

Workshop on Conflict Dynamics

30 September – 01 October 2019, Nuffield College, Oxford

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Programme Summary:

(Detailed programme below)

		Lecture Theatre	Clay Room	Butler Room	Conference Room
Mon 30 Sept	10:15 - 10:45	Coffee/Registration			
	10:45 - 11:00	Welcome			
	11:00 - 12:30		<i>Discussant: Andrea Ruggeri</i> Christian Gläsel Jürgen Brandsch	<i>Discussant: Marius Mehrl</i> Benoit Siberdt Jemima Ackah-Arthur	
	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch			
	14:00 - 15:30	Talk: Publishing - the Editor's Perspective			
	15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break			
	16:00 - 17:30		<i>Discussant: Andrea Ruggeri</i> Ingrid Vik Bakken Felix Olsowski	<i>Discussant: Sam Rowan</i> Kit Rickard Anna-Lena Hönig	<i>Discussant: Milli Lake</i> Evgenija Kröker Charlotte Fiedler
	18:30 - 19:00	<i>Senior Common Room:</i> Drinks reception			
	19:00 - 21:00	Dinner			

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Tues 01 Oct	9:00 - 10:30		<i>Discussant: Milli Lake</i> Adam McCauley Clara Voyvodic	<i>Discussant: Christian Gläβel</i> Roman Krtsch Sigrid Weber	<i>Discussant: André Python</i> Gulliermo Kreiman Seguer Eline Drury Løvlien
	10:30 – 10:45	Coffee			
	10:45 – 12:15	Roundtable: Publishing – the Author’s Perspective			
	12:15 - 14:00	Lunch			
	14:00 - 15:30		<i>Discussant: Marius Mehrl</i> Erika Brady	<i>Remote Session</i> <i>Discussant: Cosima Meyer</i> Nino Abzianidze Kurt Bassuener	<i>Discussant: André Python</i> Katrin Paula
	15:30 - 16:00	Coffee			
	16:00 - 17:30	Roundtable: Post- Doc Positions outside the Box			

Detailed Programme

Sunday 29 September

21:00 Dinner & Drinks

The White Rabbit (21 Friars Entry, Oxford)

Monday 30 September

10:15 – 10:45 Registration & Coffee

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

10:45 – 11:00 Welcome

Lecture Theatre

11:00 – 12:30

Clay Room

Discussant: Andrea Ruggeri

Christian Gläsel: Why Underachievers Dominate Secret Police Organizations: Evidence from Autocratic Argentina

Jürgen Brandsch: Ethnic War Onset - An Empirical Reassessment of the Ethnic Security Dilemma

Butler Room

Discussant: Marius Mehrl

Benoit Siberdt: Systems of Civil War

Jemima Ackah-Arthur: Domestic Audiences and Responses to Terror Threats in Sub-Saharan Africa

14:00 – 15:30 Talk: Publishing - the Editor's Perspective

Lecture Theatre

Dominic Byatt

16:00 – 17:30

Clay Room

Discussant: Andrea Ruggeri

Ingrid Vik Bakken: Institutions and Women's Protest in Authoritarian Countries

Felix Olsowski: Encountering the Wrong Judge? Patterns in Duterte's War on Drugs

Butler Room

Discussant: Sam Rowan

Kit Rickard: External States and Conflict Dynamics: Competition and Cooperation in Civil Wars

Anna-Lena Hönic: Cooperating to Resist: Explaining Cooperation between Non-state Organizations

Conference Room

Discussant: Milli Lake

Evgenija Kröker: Where Don't Peacekeepers Go? Unpacking the 'Zeros' in UN and non-UN Peacekeeping

Charlotte Fiedler: Peacebuilding Beyond the National Level: Local Elections and Conflict Recurrence

18:30 – 21:00 Drinks Reception & Dinner

Senior Common Room

Tuesday 01 October

9:00 – 10:30

Clay Room

Discussant: Milli Lake

Adam McCauley: Building Insurgent Organizations: The Success-Survival Paradox

Clara Voyvodic: Examining the Impact of State-led Infrastructure Construction on Conflict Areas of Colombia

Butler Room

Discussant: Christian Glässel

Roman Krtsch: Exposure to Wartime Violence and Post-Conflict Protest Behavior: Evidence from Uganda's LRA Insurgency

Sigrid Weber: Controlling a Moving World: the Spread of Civilian Targeting in Displacement Crises

Conference Room

Discussant: André Python

Gulliermo Kreiman Seguer: Ideological Civil Wars and Post-Conflict State Capacity: Evidence from El Salvador

Eline Drury Løvlien: Collective Identities, Polarized Worldviews and Attitudes Towards Political Violence

10:45 – 12:15 Roundtable: Publishing - the Author's Perspective

Lecture Theatre

Kurt Bassuener

Jürgen Brandsch

Milli Lake

14:00 – 15:30

Clay Room

Discussant: Marius Mehrl

Makena Micheni: The Role of Ethnicity in Sub-Saharan Terrorism

Erika Brady: Exploring the Utility of a Scoring Index to Measure the Effectiveness of Counter-Terrorism

Butler Room

Discussant: Cosima Meyer

Nino Abzianidze: Us vs. Them as Structural Equivalence: Analysing Nationalist Discourse Networks in the Georgian Print Media

Kurt Bassuener: The Persistence of Oligarchy: Politics Under Power-Sharing in Bosnia-Herzegovina and North Macedonia

Conference Room

Discussant: André Python

Katrin Paula: The Diffusion of Anti-Government Protests in Time and Space

16:00 – 17:30 Roundtable: Post-Doc Positions outside the Box

Lecture Theatre

Jürgen Brandsch

André Python

19:30 Dinner & Drinks

Turf Tavern, 4-5 Bath Pl, Oxford

Speaker Biographies

Kurt Bassuener

Kurt Bassuener is a PhD candidate at the University of St Andrews and recipient of the Fulbright-St Andrews Award in 2016–2017. Kurt is co-founder and senior associate of the Democratization Policy Council, an initiative for accountable democratization policy worldwide, established in 2005. He also was co-author and research director for the Diplomat's Handbook for Democracy Development Support, a project of the Community of Democracies, the 3rd edition of which was published in 2013. Prior to beginning his studies at St Andrews, he lived for eleven years in Sarajevo, where he moved in 2005 to serve as a strategist for High Representative Paddy Ashdown. He also was political and campaign analyst for the OSCE-ODIHR election observation mission in Ukraine in 2004–2005. Previously, his career was in analysis-based advocacy in Washington DC, for the Balkan Institute, Balkan Action Council, US Institute of Peace, and International Rescue Committee. Kurt received his MA from Central European University in 1994 and his BA from The American University's School of International Service in 1991.

Jürgen Brandsch

Jürgen Brandsch joined BICC in October 2018 where he is heading the project on SALW control. Before joining BICC, Jürgen was a researcher at the University of Mannheim, where he worked in the ERC-funded project on Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE) of Professor Sabine Carey. Within this project, he was mainly responsible for conducting field research in Georgia and data analysis on the perceptions of security.

Jürgen undertook his doctoral studies at the University of St Andrews on the effects of indiscriminate violence against civilians and worked for several years for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), primarily

in the field of Peace and Security. Jürgen also holds a Diplom in Economics (University of Heidelberg) and MA in Political Science (University of Münster).

Dominic Byatt

Dominic Byatt is a publisher at Oxford University Press. He is commissioning editor for Politics and International Relations in the Department Academic and Trade. Educated at University College, London, the University of Exeter, and Nuffield College, Oxford he has been publishing books at OUP since 1993. In addition to commissioning one of the world's leading lists in political science he oversees a great deal of the Press's academic publishing in Economics & Finance, Business & Management, Religion & Bibles, and Classics & Archaeology. He currently chairs the UK Political Studies Association's 'Reaching Out' Commission.

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 fragile and conflict-affected states. Her work focuses on central, southern 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, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. Her book research on the prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes is forthcoming with Cambridge University Press, and her work is published in *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *World Development*, *Law and Society Review*, the *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, and the *African Conflict and Peace-Building Review*, among other outlets. Dr. Lake has worked as an area specialist and a rule of law consultant with organizations including 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 extensively on the ethics and practicalities of field research.

André Python

André Python is a Post-Doctoral Research Scientist in Geospatial Epidemiology in the Malaria Atlas Project at the Big Data Institute, University of Oxford. His first degree was in Geography (University of Fribourg, Switzerland). In 2017, he completed his PhD in Statistics (University of St Andrews, UK), applying a Bayesian spatio-temporal geostatistical model to capture fine-scale patterns of non-state terrorism across the world. André's current interests are in extending geostatistical models to address policy-relevant issues raised by the spread of infectious diseases.