



CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

TODAY:

Moral Restraint in War: Thinking About its History

The [Conflict Research Society](#) and [OxPeace](#) will co-host a webinar with [Professor Alexander Bellamy](#) on Friday, 4 June at 12:30 BST.

What makes moral restraint in war possible? How have moral restraints been constructed and how – and why – have they changed over time? To what extent do such restraints actually restrain and what factors tend to shape this?

This talk introduces a new project on the history of moral restraint in war. It starts from the premise that war and virtue stand in tension, that since wars must be fought, and won, it is not obvious or inevitable that soldiers and leaders would impose moral constraints on its conduct, constraints that might inhibit their capacity to win. The project takes a historical approach to the question, focusing not just on the ideas but on the practice of war as well. It begins – and this talk focuses on – the ancient Greeks, suggesting that the Greek world exhibited few constraints and identifying six central factors that might explain this. It is speculated that changes to the nature, content, and applicability of moral restraints can be traced to changes to these six factors beyond the Hellenistic period.

Watch out for further details regarding registration in the coming weeks.

Register Now

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, 11 June**.

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

Calls for papers

Conflict Delegation and Proxy Wars in International Security

The Military Academy at ETH Zurich, in cooperation with the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Reading, and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, invites papers/proposals for a virtual conference on conflict delegation and proxy wars.

Date: 23 September 2021

Place: Online

Abstract submission deadline:

18 June 2021

Find out more and submit an abstract

Peace and Conflict Jobs

Post-doctoral Research Associate, University of Cambridge, UK

Deadline: 9 June 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

Peace Programme Assistant, The Quaker Council for European Affairs, Brussels, Belgium

Deadline: 10 June 2021

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Lecturer/Assistant Prof in International Political Economy, University College Dublin, Ireland

Deadline: 17 June 2021

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Director of Programmes, International Alert, London, UK

Deadline: 20 June 2021

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Senior Programme Manager- Global Fund Somalia, World Vision, Milton Keynes, UK

Deadline: 27 June 2021

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Head, Department of International Studies, Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University, China

Deadline: 30 June 2021

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Health and Peace Consultant, Interpeace, Remote location

Deadline: Open until filled

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Call for Experts – Principles for Peace initiative, Interpeace, Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: Open until filled

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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

[SEF Berlin Summer Dialogue 2021](#)

The world has seen a rise in protest movements in the last decade, sometimes dubbed the “age of mass protests”. A series of four events will discuss causes and consequences of reform protests - in particular in fragile settings. They will also look at the impact of digitalisation and the role of external actors. You are invited to

participate in the **Berlin Summer Dialogue – 2nd Online Edition 2021** themed **“Protesting for Political Reforms – Prerequisites for peaceful transformations and violence prevention” in June 2021.**

Session Overview:

1 June | 15.00-16.30 hrs (CEST) | Session I | “Common ground? Root causes of protests towards reform”

8 June | 15.00-16.30 hrs (CEST) | Session II | “From the streets to the internet and back – does digitalisation play a decisive role for modern protest movements?”

15 June | 15.00-16.30 hrs (CEST) | Session III | “Make-or-break moments for protest movements. Non-violence as a key factor”

17 June | 15.00-16.30 hrs (CEST) | Session IV | “Between self-interest, adherence to human rights and conflict prevention – what role for external actors?”

!!! Additional Public Evening Event !!!

17 June | 18.00-19.30 hrs (CEST) | “Cities and protest movements. Providing space for protest – and dialogue”

Organisers aim to provide a space for lively discussions and interaction across disciplinary and professional borders. The Berlin Summer Dialogue, hosted once a year, has a long tradition of gathering different voices from practitioners, civil society, academia and politics. It is praised by participants for its open dialogue and opportunity to discuss up-to-date topics around conflict prevention with a diverse group of participants. Discussions this year will be held online.

[The Modified Borda Count. A Democratic Voting System. Webinar hosted by Collaboration for Change](#)

Monday, **14 June 2021** (Online)

19:00 to 20:30 BST

Peter Emerson was initially a submariner, in which role he rose, or sank, to the rank of First Lieutenant. But then, instead, he volunteered to teach maths and physics in a school in Kenya. Three years later, he cycled 10,000 kms across Central Africa

and thus learnt, inter alia, that majority rule was often a large part of a country's political problems - as in Rwanda, for example. In 1975, he moved to Northern Ireland, and it doesn't work here either. In fact, majority voting doesn't work well, anywhere. It's always primitive, often divisive, sometimes inaccurate and, at worst - as in Rwanda, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen, etc., etc. - a provocation to violence. And it's everywhere! So in 1997, he set up the de Borda Institute, after Jean-Charles de Borda, another old sailor, who invented a more scientific form of decision-making: preference voting, a points system, the modified Borda count MBC. And Peter now promotes this inclusive form of decision-making as well as the quota Borda system QBS for elections, and the matrix vote for power-sharing governance. He spoke Swahili, speaks Russian and is learning Chinese; he writes lots of books, travels extensively, and lectures everywhere, most recently in China.

Register [here](#).

Musicians for Peace and Disarmament Online Concert for Peace:

Luka Okros (piano)

Monday, **7 June 2021** (Online)

19:00 BST

Join young Georgian pianist Luka Okros, who has been praised by The Observer for his 'impressive display of virtuosic pianism' in this concert for peace. The concert was pre-recorded in Luka's home in London during the last lockdown. A beautiful programme including music by Beethoven, Chopin and Rachmaninoff, as well as an original composition by Okros himself.

Musicians for Peace and Disarmament Online Concert in

Collaboration with CND Cymru

Friday, **25 June 2021** (Online)

19:30 BST

Join a range of artists in this concert for peace. Find out more [here](#).

CRS Members in Action

Report Back Better. Piece by Robert Nagel and Ragnhild Nordas in Foreign Policy

On March 30, the U.S. State Department published its 2020 Human Rights Reports —critical works that activists and scholars use to document human rights violations and ensure government accountability. This year's publication comes after former President Donald Trump spent years eroding the documents' quality and scope, including by cutting their coverage of reproductive rights. Now, Secretary of State

Antony Blinken has promised to reverse course by expanding the reports' coverage of women's issues—but he will need to go farther in making human rights and the fight against sexual and gender-based violence a strategic priority... [continue reading](#).

World Politics website: a small online 'mini-library'

A World Politics [website](#) provides a small online 'mini-library' of Gordon Burt's writings on this topic:

The world today, 2014: tension and volatility in a multi-level geopolitical structure: [chapter](#)

World history: progress and destruction, independence and incorporation: [chapter](#)

Power trajectories: Western Dominance and Eastern Growth: [chapter](#)

Debating the mathematical science approach to international relations: [chapter](#)

Satisfaction and Democracy, The Middle Opinion: [in Chapters 9 to 18 in web page](#)

Political culture, democracy and intervention 2010: [fragment in chapter](#)

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UK and Ireland: [web page](#)

UK and EU, Brexit: [web page](#)

USA 2020, Trump: Mass, Space and Time in USA Elections, 1789-2020: [web page](#)

USA 2020, Trump: the Abstract Structure of Public Opinion: [web page](#)

Nigeria, Greece and Ireland, 2015: [chapter](#)

Ukraine 2014: Ukraine: united or divided? West and East; living with others: [chapter](#)

Libya 2011: Obama, the financial crisis, the Arab Spring and Libya – the lessons of history and mathematical social science: [paper](#)

Iraq 2003. Adding complexity to game theory (2006): [fragment in paper](#)

Tunisia, Portugal, Poland, Austria, Israel in 2019: [paper](#)

Gendered Impacts on Operational Effectiveness of UN Peace Operations. Report launch by Robert Nagel and co-authors.

Evidence shows that women's participation across peacekeeping missions can improve community engagement, challenge gendered norms, and contribute to effective operations. However, progress on women's inclusion in peacekeeping, as mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1325, has been slow and uneven. Across all missions, women make up fewer than five percent of military personnel, 11 percent of personnel in formed police units, and 28 percent of individual police officers. Find the recording of the event [here](#) and access the full report [here](#).

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