



CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

DEADLINE EXTENDED: The CRS Virtual Annual Conference 2021 Call for Papers

8-10 September

We know this continues to be a stressful time. Therefore, we want to give everyone a few more days to submit abstracts for our 2021 virtual conference.

Submit your proposals online by **15 April 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.

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 Open letter to the UK Government: Reverse cuts to Overseas Development and Aid (ODA) budget

The Conflict Research Society (CRS) condemns the cuts in the Overseas Development and Aid budget which threaten efforts to tackle global poverty and

responses to conflict in developing countries. We are concerned that these cuts will damage the valuable work underway by conflict researchers and practitioners, including NGOs working in areas of conflict.

The Foreign Secretary has announced that the new strategic framework for ODA will focus on seven global challenges. One of these includes 'open societies and conflict resolution', and another 'science, research and technology' including 'research-led solutions' on 'conflict and poverty'.

Nevertheless, the planned cuts in the ODA budget from 0.7 to 0.5% of GDP threaten ODA-funded research, including existing research awards to CRS members, and will have detrimental effects on staff in UK universities, their partners in low and middle income countries and the beneficiaries of this research in violence-affected communities in the Global South. We are concerned that vital research on conflict and conflict resolution will be at risk.

The cuts also threaten the work of NGOs including practitioners who are CRS members working in the field of conflict response and conflict resolution, and their partners in areas of conflict. Important programmes that foster local capacity to prevent, mitigate and recover from conflict may be lost.

We urge the government to reconsider and restore the planned cuts.

‘Values, World Society and Modelling’: What were the author’s intentions?

You are invited to join Psychologist **Julie Lloyd** in putting questions to Author **Gordon Burt**

On Zoom: **2 pm till 3pm GMT Friday 7th May 2021**

We have been preparing an experiment and we are now ready to begin! We wanted to try out a way of approaching studies in Conflict that focussed on the intention of the author and not just the content. Find out the finer details of the volumes, the milestones, the hiccups, the man behind the pen. For further details see [here](#):

If you wish to take part, please email [Dennis Bury](#) to receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

Other calls for papers

Environment and Conflict: 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 May 2021

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

Early Career 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

Expert Security and Justice - Access to Justice/Rule of Law, Cordaid, Netherlands

Deadline: 7 April 2021

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Programme Manager - Gender and Peacemaking, European Institute of Peace, Brussels, Belgium

Deadline: 11 April 2021

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Programme Assistant - Gender and Peacemaking, European Institute of Peace, Brussels, Belgium

Deadline: 11 April 2021

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Research Fellows, The Henry Jackson Society, London, UK

Deadline: 11 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)**Research Fellow, University of Birmingham, UK**

Deadline: 11 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)**Lecturer in International Relations (2 Posts), University of Sheffield, UK**

Deadline: 12 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)**Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in International Development, University of Birmingham, UK**

Deadline: 18 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)**Lecturer in International Relations, Queen's University Belfast, UK**

Deadline: 30 April 2021

[Full advertisement](#)**Research Associate, University of Sheffield, UK**

Deadline: 24 June 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

[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.

Next event: **30 April**: "The UK, the EU and the Labour Party: Lessons in the relaunch of Trust" with Dr Richard Corbett.

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

[Oslo Forum Peacemaker Prize](#)

The Peacemaker Prize is a writing competition seeking bold and innovative responses to the world's peacemaking challenges. Winning entries are published by HD and included in the briefing material for participants at the annual Oslo Forum. Entries should take the form of an essay, of no more than 3,000 words, on a specific thematic or geographic topic in the field of conflict mediation and peacemaking. Fresh, creative and innovative ideas are paramount.

Deadline for submissions is **2 May 2021**.

CRS Members in Action

Nonviolent Action and Civil War Peace Processes

In this recorded event Marina G. Petrova and Luke Abbs present key preliminary findings from their research on the effects of civilian nonviolent action strategies on civil war peace processes in Africa. The research is part of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Series on People Power, Peace and Democracies. For more information and to watch the recorded event, see [here](#).

Trump: Mass, Space and Time in USA Elections, 1789-2020

[A draft of Gordon Burt's latest book](#)

Chapters:

[1 Introduction and overview](#)

[2 Election, 2016: Trump v Clinton](#)

[3 Social space, 2020: Trump v Biden](#)

[4 Geographical space, 2008-2020: Obama to Biden](#)

[5 Time, 1789-2020: USA presidential elections](#)

[6 Mass, space and time](#)

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