference is dedicated to the scholarship, policy and practice of women's inclusion in peacebuilding, peacekeeping and security as well as discussions about gender-based violence and the role of grassroots actors and organisations. Providing a discussion between practitioners, policymakers and academics, OxPeace2020 conference will reflect upon key achievements and failures in the inclusion of women in peace in the past two decades.

**Please note that this conference may be cancelled in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the website for updates.**

### [Arms Control Negotiation Academy Fellowship](#)

The Arms Control Negotiation Academy (ACONA) is a 12-month, high-level professional development program for a competitively selected cohort of rising international security experts and practitioners. The ambitious training curriculum addresses critical historical case studies, technological know-how, and advanced negotiation skills in the realm of arms control. Participants will earn a Certificate in Arms Control Negotiation and become part of ACONA's network of next-generation arms control negotiators.

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## CRS Members in Action

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