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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 Coffee 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-Universität 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)

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Room2: -----

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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

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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. Cultural Ties across Crises: The Diffusion of Mediation from Crisis to Crisis  
Zorzeta Bakaki, University of Essex

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

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**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 Coffee 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 Strategic 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

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**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

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54. Mitigating Electoral Violence? The effect of Mandatory Voting  
Mascha Rauschenbach, University of Mannheim  
Christian Gläbel, University of Mannheim  
Katrín 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

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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**

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## 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. Terrorism — The Moderating Effect of Migration Policy  
Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex & ETH Zürich  
Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick
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**

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