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Each presentation takes 20 minutes and 10 minutes are given for comments from the audience and plenary discussion.

MONDAY, JUNE 18**8.30 Registration****Room : ---**

9.00 Welcome by Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Executive director of NEPS

9.20 Session 1 [Plenary Session]**Room: ---****Chair: Mansoob Murshed**

1. Climate change, rice crops, and violence: Evidence from Indonesia [NEPS Medal 2017]
Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart and CESPIC
Ilaria Petrarca, Veneto Banca
Roberto Ricciuti, University of Verona, CESifo and GDI
2. Food Insecurity and Conflict Revisited
Syed Mansoob Murshed, Coventry University, & ISS, Erasmus University
Muhammad Badiuzzaman, ISS
Rashel Hasan, Bangladesh Bank
3. Trust and Attitudes toward Citizenship in Sub-Saharan Africa
Graziella Bertocchi, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, CEPR and IZA
Arcangelo Dimico, Queen's University of Belfast
Gian Luca Tedeschi, University of Nottingham

10.50 Break**11.00 Parallel Session 1****Room1: ---****Chair: John Paul Dunne**

4. Why Regimes Fail: the nature of political order and stability
Vanessa A. Boese, Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin
Scott Gates, University of Oslo & PRIO
Carl Henrik Knutsen, University of Oslo
Havard Strand, University of Oslo & PRIO
5. Early Statehood, Colonial Legacy, and Present Day Civil War
Casper Sakstrup, Aarhus University
6. Conflict and Fragile States in Africa
John Paul Dunne, School of Economics, SALDRU, University of Cape Town
Nan Tian, Stockholm InterPeace research Institute (SIPRI)



Room2: ----

Chair: ----

7. Sexual violence and civil war recurrence
Robert Ulrich Nagel, University of Kent
8. The role of conflict in sex discrimination: The case of missing girls
Astghik Mavisakalyan, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre, Curtin University
Anna Minasyan, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen
9. Are There Different Spillover Effects From Cash Transfers to Men and Women? Impacts on Investments in Education in Post-War Uganda
Margherita Calderone, University of Turin

12.00 Lunch

14.00 Parallel Session 2

Room1: ----

Chair: Christos Kollias

10. To blame or to support? Quasi-experimental evidence for the effect of large-scale violent attacks on public attitudes towards state security forces in Afghanistan
Annekatriin Deglow, Uppsala University
Ralph Sundberg, Uppsala University
11. Provoking ordinary people. The effects of terrorism on violent and non-violent collective action
Jürgen Brandsch, University of Mannheim
12. Security policy preferences of EU citizens: do terrorist events affect them?
Christos Kollias, University of Thessaly
Athina Economou, University of Thessaly

Room2: ----

Chair: ----

13. Mass Protests and Ethnic Armies: How Coup Proofing Impacts Regime Survival and Repression
Kristen A. Harkness, University of St. Andrews
14. Gentrification and social order: evidence from the 2011 London riots
Gabriel Leon, King's College London
Juta Kawalerowicz, Linkping University
15. Chaos on Campus: Universities and Mass Uprisings
Tore Wig, PRIO & University of Oslo
Sirianne Dahlum, V-DEM institute, University of Gothenburg

15.30 Coffee Break

15.45 Parallel Session 3

Room1: ----

Chair: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch

16. Not a one way street: Coup d'etats, civil society mobilization, and regime change
Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex and PRIO
Marianne Dahl, PRIO
17. Road Warriors: Security Operations & Popular Support in Insurgent Conflicts
Richard Morgan, Varieties of Democracy Institute at the University of Gothenburg
18. Challenging the status quo: Coups and democratization in authoritarian regimes
Roman-Gabriel Olar, University of Essex



Room2: ----

Chair: Margit Bussmann

19. Military expenditures and income inequality, evidence from a panel of transition countries (1990-2015)
Raul Caruso, Institute of Economic Policy, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart and CESPIC, Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"
Antonella Biscione, CESPIC, Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"
20. In the Shadow of China's Rise: Signaling, Trade, and Taiwan's Military Spending
Jun Xiang, Rutgers University
Wei-hao Huang, Rutgers University
21. France's Military Interventions: Diversion from Economic Problems?
Margit Bussmann, University of Greifswald

17.00 Break

17.15 Parallel Session 4

Room1: ----

Chair: ----

22. Addressing (Food) Insecurity: Peacekeeping Deployment and Post-Conflict Food Security Outcomes
Sara Lindberg Bromley, Uppsala University
Nina von Uexkull, Uppsala University
23. United Nation's Peacekeeping Bias in State Building: Experimental Evidence on Local Effects with the Liberian National Police
Sabrina Karim, Cornell University
24. Does peacekeeping promote non-violent engagement?
Sara Polo, Rice University
Kaisa Hinkkainen, University of Leeds
Liana Reyes, Rice University

Room 2: ----

Chair: ----

25. US Military Response to the Risk of Terrorist Attacks
Jean-Paul Azam, Toulouse School of Economics
Véronique Thelen, University of Rennes 1 (CREM)
26. Predicting Terrorism: A Machine Learning Approach
Atin Basuchoudhary, Virginia Military Institute
James T. Bang, St. Ambrose University
John A. David, Virginia Military Institute
Aniruddha Mitra, Bard College
27. Terrorism — The Moderating Effect of Migration Policy
Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex & ETH Zürich
Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick

Room 3: ----

Chair: ----

28. External State Support and Internal Conflict: Government Accommodation and Repression
Belgin San-Akca, Koc University
29. Repressive Strategies, Mass Mobilization, and Leader Survival in Autocracies
Alexander Taaning Grundholm, Aarhus University
30. Extractive Institutions, Choking Taxes, and War: On the (Beneficial) Impact of Inequality in Autocracies
Soeren C. Schwuchow, Brandenburg University of Technology



20.00 Social Event - TBA

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

08.45 Parallel Session 5

Room1: ----

Chair: ----

- 31. Superstitions in War: Evidence from the Colombian Conflict
Oliver Kaplan, University of Denver
- 32. DDR in Colombia: the way forward?
Simon Saldner, University of Leuven
Arnim Langer, University of Leuven

Room2: ----

Chair: ----

- 33. The Co-evolution of Cyber Attack Networks and State Cybersecurity Capacity
Nadiya Kostyuk, University of Michigan
- 34. The Structure of Cyber Conflict: A Social Network Analysis
Roberto Ricciuti, University of Verona
Adelaide Baronchelli, University of Verona

09.45 Break

10.00 Parallel Session 6

Room1: ----

Chair: ----

- 35. Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation
Kaitlyn Webster, Duke University
- 36. A New Theory of Revolution
Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont
- 37. Should governments make thwarted terrorist attacks public? A theoretical approach
Antoine Pietri, Institute for Strategical Research, IRSEM

Room2: ----

Chair: ----

- 38. Quadrangulating Peace: Democracy, Development, Trade and Conflict
Katrin Kamin, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel
Vanessa A. Boese, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- 39. Is it just about Oil? Networks, Technology and Geography in the Arms Trade
Domenico Rossignoli, DISEIS and CSCC, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
Mario A. Maggioni, DISEIS and CSCC, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
T. Erika Uberti, DISEIS and CSCC, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
- 40. Ports of Peace: International Harbors and Ethnic Conflict
Andreas Forø Tollefsen, PRIO



Room3: ----

Chair: ----

41. Imbalances of State-Building, Ethnogenesis and Violent Resistance – Mixed-Methods Evidence from Nepal
Alexander De Juan, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
42. Does Peace Trickle Down? Micro-Level Evidence from Africa
Felix Haass, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Martin Ottomann, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
43. Power-Sharing Coalitions and Ethnic Civil War
Nils-Christian Bormann, University of Exeter
Martin Steinwand, University of Essex

11.30 Parallel Session 7

Room1: ----

Chair: ----

44. Natural Resources and Conflict: Micro-Level Results from New Data
James Igoe Walsh, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Michael Findley, University of Texas at Austin
Michael Denly, University of Texas at Austin
Andrew Stravers, University of Texas at Austin
45. Mining rents, institutional quality and social conflicts: the experience of Peru
Sara Balestri, DISEIS - Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
46. Artisanal or Industrial Conflict Minerals? Evidence from Eastern Congo
Marijke Verpoorten, University of Antwerp and University of Leuven
Nik Stoop, University of Leuven and University of Antwerp
Peter van der Windt, New York University Abu Dhabi

Room2: ----

Chair: Ismene Gizelis

47. UN peacekeeping and economic welfare in South Sudan
Jessica Di Salvatore, University of Oxford
Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick
Leandro Elia, European Commission DG Joint Research Centre
48. High-resolution Data on Peacekeeping in South Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, and the DRC
Bernd Beber, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
49. UN and Peace Agreement Implementations
Wakako Maekawa, University of Essex
Ismene Gizelis, University of Essex
Baris Ari, University of Essex

Room3: ----

Chair: ----

50. Human Rights Is (Increasingly) Plural: Tracking the Generality and Specificity of What is Judged in Human Rights Reports Over Time
Michael Colaresi, University of Pittsburgh
Baekkwon Park, University of Pittsburgh
Kevin Greene, University of Pittsburgh
51. The Roots of Republican Opposition to Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy
Benjamin O. Fordham, Binghamton University (SUNY)
Michael E. Flynn, Kansas State University
52. Being There: U.S. Force Posture, Offshore Balancing and Alliance Reliability
Erik Gartzke, University of California, San Diego
Koji Kagotani, Osaka University of Economics



13.00 Lunch

14.15 Parallel Session 8

Room1: ----

Chair: ----

53. Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Post-conflict Peace
Burcu Savun, University of Pittsburgh
Daniela Donno, University of Pittsburgh
Kelly Morrison, University of Pittsburgh
54. Mitigating Electoral Violence? The effect of Mandatory Voting
Mascha Rauschenbach, University of Mannheim
Christian Gläbel, University of Mannheim
Katrin Paula, University of Mannheim
55. Media Bias in Measuring Conflict: Evidence from Syria
Ghassan Baliki, ISDC - International Security and Development Center

Room2: ----

Chair: Dan Miodownik

56. Are Cities Becoming More Violent?
Kristine Höglund, Uppsala University
Emma Elfversson, Uppsala University
57. Intergroup Violence in Ethnically Divided Cities: A Neighbourhood-Level Perspective
Dan Miodownik, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Chagai M. Weiss, University of Wisconsin Madison
58. Does Political Violence Strengthen or Weaken Social Capital in Diverse Societies? The Multifaceted Effects of Riots on Social Capital in Urban Maharashtra, India
Jean-Pierre Tranchant, Institute of Development Studies
Lia Aghajanian, Oxford Policy Management
Patricia Justino, Institute of Development Studies

Room3: ----

Chair: ----

59. The Rise and Fall of Islamic State: Strategic Changes in Territorial Control and Conflict Escalation in the Syrian Civil War
Scott Gates, PRIO and University of Oslo
Andreas Forø Tollefsen, PRIO
60. When the neighbors fight, we fight – communal conflict spillover in Sub-Saharan Africa
Stefan Döring, Uppsala University
61. Religious conflict escalations: Evidence from Kenya
Sebastian Schutte, University of Konstanz
Constantin Ruhe, German Development Institute
Andrew Linke, University of Utah

15.45 Coffee Break

16.00 Parallel Session 9

Room1: ----

Chair: Halvard Buhaug

62. Economic growth, structural change, and civil conflict
Jonas Vestby, PRIO
Halvard Buhaug, PRIO & NTNU
Nina von Uexkull, Uppsala University & PRIO



63. Guns Behind the Throne: Regime Support Coalitions and Interstate Conflict
Magnus Bergli Rasmussen, Institute for Social Research
Tore Wig, University of Oslo
Sirianne Dahlum, University of Gothenburg
Carl Henrik Knutsen, University of Oslo
64. Biting the hand that feeds? External non-state actors financial and military support and rebel groups' portfolio of killings
Margherita Belgioioso, Brunel University London

Room2: ----

Chair: ----

65. Transitional Justice and Civil Wars Recurrence 1946-2006
Carmela Lutmar, University of Haifa
Lesley Terris, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya
66. Negotiating the ICC
James Morrow, University of Michigan
Kevin Cope, University of Virginia Law School and University of Michigan
67. Winning or Losing in Investor-to-State Dispute Resolution: The Role of Arbitrator Bias and Experience
Julian Donaubauer, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg
Eric Neumayer, London School of Economics and Political Science
Peter Nunnenkamp, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

Room3: ----

Chair: ----

68. Combining Forces: The Use of Pro-Government Militias in Civil Wars
Santiago Sosa, Rice University
69. The Political Side of Peacekeeping
Han Dorussen, University of Essex
70. Do UN Peace operations lead to more terrorism?
Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford
Jessica Di Salvatore, University of Oxford
Sara Polo, Rice University
Govinda Clayton, ETH Zurich

17.30 Break

17.45 NEPS Lecture

2018 Ceremony Award Winners

2018 NEPS Medal for the best publication in Peace Science

2018 Manas Chatterji Award for Excellence in Research in Peace Economics and Peace Science

2018 Stuart Bremer Award

**8.45 Parallel Session 10****Room1: ----****Chair: ----**

71. Blinding the Elephant: Combat, Information and Rebel Violence
Helge Holtermann, University of Oslo
72. Rebel without a Cause? Non-state Recruitment and Institutional Capacity
Wolfgang Stojetz, International Security and Development Center and Department of Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin
73. The Demand and Supply Side of Rebel Governance
Adrian Florea, University of Glasgow

Room2: ----**Chair: ----**

74. Traumatic Displacement and Pessimism over Peace: Evidence from Bosnia
Akisato Suzuki, European University Institute, Italy
Djordje Stefanovic, Saint Mary's University, Canada
Neophytos Loizides, University of Kent, UK
75. Community Cohesion in Times of Conflict
Sarah Langlotz, Heidelberg University
76. Mobilizing memories: The legacies of victimization during the Spanish Civil War
Francisco Villamil, ETH Zurich

10.15 Coffee Break**10.30 Parallel Session 11****Room1: ----****Chair: ----**

77. Reconciliation after inter-group conflict: Testing different types of contact interventions in the lab
Katharina Werner, University of Passau
Swee Hoon Chuah, RMIT University
78. Cultural Ties across Crises: The Diffusion of Mediation from Crisis to Crisis
Zorzeta Bakaki, University of Essex
79. Diplomacy in Civil War Mediation
Krista E. Wiegand, University of Tennessee
Eric Keels, University of Tennessee
Erin Rowland, University of Tennessee

Room2: ----**Chair: ----**

80. UN peacekeeping, informal institutions and intercommunal election violence: A quantitative case study of Ivory Coast
Hannah Smidt, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
81. Chasing Shadows: Peacekeeping, Militias, and Violence Displacement
Corinne Bara, Uppsala University
Luke Abbs, Essex University
82. Peace at home? UN Peacekeeping Operations, Refugees, Returned Refugees and IDPs
Stefano Costalli, University of Florence
Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford

12.00 Parallel Session 12



Room1: ----

Chair: ----

83. The impact of war and threats on financial development
Matthew DiGiuseppe, University of Mississippi
84. Getting the Law on Your Side: State Legal Frameworks and the Enforcement of Economic Sanctions
T. Clifton Morgan, Rice University
Liana Eustacia Reyes, Rice University
85. How Dictators Staff Their Secret Police: The Case of Argentina's Battalion 601
Adam Scharpf, University of Mannheim
Christian Glaßel, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)

Room2: ----

Chair: ----

86. Like Moths to the Flame: Do Aid Projects Attract Transnational Terrorism?
Henry Pascoe, IE University
87. Do Aid Donors Discriminate Among Victims of State Repression (and Why)?
Kerim Can Kavaklı, Sabanci University
Nils-Christian Bormann, University of Exeter
88. If all you have is a hammer: Military aid, bureaucratic capacity, and human rights abuses
Andrew Boutton, University of Central Florida

13.30 End of Conference