

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics

24 – 25 September 2018, Nuffield College, Oxford

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Programme Summary:

(Detailed programme below)

		Lecture Theatre	Clay Room	Butler Room	Conference Room
Mon 24 Sept	10:00 - 10:30	Coffee/Registration			
	10:30 - 11:00	Welcome / Keynote			
	11:00 - 12:30			Cosima Meyer Nicholas Barker <i>Discussant: Milli Lake</i>	Anna-Lena Hönig Eline Drury Løvlien <i>Discussant: Kevin Mazur</i>
	12:30 - 14:00		Lunch		
	14:00 - 15:30		Roman Krtsch Solveig Hillesund <i>Discussant: Charles Butcher</i>	Clara Neupert-Wentz Brita Midness <i>Discussant: Milli Lake</i>	Felipe Fulcher Cruvinel <i>Discussant: Kevin Mazur</i>
	15:30 - 16:00		Coffee break		
	16:00 - 17:30	Publishing Talk and Q&A			
	18:30 - 19:00	Drinks reception			
	19:00 - 21:00	Dinner			

Tues 25 Sept	10:00 - 11:00	Research Collaboration Hub (and coffee)			
	11:00 - 12:30		Jürgen Brandsch Andrew Tchie <i>Discussant: Katerina Tkacova</i>	Richard Stupart Timothy Williams <i>Discussant: Roxanne Krystalli</i>	Felix Olsowski Adam McCauley <i>Discussant: Anouk Rigterink</i>
	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch			
	14:00 - 15:30		Matthew Zelina <i>Discussant: Katerina Tkacova</i>	Ingrid Vik Bakken <i>Discussant: Roxanne Krystalli</i>	Christopher Barrie <i>Discussant: Anouk Rigterink</i>
	15:30 - 16:00	Coffee			
	16:00 - 17:30	Roundtable: Ethics and conflict research			

Detailed Programme

Sunday 23 September

20:00: Drinks at the Eagle and Child Pub (49 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LU)

Monday 24 September

10:00 – 10:30 Registration and Coffee

Outside the Lecture Theatre (follow the signs once you arrive at Nuffield College)

10:30 – 11:00 Welcome/Keynote

Tim Wilson (CSTPV, St Andrews)

Lecture Theatre

11:00 – 12:30

Butler Room

Cosima Meyer 'Who comes to power?'

Nicholas Barker 'Winning the Peace: The Struggle for Effective Territorial Control in the Aftermath of Civil War'

Discussant: Milli Lake

Conference Room

Anna-Lena Hönig 'What explains NGO cooperation in hybrid regimes best? Evidence from a local cooperation network in Kazakhstan'

Eline Drury Løvlien 'Targets of terrorist plots: Europe and the occurrence of jihadi terrorism'

Discussant: Kevin Mazur

14:00 – 15:30

Clay Room

Roman Krtsch 'The Tactical Use of Civil Resistance by Rebel Groups. Evidence from India's Maoist Insurgency, 2006 – 2008'

Solveig Hillesund 'Choosing Tactics: Horizontal Inequality and Violent and Nonviolent Conflict'

Discussant: Charles Butcher

Butler Room

Clara Neupert-Wentz 'Security in Spaces with Multiple Authorities: Traditional Governance and the State'

Brita Midness 'Great Hatred, Little Room? Violence and Negotiations at 87 Dover Street'

Discussant: Milli Lake

Conference Room

Felipe Fulcher Cruvinel 'A Data Analysis Framework for Counterinsurgency'

Discussant: Kevin Mazur

16:00 – 17:30

Publishing Talk and Q&A with John-Paul McDonald (Taylor and Francis)

Lecture Theatre

18:30 – 21:00

Drinks Reception and Dinner at Nuffield

Tuesday 25 September

10:00-11:00 Research Collaboration Hub

Details to be sent separately

Lecture Theatre

11:00 – 12:30

Clay Room

Jürgen Brandsch 'Provoking ordinary people. The effects of terrorism on violent and non-violent collective action' (co-authored with Andre Python)

Andrew Tchier 'Does the embedding of actors in a conflict cause an escalation in indiscriminate violence against civilians?'

Discussant: Katerina Tkacova

Butler Room

Richard Stupart 'Bearing Witness: A philosophic defence of witnessing suffering' (co-authored with Katherine Furman)

Timothy Williams 'The ECCC as a Provider of Justice and Reconciliation? Perceptions of Cambodian victims of the Khmer Rouge'

Discussant: Roxanne Krystalli

Conference Room

Felix Olsowski 'Enduring for Peace? Casualty Aversion of UN Peacekeeping Contributors'

Discussant: Anouk Rigterink

14:00 – 15:30

Clay Room

Matthew Zelina 'Armed Groups and Ideological Strength'

Discussant: Katerina Tkacova

Butler Room

Ingrid Vik Bakken 'Women securing the victory? The effect of women's participation in maximalist resistance campaigns'

Discussant: Roxanne Krystalli

Conference Room

Christopher Barrie 'Sect, Nation, and Identity after the Fall of Mosul: Evidence from a Natural Experiment'

Discussant: Anouk Rigterink

16:00 – 17:30 Roundtable: Ethics and Conflict Research

Lecture Theatre

Research on conflict dynamics is accompanied by challenging ethical questions. How can scholars research the causes, character and consequences of armed conflict and political violence in an ethical, humane way? Does research only have to lead to better understanding of the drivers of conflict, or should it also aim to ameliorate human suffering? The ways in which scholars address these questions will affect, among other things, the ways data are generated and used; the responsibilities and obligations of researchers to multiple stakeholders, including the human subjects with whom they may engage over extended periods in high-risk settings; and the practical value and implications of the knowledge scholars produce. The aim of the roundtable is to bring these issues to the fore and reflect on how individual scholars and the political science community can respond to the ethical demands and dilemmas of researching violent armed conflict.

Our four speakers – scholars who have made important recent contributions to these debates – will be invited to discuss the ethical aspects of all stages of the research cycle, from identifying urgent and important research questions and designing appropriate strategies to answer them, to safely and responsibly conducting research in fragile and insecure environments with the associated risks to the researcher, their research subjects, and local partners, and then disseminating the findings in useful and impactful ways.

Speaker Biographies:

Roxanne Krystalli

Roxani Krystalli is the Humanitarian Evidence Program Manager at the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University. Her research focuses on patterns of violence in mass atrocities and on victim-centered transitional justice, paying particular attention to gender and other dimensions of power. Roxani has spent a decade working on issues of gender and violence in conflict areas and transitional contexts. For her work, Roxani has been recognized with the Presidential Award for Citizenship and Service at Tufts University. She is a US Institute of Peace “Peace Scholar,” a recipient of the Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship and Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship and holds a fellowship from the National Science Foundation and the Henry J. Leir Institute for Human Security. Her published work has appeared in *The International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *The Washington Post*, *The Conversation*, *Open Democracy*, *Women Under Siege*, *NextBillion*, and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative blog. Roxani has a BA from Harvard University an MA from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and she is a PhD Candidate at The Fletcher School, where she is researching the politics of victimhood during transitions from violence, with a focus on the case of Colombia.

Milli Lake

Dr Milli Lake is an Assistant Professor of International Security at the London School of Economics' Department of International Relations. She completed her doctorate in Political Science at the University of Washington in 2014, and her expertise lies in political violence, state-building and the rule of law in violence and conflict-affected states. Her work focuses on central and east Africa. Recent projects include an examination of the relationships between post-conflict institution-building and local dynamics of peace and violence in DR Congo, and examinations of the prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes in DR Congo and South Africa. Her recent book *Strong NGOs and Weak States*, was published with Cambridge University Press in 2018, and other research appears in outlets including *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *World Development*, *Law and Society Review*, and the *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*. Dr Lake has worked as an area specialist and a rule of law consultant with organizations such as USAID, The World Bank, Save the Children, the International Rescue Committee, Berkeley School of Law and the International Law and Policy Institute. She regularly provides expert testimony in asylum cases and has written and taught extensively on the ethics and practicalities of field research in violence-affected settings.

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Anouk Rigterink

Dr Anouk Rigterink is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Natural Resource Rich Economies (OxCarre). She holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Anouk investigates the political economy of violent conflict. Specifically, she researches whether and how natural resources (especially diamonds) are related to violent conflict, the impact of media in conflict-affected situations, and individual and group behaviour in violent conflict, including the impact of drone strikes on the internal organisations of terrorist groups in Pakistan.

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Evening

Dinner and drinks for anyone still in Oxford (more details to follow)