

Graduate Workshop on Conflict Dynamics

20 – 21 September 2017, Nuffield College, Oxford

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Please note that this is a draft programme and subject to change. If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, registration is essential. Please contact nicholas.barker@nuffield.ox.ac.uk

Day 1: Wednesday 20 September

Welcome and Opening Remarks: 0930-1030 (Lecture Theatre)

- Rob Johnson (Changing Character of War Centre, University of Oxford)
- Tim Wilson (CSTPV, University of St Andrews)

Session 1: 1100-1230

Clay Room (Discussant: Michael Biggs, Oxford)

- Anna-Lena Hönig (University of Mannheim) 'Cooperation and protest: Explaining the intensity of resistance events with networked interaction'
- TBD

Butler Room (Discussant: Chrissie Steenkamp, Oxford Brookes)

- Sinem Arslan (University of Essex) 'Explaining the Role of Diasporas and Transnational Networks In Peace Settlements'
- Lara Olson (University of Oxford) 'Civil Society, Local Legitimacy and Conflict Recurrence in Kosovo'

Conference Room (Discussant: Jana Krause, Amsterdam)

- Christian Gläbel (University of Mannheim) 'Your Behavior Drives Me Mad: How (Non)Violent Opposition Tactics Trigger Military Coups in Counterinsurgency Wars' (co-authored with Adam Scharpf and Belén González)
- Sophia Hatz (Uppsala University) 'Selective or Collective Punishment: Palestinian Perspectives on House Demolition'

Session 2: 1400-1530

Clay Room (Discussant: Michael Biggs, Oxford)

- Solveig Hillesund (University of Oslo) 'Choosing violence over demonstrations? Exploring the micro foundations of the horizontal inequality-conflict relationship'
- Katrin Paula (University of Mannheim) 'Sometimes less is more: Media censorship, news falsification, and dissatisfaction in 1989 East Germany' (co-authored with Christian Gläbel)

Butler Room (Discussant: Milli Lake, LSE)

- Ashley Jackson (KCL) 'Governance in the Shadows: a comparative study of the Taliban & Al-Shabaab'
- Adam McCauley (University of Oxford) 'How Do We Explain Insurgent Group Survival?'

Conference Room (Discussant: Jana Krause, Amsterdam)

- Elena Zhirukhina (University of St Andrews) 'Attacking the state: tactics of illegal armed groups in the North Caucasus'
- Juergen Brandsch (University of St Andrews) 'A theory of group-selective violence'

'Conflict Research and Policy Relevance: A Round-table Discussion'

1600-1730 (Lecture Theatre)

How can academic research influence the policy-making process? Should academics be concerned about making their research relevant to contemporary problems of terrorism, political violence and war? The purpose of this round-table discussion is to engage in these ongoing debates about the appropriate relationship between the academic and policy-making worlds. Discussants will speak about their own experiences at the intersections of academia and policy and to identify the main opportunities and obstacles for productive dialogue between scholars and practitioners. In particular, the discussion will consider what issues and priorities new scholars should be aware of as they complete their doctoral research and look for ways to widen the audience of their research and undertake new projects: What are the best ways to engage with policy-makers? What are their research priorities? What are the trade-offs between pursuing policy relevance and meeting the demands of the academic profession?

- Annette Idler (Oxford)
- Carlotta Minelli (Oxford)
- Ashley Jackson (KCL)
- Louise Barton (British Foreign & Commonwealth Office)
- Tim Wilson (St Andrews)

Day 2: Thursday 21 September

Session 3: 1100-1230

Clay Room (Discussant: Romain Malejacq, Radboud University)

- Tim Stork (University of Amsterdam) 'Franchising Violence in Civil War'
- Catharina Lewerenz (University of Oxford) 'Shades of State Violence: The Potential of Hired Arms and the Effectiveness of Resistance Movements'

Butler Room (Discussant: Milli Lake, LSE)

- Carl Drott (University of Oxford) 'The Militia Game: Resource mobilisation practices of Assyrian/Chaldean/Syriac armed groups in Iraq 2014-2017'
- TBD

Conference Room (Discussant: Jessica di Salvatore)

- Eline Drury Løvlien (NTNU) 'What are the determinants of support for terrorist attacks? How religious convictions and political attitudes impact willingness to justify terrorism'
- Andre Python (University of St Andrews) 'Detecting Subnational Diffusion Processes of Lethal Terrorism: Global Study, 2010-2014' (co-authored with Janine B. Illian, Charlotte M. Jones-Todd, Mathias Thoenig, and Marta Blangiardo)

Session 4: 1400-1530

Clay Room (Discussant: Romain Malejacq, Radboud University)

- Cosima Meyer (University of Mannheim) 'Shades of Post-War Stability: When Rebels Challenge the Regime's Legitimacy'
- Elisabeth Rosvold (PRIO and NTNU) 'Aid targeting in the aftermath of natural disasters in the Philippines'

Butler Room (Discussant: Chrissie Steenkamp, Oxford Brookes)

- Nicholas Barker (University of Oxford) 'Winning the Peace: The struggle for territorial control in the aftermath of the Georgian-Abkhaz war'
- Charlotte Fiedler (University of Essex) 'The effects of constitution-writing on post-conflict peace'

Conference Room (Discussant: Jessica di Salvatore)

- Julia Semmelbeck (University of Mannheim) 'Exploring the Crime-Terror Nexus'
- Erika Brady (University of St Andrews) 'Evaluating the UK's counter-terrorism strategy'

Future Agendas in Conflict Research

1600-1730 (Lecture Theatre)

Where next for conflict research? What issues should scholars of conflict and peace be focusing on, and how should they go about researching them? Two Oxford scholars will discuss the state of the field of peace and conflict studies and new research currently taking place at Oxford. John Gledhill will discuss his forthcoming research that maps the field of peace and conflict studies and identifies ways in which it can be reformed and taken forward. Hannah Smidt will discuss the [Changing Character of Conflict Platform](#), a new interdisciplinary research project based at Oxford that explores how changes in conflict along the dimensions of

the actors involved, the impact on civilians, the environments in which conflict takes place, the methods used and the resources that drive conflict.