



PHD WORKSHOP: THE DYNAMICS OF CONFLICT AND CHANGE

22 - 23 February 2021

The [Conflict & Change research cluster](#) is delighted to be hosting the third edition of the PhD workshop. The workshop allows participants to present their work, engage with the work of others and, of course, to socialise with early career academics. There will be 16 panels over two days. The panels include one or two 10-15 minute presentations of each participant's work/research/ideas, followed by a response from leading scholars in the field, and an open discussion involving all workshop participants.

We are delighted to have [Professor Neil Mitchell](#) provide the keynote speech for this year's workshop. Neil recently retired from the Department of Political Science at University College London after a long and auspicious academic career spanning several decades, and he remains an active member of the Conflict & Change research cluster. His earlier work combined interests in business political activity and social responsibility and the measurement and analysis of human rights violations. He continues to work on conflict and human rights violations, issues of leadership and accountability, and the role of non-state actors. With Sabine Carey at the University of Mannheim, Neil built a global database on pro-government militias. With Kristin Bakke at UCL and Hannah Smidt at the University of Zurich, he developed a global database on state restrictions of civil society. His new book, *Why Delegate?* (OUP) is due to be released next month.

This document contains information on the workshop's format, programme, and participants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact workshop organisers Sam (samuel.erkiletian.16@ucl.ac.uk) or Jennifer (jennifer.hodge.18@ucl.ac.uk).

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The third edition of the UCL PhD workshop will be held virtually. The format of the workshop is designed to allow extended and in-depth reflection on work in progress among PhD researchers with similar research interests.

Platform: Zoom

The workshop will be hosted on Zoom. There will be one Zoom meeting titled “Dynamics of Conflict & Change Workshop”. This meeting will be in progress for the entire duration of the workshop. For security reasons, we ask you to please not share the link or password with anyone. The Zoom details are: <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/98276805386> (password: c&c2021).

Panels

The panels will be hosted in two breakout rooms titled *Room A* and *Room B*. In the programme, panels are titled in numeric order followed by the letter in which room they will be hosted. A workshop organiser will be available at the beginning of each session in the main Zoom meeting to help you join the correct breakout room. Each presenter will have 10-15 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for feedback from the discussant, and 20 minutes for feedback from the audience. We kindly ask that discussants help to facilitate the Q&A portion of the panel and that participants indicate in the Zoom chat if they have comments or questions for presenters.

Pass it on

We have also organised a “Pass it on” event, inspired by a similar event at the highly successful [Workshop on Conflict Dynamics](#), Nuffield College, University of Oxford. This event is an opportunity for senior scholars to share their experience with junior scholars and will be hosted in the main Zoom meeting. There will be breakout rooms for each area of expertise listed below. Participants will be able to discuss their research and ask questions in an informal setting with leading experts.

- Archival/historical research
- Coding datasets
- Communicating to the public/activism in academia
- Preparing for the post-PhD job market
- Survey methods

Coffee and lunch breaks

We are cognisant of [Zoom fatigue](#) and encourage you to take a break between panels. However, workshops are also a great way to meet people working in the same area and make friends! During the coffee and lunch breaks, there will be several breakout rooms where people can join and chat in smaller groups. These will all be hosted at the main Zoom meeting.

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday, 22nd February

9:00: Welcome

9:15 - 9:45: Keynote speech: Prof Neil Mitchell, University College London

9:45 - 11:15:

Panel 1A

Discussant: Dr Hannah Smidt, University of Zurich

Shenghao Zhang, University of Essex

Reduce Violence or Not: The Integrated Effect of Humanitarian Agency and UN Peacekeeping

Oguzhan Turkoglu, Trinity College Dublin

Legitimization by Association: The Political Consequences of Peace Talks with Rebel Representatives

Panel 1B

Discussant: Dr Amanda Hall, University College London

Ciara Aucoin, Ulster University

Policing Contentious Parades in Postwar Northern Ireland

Kate Lonergan, Uppsala University

Localized Civil War Dynamics and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka

11.15 - 11.30: Coffee break

11:30 - 12:15:

Panel 2A

Discussant: Dr Julie Norman, University College London and Sigrid Weber, University College London

Evgenija Kroecker, University of Oxford

Gate-keeping or Supply-keeping? Agenda-setting in the United Nations Security Council

Panel 2B

Discussant: Prof Neil Mitchell, University College London

Manuel Pérez Aguirre, University of Essex

*State's Violations to Physical Integrity in Contexts of Criminal Violence:
Evidence from Mexican War Against Organised Crime*

12:15 - 13:15: Lunch

13:15 - 14:45:

Panel 3A

Discussant: Dr Inken von Borzyskowski, University College London

Juan Diego Duque-Salazar, Uppsala University

*Electoral Violence and Gender Differences in Voter Turnout: Evidence from
Nigeria*

Saed Muhyadin, University of St Andrews

*Democratisation and Political Violence in Somaliland: The Roles of Traditional
and State Actors in Elections and Violence*

Panel 3B

Discussant: Dr Julia Zulver, University of Oxford

Samuel Ritholtz, University of Oxford

*Gendered Violence, Moral Order, and Social Control during Colombia's
Paramilitary Incursion*

Lydia Karga, University of Essex

*Unchallenged Gendered Narratives: The Effect of Wartime Sexual Violence on
Women's Post-War Legislative Representation*

14:45 - 15:00: Coffee break

15:00 - 16:30:

Panel 4A

Discussant: Dr Andreas Juon, ETH Zurich

Daniel Shaw, University of Glasgow

Coauthor: Enrique Wedwood Young, University of Glasgow
Varieties of Post-Civil War Violence

Mehmet Erdem Arslan, University of Essex
Targeting Telecommunications: Why Do Rebel Groups Target Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure?

Panel 4B

Discussants: Dr Milli Lake, London School of Economics and Political Science
and Dr Juan Masullo, Leiden University

Ingrid Vik Bakken, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Women's Participation in Organizations in Dissent

Johanna Amaya-Panche, University of Essex
Violent Repertoires, Legacies of Victims' Organisation Capacity: Evidence from Colombia

16:30 - 16:45: Break

16:45 - 17:30: Pass it on

Day 2: Tuesday, 23rd February

9:00 - 10:30:

Panel 5A

Discussant: Dr Rodwan Abouharb, University College London

Megan Erickson, University of Washington
Blood Avocados: Trade Liberalization and Cartel Violence in Mexico

Eduardo Hidalgo, University of Cologne
NAFTA and Drug-related Violence in Mexico

Panel 5B

Discussants: Prof Kristin Bakke, University College London and Dr Vladimir Rauta, University of Reading

Giuseppe Spatafora, University of Oxford
Explaining Variation in Foreign Support in Civil War: The Case of Fascist Italy's Intervention in Spain

Lana Bilalova, London School of Economics and Political Science
Warfare Agenda-Setting and Distraction on Russian Television, 2009 - 2019

10:30 - 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 - 12:15:

Panel 6A

Discussant: Prof Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford

Sam Erkiletian, University College London

Reconceptualizing Socialization and Resocialization: A Theoretical Framework for Studying the Changing Identities of Former Combatants

Dino Krause, University of Copenhagen

Failed Transnationalization? Why al-Qaeda and the Islamic State Have Struggled to Expand in South Asia

Panel 6B

Discussants: Dr Manuel Vogt, University College London and Adam McCauley, University of Oxford

Alice Finden, School of Oriental and African Studies

Normalising State Violence in Britain and Egypt: Countering Terrorism, Martial Law and the Pre-Criminal

Jemima Ackah-Arthur, London School of Economics and Political Science

The Failure of Partisan Alignment: State Responses to Terror Incidents in Nigeria

12:15 - 13:15: Lunch

13:15 - 14:45:

Panel 7A

Discussant: Dr Katerina Tertychnaya, University College London

Sergi Martinez, European University Institute

The Consequences of Authoritarian Opposition Decapitation

Agnes Yu, London School of Economics and Political Science

Disentangling "No Dissent" Observations Using Horror and Terror: A Research Design Proposal

Panel 7B

Discussant: Dr Nils Metternich, University College London

Charlie Carter, London School of Economics and Political Science
The Relational Determinants of State Rhetoric on Terrorism

Benoit Siberdt, University of Oxford
Does Onset of Civil War Matter?

14:45 - 15:00: Coffee break

15:00 - 16:30:

Panel 8A

Discussant: Dr Jessica Braithwaite, University of Arizona

Natasja Rupesinghe, University of Oxford
Jihadist Insurgencies in the Sahel: Mobilization and Resistance

Blair Welsh, University of Essex
Your Space or Mine? Competition, Control, and the Spatial Profile of Militant Violence Against Civilians

Panel 8B

Discussant: Dr Oliver Kaplan, University of Denver

Jennifer Hodge, University College London
Introducing the Peace Communities Dataset

Bård Drange, Peace Research Institute Oslo
Local Peacebuilding in Colombia

16:30 - 17:30: Closing remarks and end of workshop drinks

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	Monday 22nd February			Tuesday 23rd February	
Time (GMT)	Room A	Room B		Room A	Room B
9.00 - 9.15	Welcome Keynote speech: Prof Neil Mitchell			Panel 5A	
9.15 - 9.45				Panel 5B	
9.45 - 11.15	Panel 1A			Panel 1B	
	Discussant: Dr Hannah Smidt			Discussant: Dr Amanda Hall	
	Presenters: Shenghao Zhang, Oguzhan Turkoglu			Presenters: Ciara Aucoin, Kate Lonergan	
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break			Coffee break	
11.30 - 12.15	Panel 2A			Panel 2B	
	Discussants: Dr Julie Norman and Sigrid Weber			Discussant: Prof Neil Mitchell	
	Presenter: Evgenija Kroeker			Presenter: Manuel Pérez Aguirre	
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch break			Lunch break	
13.15 - 14.45	Panel 3A			Panel 3B	
	Discussant: Dr Inken von Borzyskowski			Discussant: Dr Julia Zulver	
	Presenters: Juan Diego Duque-Salazar, Saed Muhyadin			Presenters: Samuel Ritholtz, Lydia Karga	
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee break			Coffee break	
15.00 - 16.30	Panel 4A			Panel 4B	
	Discussant: Dr Andreas Juon			Discussants: Dr Milli Lake and Dr Juan Masullo	
	Presenters: Daniel Shaw, Mehmet Erdem Arslan			Presenters: Johanna Amaya-Panche, Ingrid Vik Bakken	
16.30 - 16.45	Break			Closing remarks and end of workshop drinks	
16.45 - 17.30	Pass it on				

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