



AGM and Conference Coronavirus Statement

Due to current pandemic, the Conflict Research Society has decided to postpone the 2020 conference until August 26-27, 2021.

However, on the week the conference was due to be held, we will instead be offering a series of online events. These will be free for all CRS members. This will include webinars featuring the winner of this year's CRS book prize, the winner of the Cedric Smith prize, and a roundtable on the implications of COVID-19 for peace and conflict research and practice. The CRS Team will provide you with further details very soon.

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

NEW: Research and Practice Quarterly Roundup

The Conflict Research Society is planning to launch a new resource for its members. The Research and Practice Quarterly Roundup will provide an outlet for members to share their work and experiences. It is our hope that this will not only raise the profile of members' work but also ferment collaboration in cross-cutting areas of interest.

The roundup will be issued every March, June, September and December. Those wishing to contribute should follow the below instructions, which apply to academics and practitioners. Submissions and any questions should be directed to [Phillip Nelson](#). The first **deadline for submissions is Friday, 5 June**.

Promote a new publication: members should send a 300-word summary of the publication (suitable for a general audience), plus title and link to the resource online.

Project or fieldwork reviews: members should send a 300-500-word summary of the project, plus title and contact email for any responses. A link to an online page is optional. Reviews may include opinion pieces on the process of fieldwork as well as project evaluations, etc.

Conference Calls

The International Studies Association Annual Convention

Date: 7-10 April 2021 - Las Vegas, USA
Abstract submission deadline: **1 June 2020**

[Find Out More](#)

COVID-19 and Conflict

The U.N. Has Appealed for a Global Coronavirus Cease-Fire. But is it Possible to Quarantine Conflict? - Monkey Cage

U.N. Secretary General António Guterres made an unprecedented appeal on March 23 for “an immediate global cease-fire” to facilitate humanitarian access to the populations most vulnerable to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus. This was the first global cease-fire request in the 75-year history of the United Nations. The response has been swift and wide-reaching — conflict parties across 12 countries have already declared some form of cease-fire... [continue reading](#).

“Love the stranger”... Trump, China... the Distribution of People and Countries on the Hate-Love Continuum Worldwide

A pandemic should be the occasion for cooperation. [Yet Trump’s trade war with China has mutated into Trump’s war on what he calls ‘the China virus’](#). And Biden

[seeks votes for his presidency by saying Trump is too soft on China](#). What do the people think? What value does USA place on China? What value does the world place on USA? ... on Trump? What is UK opinion? [The Pew Research Centre provides survey evidence](#). Read [Gordon Burt's latest reports](#) updating "The Coronavirus and the Trump-Penrose Discourse Continuum"

The Pandemic Will Accelerate History Rather than Reshape It - Foreign Affairs

We are going through what by every measure is a great crisis, so it is natural to assume that it will prove to be a turning point in modern history. In the months since the appearance of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, analysts have differed over the type of world the pandemic will leave in its wake. But most argue that the world we are entering will be fundamentally different from what existed before. Some predict the pandemic will bring about a new world order led by China; others believe it will trigger the demise of China's leadership. Some say it will end globalization; others hope it will usher in a new age of global cooperation. And still others project that it will supercharge nationalism, undermine free trade, and lead to regime change in various countries—or all of the above. But the world following the pandemic is unlikely to be radically different from the one that preceded it... [continue reading](#).

COVID-19 in Multiple Registers - WICID

The Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID) publishes blog posts on COVID-19 and development issues. The team covers the implications of COVID-19 across many facets of international development, including countries in conflict, migration, gender, and public health. [Check it out](#).

Coronavirus: Class Conflict Is Coming - The Atlantic

Late last month, a photo circulated of delivery drivers crowding around Carbone, a Michelin-starred Greenwich Village restaurant, waiting to pick up \$32 rigatoni and bring it to people who were safely ensconced in their apartment. A police officer, attempting to spread out the crowd, reportedly said, "I know you guys are just out here trying to make money. I personally don't give a shit!" The poor got socially close, it seems, so that the rich could socially distance... [continue reading](#).

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

Peace and Conflict Jobs

**Post-Doctoral Researcher: The Hague Program for Cyber Norms,
University of Leiden, Leiden, Netherlands**

Deadline: 12 May 2020

[Full advertisement](#)

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

Deadline: 15 May 2020

[Full advertisement](#)

Lecturer in Political Economy of Development, SOAS University of London, UK

Deadline: 17 May 2020

[Full advertisement](#)

Project Manager (Fixed Term), University of Bath, UK

Deadline: 31 May 2020

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

Deadline: 5 June 2020

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Tenure-Track Assistant Professorship(s) in International Relations, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Deadline: 10 June 2020

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Associate or Full Professorship in International Relations, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Deadline: 10 June 2020

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Post-doctoral researcher, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: 12 June 2020

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Professor in Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden

Deadline: 8 June 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!

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

[2020 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development](#)

Webinar series starting 11 May

What insights can be drawn from two decades of implementing the women, peace and security agenda? Watch the live stream of the session 'Twenty Years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Lessons from the Past, a Roadmap for the Future' **today at 14:15 BST**.

Held annually, the Stockholm Forum is a dialogue-driven event that provides a neutral platform for interdisciplinary exchange among members of international communities in the development, humanitarian, peacebuilding and security spheres. The discussion-led roundtable sessions—which the Stockholm Forum is well-known for—are developed in collaboration with partner organizations and invite active participation from stakeholders at all levels.

[Divest from the War Machine: Webinar Series](#)

Join CODEPINK and World BEYOND War for a free, 5-week online webinar series about divesting universities, cities & institutions from weapons & war. Starting April 23, we'll explore how to organize to divest funds from weapons manufacturers, military contractors, and war profiteers. We'll feature activists and organizers who have run successful divestment campaigns, to share strategies and tactics about how to replicate these successes in your community.

[Even War Has Rules: An Introduction to International Humanitarian Law](#)

When: **23:00-24:00 (BST), 13 May** Where: **Online**

This one-hour course provided by the American Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Unit, gives an overview of the basics of IHL, the main body of law governing armed conflict. Participants will learn the four fundamental principles of IHL—Military Necessity, Proportionality, Distinction, and Limiting Unnecessary Suffering.

[OxPeace Conference: Women, Peace and Security: principles, policy, practice, research](#)

When: **09:00-12:45, 16 May** Where: **Online via Zoom**

Marking the 20th anniversary of a path-breaking resolution, this year's OxPeace 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, the OxPeace2020 conference will reflect upon key achievements and failures in the inclusion of women in peace in the past two decades. This year's conference will take place online, through Zoom.

2020 Psychology Day at the United Nations - online event

When: **16:00-18:00 (BST) 27 May** Where: **Online**

The online event entitled, "UN75 The Multilateralism We Want: Psychological Contributions to Building Bridges Among and Within Nations" is free to join. Currently there is an increase in nationalist movements and the rise of anti-immigrant sentiments, xenophobia and intolerance in many parts of the world. These trends are impacting attitudes towards the United Nations and challenging the concept of Multilateralism upon which its charter is based. The General Assembly decided to recognize the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 as an important opportunity for governments to reaffirm their commitments to the UN Charter. Multilateralism is especially relevant now as the world faces a global pandemic. Psychology can contribute to understanding the challenges to Multilateralism and help facilitate international cooperation to deal with pandemics and other global challenges. The Psychology Day at the UN Program will consist of a panel of experts from cross-cultural, political and social psychology who will discuss psychological approaches to dealing with the challenges as well as recommendations on building bridges among and within nations.

Berlin Summer Dialogue – Online Edition 2020

Titled "Crisis Prevention: From Ambition to Action. New Pathways for the UN", this will not just be another webinar with one speaker and a passive audience - the hosts would like to explore a different approach and offer the virtual space for lively discussions and interaction across disciplinary and professional borders. Therefore, you are cordially invited to participate in all four sessions (see the dates below). The Berlin Summer Dialogue, hosted by the Development and Peace Foundation (sef:) once a year, has a long (offline) tradition of gathering different voices from practitioners, civil society, scientists and politicians. It is praised by participants for its open dialogue and opportunity to discuss up-to-date topics with a diverse group of people. This serves as an inspiration for creating the new online sessions.

Joining information to follow via website or on request.

Schedule overview (all sessions will be held in English):

Week One

Online Dialogue, 2 June 2020 - 14:00-15:30 hrs (BST)

"Crisis Prevention and the UN – Where Are We Now?"

Week Two

Online Dialogue, 9 June 2020 - 14:00-15:30 hrs (BST)

"Crisis and Conflict Early Warning – From Big Data to AI – New Analytical Tools?"

Week Three

Online Dialogue, 16 June 2020 - 14:00-15:30 hrs (BST)

“Facilitating a Faster Response by International Organisations in Crises and Conflicts”

Week Four

Online Dialogue, 23 June 2020 – 14:00-15:30 hrs (BST)

“Building a Political Commitment to Crisis Prevention – Strengthening Delivery”

CRS Members in Action

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