



# CONFLICT RESEARCH SOCIETY

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## **The Winner of 2021 Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize**

The Conflict Research Society congratulates Janet I. Lewis on winning the 2021 Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize for her book titled *How Insurgency Begins: Rebel Group Formation in Uganda and Beyond* published by Cambridge University Press (2020).

The prize committee received over 50 nominations from conflict/peace researchers. Judges praised the book for the way it identifies and “takes apart” some “prominent prevailing assumptions in the existing literature on rebel group formation” and subsequently offers “new ways of thinking about the initial stages of rebellion”. The judges highlighted the “painstaking” work done to provide “excellent methodological rigour” in compiling new datasets and triangulating this with years of in-depth field work. The judges agreed that this was an “excellently structured, engagingly written and brilliantly argued book.”

Congratulations, Janet I. Lewis!

[See the full announcement and find out more about the prize](#)

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## **Calls for papers**

**5th International  
Conference on the Political**

**14th Annual Conference on  
the Political Economy of**

## **Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (PEDD)**

Date: 24-26 February 2022

Place: Münster, Germany

Abstract submission deadline:

**1 September 2021**

Find out more and submit an  
abstract

## **International Organization (PEIO)**

Date: 13-15 January 2022

Place: Oxford University, UK

Abstract submission deadline:

**30 September 2021**

Find out more and submit an  
abstract

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## **Peace and Conflict Jobs**

### **Programme Officer, Conciliation Resources, Brussels, Belgium**

Deadline: 8 July 2021

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### **Regional Director - Eurasia, International Alert, UK/Netherlands**

Deadline: 11 July 2021

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### **Lecturer in National Security Studies, King's College London, UK**

Deadline: 11 July 2021

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### **Senior Analyst, Gender, International Crisis Group, Flexible location**

Deadline: 15 July 2021

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### **Teaching Fellow in International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK**

Deadline: 16 July 2021

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### **Lecturer in International Relations of the Global South (ES&P), University of Kent, Canterbury, UK**

Deadline: 18 July 2021

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### **Funded PhD studentship in Politics and International Relations, Leeds Beckett University, UK**

Deadline: 18 July 2021

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**Peacebuilding Programme Manager, Concordis International,  
Flexible location**

Deadline: 18 July 2021

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**Policy Advisor on Gender, Peace and Security, PAX, Utrecht, the  
Netherlands**

Deadline: 18 July 2021

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**Assistant Professor With Expertise on Cyber Security Emergency  
Response and Cyber Crisis Management, University of Leiden,  
the Netherlands**

Deadline: 20 July 2021

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**Assistant Professor With Expertise on Intelligence and Counter-  
extremism in a Domestic Context, University of Leiden, the  
Netherlands**

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**Researcher, University of Hamburg, Germany**

Deadline: 28 July 2021

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**Head, Peace Responsiveness and Advisory Services, Interpeace,  
Geneva, Switzerland**

Deadline: 31 July 2021

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**Postdoctoral Researcher, GIGA German Institute for Global and  
Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany**

Deadline: 10 August 2021

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

Deadline: 10 August 2021

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

Deadline: 25 August 2021

[Full advertisement](#)

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

Deadline: Open until filled

[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!

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## Upcoming Events/Opportunities

### [Call for Papers: Development in Practice \(DiP\) - Special Issue: Conflict Sensitivity/DNH in Development, Humanitarian & Peacebuilding Practice](#)

DiP are particularly interested in discussions of how conflict sensitivity has or may contribute to maximising peacebuilding potential in development/humanitarian practice; and contributions in the following areas:

- Conceptual papers discussing new innovations
  - Individual and/or comparative case studies
- Theoretical contributions advancing the concept
- Indigenous and decolonial practices / adaptations
- Connecting/contrasting conflict-sensitivity to other approaches, e.g. adaptive and complexity-informed approaches, systems thinking, thinking and working politically in development etc.
- Reflections on learning to date about conflict sensitive practice and available tools

DiP are looking for original articles (no more than 6,000 words) or practice notes/viewpoints (no more than 3,000 words). They particularly encourage contributions from the Global South, South/North collaborations, and Early Career scholars/practitioners.

### [2021 GCSP Prize for Innovation in Global Security](#)

The prize helps fund projects, while providing increased international visibility for the participant's work. It is part of the Centre's Creativity and Innovation Initiative and is meant to stimulate forward-thinking and creative solutions on current issues of international security.

**Deadline for submissions: 23 September 2021**

## [The Geopolitics and Global Futures Symposium](#)

**1-3 September 2021 (Online)**

The Symposium is designed for officials from governments and international organisations, as well as members of the security and defence policy planning and the intelligence communities. This course is also relevant to representatives from the private sector and nongovernmental organisations, journalists, and anyone with a professional interest in understanding future international security challenges.

### [Book Launch: Sisters in Arms](#)

Wednesday, **14 July 2021** at the **Morocco Bound Bookshop**

18:00-20:00 BST

Academic and Author Julie Wheelwright will be giving an intimate and exclusive talk on the South London women of her recently published Book *Sisters in Arms*. This text, charting the evolution of women in combat, often out of the limelight, their impact has now been brought vividly into focus. South London's rebel women such as eighteenth century mariner Hannah Snell, shipwright and master builder Mary Lacey, and the infamous Colonel Barker who all disguised themselves to enter the world of men, to learn a trade and to love other women. They push the boundaries of who and what makes history, shedding light on the extraordinary lives of London women.

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## **CRS Members in Action**

### **The Gaza Strip: Between a new cycle of destruction and promises for reconstruction. Post by Ibrahim Natil in the Middle East Monitor.**

The post conflict circumstances are putting pressure on the international community to launch an emergency plan to assist in a speedy recovery and sustain a long-term "ceasefire" while exploring "political solutions". The Biden administration has announced a contribution of \$150 million, a partial restoration of the annual funding to UNRWA, which was frozen by President Trump in 2018. Hastings, following OCHA's launch of a different emergency plan to support Gaza's relief, also stated: "This week, I will be releasing almost \$US18 million from the OPT Humanitarian Fund and the Emergency Relief Coordinator in New York will release an additional \$4 million to restore people's access to basic services, such as healthcare and water." Read the full post [here](#).

## World society: culture, religion and humanities ... and mathematics

Further additions to the small online 'mini-library' of Gordon Burt's writings:

[World Culture](#) web page

[Humanities and mathematics](#) web page

[Religion and Mathematics](#)

Also: [A basic general model of power and benevolence](#)

Also: ["A foundational mathematical account of a specific complex reality: conflict in A Midsummer Night's Dream"](#)

### The importance of the humanities

[See pages 6 to 7 in [A guide to Humanities and Mathematics.](#)]

In his account of the historic decline of violence, Steven Pinker identifies [the civilising influence of the humanities as a factor](#).

However, "[Even Handel profited from the slave trade](#). As we listen to Messiah we should face up to the inconvenient truth that great art and great evil sometimes go together."

## Report: Celebrating Women's Participation in Peace and Conflict Resolution: Overcoming Challenges and Putting Peace Back on the Agenda' held on 5 March 2021

On 5 March, the Democratic Progress Institute ran an online comparative study event entitled 'Celebrating Women's Participation in Peace and Conflict Resolution: Overcoming Challenges and Putting Peace Back on the Agenda'. The event hosted two internationally renowned speakers, namely, Prof Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, former chairperson of the peace panel of the Government of the Philippines and Dr Emma Leslie, Executive Director of Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies. Read the report [here](#).

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