



## **The Conflict Research Society Book Prize shortlist is out!**

The judges for the Conflict Research Society Book Prize have shortlisted the following books (appearing in no particular order):

- Campbell, Susana 2019. *Global Governance and Local Peace: Accountability and Performance in International Peacebuilding*. Cambridge University Press.
- Abdi, D.I. and Mason, S.J., 2019. *Mediation and Governance in Fragile Contexts: Small Steps to Peace*. Kumarian Press.
- Caplan, R., 2019. *Measuring Peace: Principles, Practices, and Politics*. Oxford University Press.
- Mironova, V., 2019. *From Freedom Fighters to Jihadists: Human Resources of Non-State Armed Groups*. Oxford University Press.
- Weidmann, N.B. and Rød, E.G., 2019. *The Internet and political protest in autocracies*. Oxford University Press.
- Firchow, Pamina 2019. *Reclaiming Everyday Peace: Local Voices in Measurement and Evaluation After War*. Cambridge University Press.

Congratulations to all of these shortlisted authors! The CRS Book Prize judges will read each of these books and decide on a winner. The winner of the CRS Book Prize will be invited to speak at our conference in Queen's University Belfast on the 3-4 September, 2020 as a plenary speaker.

Thank you to all those who nominated a book for the CRS Book Prize.

About the CRS Book Prize: The Conflict Research Society (CRS) Book of the Year Prize honours research on conflict and peace that is contemporary, exceptional, and world leading, and which provides an invaluable contribution to the literature on conflict and peace. It is an annual prize selected from a long list of nominations from leading authorities around the world in the areas of Conflict and/or Peace Studies (general area).

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## **The Annual Conference 2020: *Building Bridges, Not Walls: Addressing Conflict and Reconciliation in Research and Practice***



Thank you to all those who made a submission to the 2020 Conflict Research Society Conference that takes place on 3-4 September at Queen's University Belfast. We are now reviewing the submissions and preparing the programme. Keep an eye out here for more information about travel and accommodation.

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## **Other Conference Calls**

# International Conference, Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies

Date: 29 June 2020 - Liverpool, UK  
Abstract submission deadline: **1 April 2020**

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## Peace and Conflict Jobs

### **Senior Peacebuilding Adviser, Interpeace, Geneva, Switzerland**

Deadline: 5 March 2020

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### **Data Scientist/Insight Analyst, World Vision, Milton Keynes, UK**

Deadline: 6 March 2020

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### **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany**

Deadline: 10 March 2020

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### **Research Officer in European Political Economy, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK**

Deadline: 12 March 2020

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### **Research Associate (Postdoc), Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany**

Deadline: 16 March 2020

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### **Senior/Principal Research Associate, Newcastle University, UK**

Deadline: 25 March 2020

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### **Senior Research Fellow focused on Terrorism, Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, UK**

Deadline: 27 March 2020

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## Mobile Arts for Peace (MAP) Project Manager, University of Lincoln, UK

Deadline: 28 March 2020

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## Data Scientist / Senior Data Scientist - Defence & Security, The Alan Turing Institute, London, UK

Deadline: 5 April 2020

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## Postdoctoral Fellow (Assistant Professor) on Autocratic Politics, University of Oslo, Norway

Deadline: 15 April 2020

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## Professor in Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden

Deadline: 15 May 2020

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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?](#)

When: **Tuesday, 3 March** Where: **London, UK + Live Webcast**

DFID are delighted to be hosting 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 will include 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. This event will be live streamed. Please **RSVP by Monday, 2 March**, if you would like to attend in person.

### [Stop, Read, Think, Act: The Scots who fought fascism in the Spanish Civil War](#)

When: **Saturday, 14 March** Where: **Stirling, UK**

The University of Stirling and Spanish and Latin American Studies are organising a panel discussion that aims to explore the Scottish multi dimensional response to the

Spanish Civil War. It will reflect on collective/historical memory and identity through our past and how these events shaped our present and future.

### [Call for participants: Peacebuilding and digital technologies](#)

When: **17-19 March** Where: **Online**

New technologies have become increasingly ingrained in people's day-to-day lives, connecting people worlds apart and dramatically changing the way information is accessed and communicated. Indeed, they have the power to fundamentally shape social and political narratives worldwide, empowering marginalised voices to shift social norms for the better. While they can be a power for good, new technologies are also becoming more and more a factor in violent conflict. Whether this is by providing a mechanism for recruitment into armed and/or extremist groups, being a channel for the spread of rumours and false news, or encouraging division and polarisation. At the same time, these technologies can provide opportunities for new, innovative, and different approaches to prevent violent conflict and build peace. Furthermore, while the use of new technologies for peacebuilding has shown much promise, but there are still many ethical and operational issues to consider in the sector when it comes to doing no harm in our peacebuilding work.

To tackle these questions, Peace Direct is convening an online consultation to broaden the conversation on this topic.

### [Tamil Dialogues: Together Towards Tomorrow](#)

When: **Sunday, 22 March** Where: **London, UK**

In May 2019, we marked ten years since the brutal civil war ended, but the consequences of the conflict continue to have an enormous impact on the lives of the people in Ilankai (Sri Lanka). The lives of Tamils across the island in the post-war environment is a difficult and bitter struggle.

The Tamil Information Centre has organised this conference to create a platform to engage with academics, activists and researchers to brainstorm ideas on seeking accountability, justice and contribute towards a sustainable and long-lasting solution to the people in and connected to the Tamil homeland. The format of the event will be presentations, panel discussions, Q&A sessions and will conclude with agreeing on a resolution or action plan to move forward meaningfully.

### [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.

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## CRS Members in Action

### **A Peace Research Agenda for the 21st Century: Report on an International Workshop (6–8 December 2019)**

What is the future agenda for peace research in the 2020s? Does peace research still have a distinct identity? What are the norms and values that peace research institutes espouse and can they influence practice in the face of the global challenges we face? This policy brief presents the summary from a meeting of the world's major peace research institutes, convened by the Toda Peace Institute in December 2019, at which these questions were addressed. The meeting mapped out a new agenda for peace research, based on the main challenges which face the field. Potential for collaborative partnerships between the peace research institutes in these areas and new research directions were identified, and strategies for better integrating research and practice were explored. The meeting also outlined elements of a Code of Conduct for Peace Research institutes. Read Hugh Miall's report [here](#).

### **Public discourse; superforecasters; radical uncertainty; ideographic, nomothetic**

The Brexit debate in the UK and the US discourse during the Trump presidency have been unpleasant and uninformed. Can experts and academics do any better?

Experts make bad forecasts, but Superforecasters do better ([Tetlock](#)).

Bank of England Governor Mark Carney has used '[forward guidance](#)' ...

... but his predecessor Mervyn King talks about [Radical Uncertainty](#).

At the 2016 CRS conference in Dublin, Stathis Kalyvas' talk "[Are civil wars like cancer?](#)" contrasted ideographic and nomothetic approaches.

Gordon Burt identifies dramatizing, selection, and a non-academic approaches in a [newspaper article](#).

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