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CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

Call for Papers: The CRS Virtual Annual Conference 2021

8-10 September

Submissions are invited that explore topics related to conflict initiation, political violence, polarization, peacebuilding, and reconciliation. As always, we welcome a breadth of methods and methodological approaches.

The CRS conference features a range of participants, papers, and invited keynote speeches from both practitioners and academics based around the globe. **To ensure we maintain our open international format, we intend to schedule panels at times that accommodate different time zones.**

The conference will feature keynote talks, including from the winner of the CRS Book Prize. Previous book prize winners have included Pamina Firchow, Christine Cheng, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, John Paul Lederach, and Kristin Bakke, see the full list here [here](#).

Please submit your proposals online by **29 March 2021**. Panel proposals should include a title, abstract (less than 200 words), and a list of four papers. Individual paper proposals should likewise include a title and abstract.

This year the CRS is continuing with the workshop format as part of the CRS Virtual Annual Conference. The CRS will provide virtual rooms that can be used for either a half or a full day workshop. The workshops will provide scholars and practitioners with the space to learn, exchange ideas, and form collaborations.

Find out more about these sessions [here](#).

To apply for a workshop, you will need a workshop abstract (200 words) and an

indicative list of participants.

If you have any questions please email the conference organisers, Robert Nagel and Marina G. Petrova, crsconf@gmail.com.

See [here](#) for the full call.

Submit an a proposal

The CRS Book Prize Committee Announce the Shortlist

From a total of 66 nominated books from around the world, the CRS Book Prize judges have chosen the following amongst our shortlist, from which the judges will choose a winner (listed in no particular order):

Schulz, P., 2020. *Male Survivors of Wartime Sexual Violence, Perspectives from Northern Uganda*. University of California Press.

Lewis, J.I., 2020. *How Insurgency Begins: Rebel Group Formation in Uganda and Beyond*. Cambridge University Press.

Phillips, S.G., 2020. *When There Was No Aid: War and Peace in Somaliland*. Cornell University Press.

Lacher, W., 2020. *Libya's Fragmentation: Structure and Process in Violent Conflict*. Bloomsbury Publishing.

Bove, V., Ruffa, C. and Ruggeri, A., 2020. *Composing Peace: Mission Composition in UN Peacekeeping*. Oxford University Press.

Hultman, L. Jacob D. Kathman, and Megan Shannon, 2019 *Peacekeeping in the Midst of War*, Oxford University Press.

Medie, P.A., 2020. *Global Norms and Local Action: The Campaigns to End Violence Against Women in Africa*. Oxford University Press.

Submit your work to the next edition of the Research and Practice Quarterly Roundup

The Research and Practice Quarterly Roundup provides an outlet for members to share their work and experiences. We hope this not only raises the profile of members' work but foments collaboration in cross-cutting areas of interest as well.

Those wishing to contribute should follow the below instructions, which apply to academics and practitioners. Any questions should be directed to [Phillip Nelson](#). The **deadline** for submissions to the December Roundup is **Friday, 12 March**.

Submissions are divided into two categories - 'research publications' and the 'practice of intervention, research and policy'. The first refers to any new theoretical or empirical academic study published within the last 3 months. The latter refers to publications, blogs, or other reports that may include pieces on research methods, and opinion pieces on the process of fieldwork, as well as project evaluations, etc.

Members should submit their work via the website.

[Submit your work to the RPQR](#)

Other calls for papers

Online International Symposium organised by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies Liverpool Hope University

Date: 12 July 2021

Place: Online

Abstract submission deadline:

1 April 2021

[See the full call and submit an abstract](#)

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics

Date: 20-21 September 2021

Place: Online

Abstract submission deadline:

15 April 2021

See the full call and submit an abstract

Peace and Conflict Jobs

**Assistant Professor in Political Science, Dublin City University,
Ireland**

Deadline: 12 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

**AEP Lecturer in International Politics (Education), King's College
London, UK**

Deadline: 12 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

**Research Fellow, GIGA German Institute for Global and Area
Studies, Hamburg, Germany**

Deadline: 15 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

**Researcher in the field of Radicalisation, Extremism and Political
Violence, University of Oslo, Norway**

Deadline: 15 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

Lecturer in International Relations, King's College London, UK

Deadline: 16 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

**Assistant Professor of War, Peace and Justice, University of
Leiden, Netherlands**

Deadline: 20 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

**Lecturer in International Development (Emerging Economies),
King's College London, UK**

Deadline: 21 March 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

Lecturer below the bar in Peace & Development Studies, The University of Queensland, Australia

Deadline: 1 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

Lecturer in International Relations (2 Posts), University of Sheffield, UK

Deadline: 12 April 2021

[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!

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

[Upcoming events in the Understanding Violence Seminar Series, an online series co-hosted by King's College London and the CRS](#)

The Understanding Violence Seminar Series explores the drivers of violent and peaceful behaviour, with a focus on the impact of trauma in conflict-affected states. Throughout 2020-21, we will be inviting a range of speakers including diplomats, academics, activists, journalists, and policy practitioners, who will bring new disciplinary insights and inspire new ways for thinking through the challenges of armed conflict and its aftermath.

Events this month:

[Peace as Violence](#)

Date: **10 March** Time: 15:00-16:15

[Prisons and Terrorism](#)

Date: **17 March** Time: 15:00-16:15

[Can epigenetics inform us about the link between trauma and violent extremism?](#)

Date: **31 March** Time: 15:00-16:15

[Seminar Series: Responding to Disruption: Government, populism, the pandemic, and the breakdown of public trust](#)

After a year of global pandemic, a US election conducted in near dystopian circumstances and, for some, the existential challenge of Brexit to the EU and UK, issues of public trust in the ability of governmental institutions to achieve effective policy solutions would seem inevitable. This has manifest in international relations as inconsistent Trump led US foreign policies have moved away from multilateralism

and internationalism; as authoritarian and populist style politics gained voter credence to compete with liberal democratic national political solutions; and as the pandemic stubbornly overcame well intended but weak, confusing, and sometimes reluctant governmental health and economic policy responses.

In the light of, hopefully, a more optimistic vaccine led upland in this new year, what responses can be expected from international and national governments to re-establish trust in the efficacy of liberal and Democratic politics? What lessons, if any, have been learned?

In a program of webinar Q&As, organized by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Center and the MA in Politics and International Relations at Liverpool Hope University, invited experts in their field comment on passwords towards the reestablishment of public trust in a post Covid/Brexit/Trump environment.

Check out the line up of upcoming events and register [here](#).

[Publication Support Series for Female PhD Students](#)

Dates: **16-18 March 2021**

Sabine Carey of the University of Mannheim, Germany, is organising a Publication Support Series for female PhD students and early career scholars in Europe, working broadly on empirical questions in the area of conflict, peace, and human rights research. The series consists of three online workshops (April 2021, October 2021, January 2022). At the end of the series each participant should be in a position to submit an article to a peer-reviewed journal.

Interested? Check out the [call for applications](#). **Deadline** for applications is **23 March 2021**.

[International Virtual Meeting in Geneva: Globalisation, COVID-19, and International Migration](#)

Dates: **16-18 March 2021**

The seminar will focus on taking stock of globalization in the context and experience of the epidemic. It will focus on economic, security and governance aspects, the questions they raise in current and prospective terms, and the reflections and work to be carried out. Anyone interested in attending can register [here](#).

[Values, World Society and Modelling](#)

Psychologist Julie Lloyd puts the questions to Author Gordon Burt

Why 'Values'? Why 'World Society'? Why Modelling?.. and why the Yearbooks?
What were the author's intentions?

And, as the audience, you too will have a chance to put questions. Find out the finer details of the volumes, the milestones, the hiccups, the man behind the pen.

At a time for all the world: 2 pm GMT **Friday, 7 May 2021** on Zoom.

Details for joining nearer the time.

CRS Members in Action

Talking Peace, Exploring Conflict - Podcast Series

This series by the Winchester University Centre for Religion Reconciliation and Peace includes contributions by members including Hugh Miall, Oliver Ramsbotham, and Mark Owen. [Check them out!](#)

Bridging the Gap: Research & Policy - Podcast Series

Is there a divide between research and policy? If so, how does this gap manifest itself? In this episode, Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs -Head of Research at the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)- and Govinda Clayton -Senior Researcher in Peace Processes within the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich- talk about how to bridge the gap especially in peace and conflict related issues. Communication between the researchers and policymakers seems to be the key but why is it so difficult to set the scene for better communication?

Researching Peace is a podcast from the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, hosted by Professor Isak Svensson. [Take a look!](#)

International Women's Day: gender statistics

Prompted by International Women's Day, Gordon Burt has been looking back at his studies of gender statistics:

- .(1) Malala Yousafzay, Maryam Mirzakhani and Judit Polgar;
- .(2) popular discussion of gender lacks conceptual sophistication and displays gender exceptionalism;
- .(3) gender and educational performance: there is an interesting comparison between pre-specialisation school performance and post-specialisation school performance (GCSE v A level in the UK);
- .(4) gender and educational performance: there is an interesting comparison between countries, continents and cultures worldwide in terms of literacy;
- .(5) gender and prison propensity: why are men much more likely to go to prison?
- .(6) ethnicity and sex grooming.

In general an important distinction is between differences within groups and differences between groups ...

... there are also effects due to the tails of distributions.

Full text:

(1)-(4): [Chapter 12 in the 2014 Yearbook,](#)

(5)-(6): [Chapter 3 in the 2017 Yearbook,](#)

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