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

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

**8.30 Registration**

**Room A**

9.00 Welcome by Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Executive director of NEPS
9.10 Welcome by Christopher W. Hughes, Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick

**9.20 Session 1**

**Room A**

1) **Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War**
   Lars-Erik Cederman, ETH Zurich *NEPS Medal 2014*
   Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) *NEPS Medal 2014*
   Halvard Buhaug, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) *NEPS Medal 2014*

2) **Presence and Promise: Strategic Aid and Foreign-Induced Regime Change**
   Daniel McCormack, University of Texas, *Stuart Bremer PSSI 2014*

**10.30 Break**

**10.40 Parallel Session 2**

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Room A
Chair: Arzu Kibris, Sabanci University

3) **The Guardianship Dilemma: Regime Security through and from the Armed Forces**
   Branislav L. Slantchev, University of California, San Diego
   R. Blake McMahon, University of California, San Diego

4) **Predicting social conflict: an index of multivariate polarization**
   Alberto Vesperoni, University of Siegen
   Sorawoot Srisuma, University of Surrey

5) **Violence, Control and State Legitimacy in Civil Conflicts**
   Arzu Kibris, Sabanci University
   Özgür Kibris, Sabanci University

Room B
Chair: TBA

6) **How do riots spread over space and time? Evidence from the Swing Riots**
   Gabriel Leon, Dept. of Political Economy, King's College London
   Toke Aidt, Faculty of Economics, Cambridge
   Max Satchell, Dept. of Geography, Cambridge

7) **The Language of the Unheard? Political Exclusion and Ethnic Riots in Africa**
   Luke Abbs, Conflict Analysis Research Centre, University of Kent

8) **Are Riots a Winning Strategy? Study of BJP’s Electoral Performance and Hindu Muslim Riots**
   Rohit Ticku, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

12.10 LUNCH

13.15 Parallel Session 3
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13) The Effects of Uncertainty from Violent Conflict on Food Markets: Demand and Prices of Differentiated Fresh Fruits in Hebron
Rico Ihle, Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy Group, Wageningen University
Ziv Bar-Nahum, The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture and Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel Finkelshtain, The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture and Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Ofir Rubin, Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business & Management and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

14) Simulating Conflict Trap Dynamics along the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)
Elisabeth Gilmore, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland
Håvard Hegre, Uppsala University and Peace Research Institute
Jonas Nordkvelle, Peace Research Institute
Stephanie Waldhoff, Joint Global Change Research Institute, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

14.45 Break

14.55 Parallel Session 4

Chair: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

15) Do casualties have an effect on future troop deployment?
Steffi Raes, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Cind Du Bois, Royal Military Academy, Belgium
Caroline Buts, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

16) The Determinants of Civil War and Excess Zeros
Nan Tian, University of Cape Town
John Paul Dunne, University of Cape Town

17) Contested incompatibilities and armed violence: A two-stage model of civil conflict
Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
Henrikas Bartusevičius, University of Essex

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18) The effect of inequalities in explaining substate levels of violence
   Daire McGill, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University
19) Economic inequity and the stability of political institutions
   Michael Dorsch, Central European University
20) The effect of domestic political-economic regimes on peace and conflict during the post-Cold War period
   Ranan Kuperman, University of Haifa

16.25 Break

16.35 Parallel Session 5

Room A
Chair: Glenn Palmer, Pennsylvania State University

21) Military Aggression and the Production of Peace
   Soeren Schwuchow, BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg
22) Lowballing in Procurement
   Ugurhan Berkok, Dept. of Management & Economics, Royal Military College of Canada & Dept. of Economics, Queen's University
23) War! How is it Paid for? The Dynamics of Interstate War Finance
   Glenn Palmer, Pennsylvania State University
   Jeff Carter, University of Mississippi
   Heather Ondercin, University of Mississippi

Room B
Chair: Roos van der Haer, University of Konstanz

24) Measuring temporal dimensions of the intensity of violent political conflict
   Ofir Rubin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
   Rico Ihle, Wageningen University
25) It's not over when it's over: Explaining the timing of (post-) conflict diffusion
   Corinne Bara Zurfluh, ETH Zürich
26) Examining low-intensity conflicts through SMS: a cell-phone based approach applied to India
   Roos van der Haer, University of Konstanz
   Sebastian Schutte, University of Konstanz

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Chair: Felix S. Bethke, Centre for Global Cooperation Research

27) Flexible Human Rights Agreements: Constrained choices and consequences
   Andrea Vilán, University of California

28) A spatial analysis of the effect of foreign aid in conflict areas
   Stijn van Wezel, Royal Holloway University of London

29) Cultural Bias in the Perception of Conflict and Cooperation
   Felix S. Bethke, Centre for Global Cooperation Research

Room B
Chair: TBA

30) The specter of Lausanne: On the political economy of conflict-induced population exchanges
   Athanasios Pitsoulis, University of Hildesheim

31) “Politically Relevant Environment” for transnational Mobilization of conflict-generated diasporas
   Maria Koinova, University of Warwick

32) Evading terror? Terror and Internal Migration in Israel
   Athanasios Pitsoulis, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Department of Economics
   Johanna von Borstel, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Centre for Near and Middle East Studies (CNMS)
   Tom Gobienb, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Department of Economics

20:00 Conference Dinner

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

8.30 Parallel Session 7
Room A
Chair: Prakarsh Singh, Amherst College

33) The Effect of the Spanish Reconquest on Iberian Cities
   Rafael González-Val, Universidad de Zaragoza & Institut d'Economia de Barcelona
   David Cuberes, Clark University

34) The metamorphosis of state-sponsored violence
   Belén González Simón, Government Department, University of Essex

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35) The Effect of Civil Conflict on Child Abuse: Evidence from Peru  
   Prakarsh Singh, Amherst College  
   Alvaro Morales, Amherst College

   Room B
   Chair: Joakim Kreutz, Department of Peace and Conflict Research,  
   Uppsala University

36) Explaining Recidivism of Ex-Combatants in Colombia  
   Enzo Nussio, Postdoctoral Researcher, Stockholm University  
   Oliver Kaplan, Assistant Professor, University of Denver

37) Behavioral differences in violence: The case of intra-group differences of Paramilitaries and Guerrillas in Colombia  
   Thomas Bassetti, University of Padua  
   Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart  
   Darwin Cortes, Universidad del Rosario and CeiBA

38) Guerrillas in our midst: Territorial control, information and the localized distribution of violence in civil conflict  
   Joakim Kreutz, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University  
   Mihai Croicu, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

10.00 Parallel Session 8  
   Room A
   Chair: Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

39) Military Expenditures and Free-Riding in NATO  
   Jakub Odehnal, Department of Economics, Faculty of Military leadership, University of Defence

40) Mergers and Acquisitions in the United States Defense Industrial Base  
   Matthew M. Ross, Western Michigan University  
   Chenguang Shang, Bentley University

   Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart  
   Marco di Domizio, University of Teramo

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Room B
Chair: Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, University of Iowa

Matthew D. Rablen, Brunel University London
Matthew Gould, Brunel University London

43) Non-governmental organisations and democracy: an empirical analysis
Tania Masi, University of Verona

44) Judicialization of the Sea: Bargaining under the UNCLOS Regime
Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, University of Iowa
Andrew P. Owsiak, University of Georgia

11.30 Break

11.40 Parallel Session 9
Room A
Chair: T. Clifton Morgan, Rice University

45) Trade and conflicts: Do preferential trade agreements matter?
Arslan Tariq Rana, Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans, University of Orléans

46) On Target? The Impact of Sanctions on Listed Firms in Iran
Mirko Draca, Warwick University and London School of Economics
Jason Garred, London School of Economics
Leanne Stickland, Centre for Global Studies, and House of Lords, Westminster
Nele Warrinnier, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics

47) Hearing the Noise: Economic Sanctions Theory and Anomalous Evidence
T. Clifton Morgan, Rice University

Room B
Chair: Mario A. Maggioni, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

48) Conflict in Africa: Climate, Economic Shocks and Spill-Over Effects
Achim Ahrens, Heriot-Watt University; Spatial Economics and Econometrics Centre

49) Explaining the pattern of violence against civilians in Zimbabwe
David Fielding, University of Otago

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50) My neighbour's war - Spatio-temporal diffusion of conflict incidence in West Africa
   Mario A. Maggioni, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
   Sara Balestri, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

13.10 Lunch

14.20 Parallel Session 10
   Room A
   Chair: Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick

51) Selling arms to the enemy
   Antoine Pietri, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (CES)
   Julien Malizard, Chaire d’Economie de la Défense

52) Asymmetric Trade Dependence and Interstate Conflict Initiation Embedded in Networks
   Yao Han, University College Dublin

53) Energy (in)security and bilateral arms trade
   Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick
   Roberto Nisticò, University of Naples Federico II
   Claudio Deiana, University of Essex
   Room B
   Chair: Petros Sekeris, Portsmouth University

54) Sustaining Civil Peace: a configurational comparative analysis
   Irene Palnau, University of Paderborn
   Thomas Gries, University of Paderborn

55) Empirical Relationships between Types of Violence and the Pillars of Positive Peace
   Talia Hagerty, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)

56) Can Violence Harm Cooperation? Experimental Evidence
   Giacomo De Luca, University of York
   Petros Sekeris, Portsmouth University
   D. Spengler, University of York

15.50 Break
16.00 Parallel Session 11

Chair: Marijke Verpoorten, IOB - University of Antwerp

57) The Geography of Election Violence: New Constituency-level Evidence from Malawi
Inken von Borzyskowski, Florida State University
Michael Wahman, London School of Economics

58) I Am Righteous, You Are Illegitimate: When Nationalistic Rivalries Emerge
Akisato Suzuki, Dublin City University

59) Trust in the aftermath of mass violence: pathways and processes
Marijke Verpoorten, IOB - University of Antwerp
Bert Ingelaere, IOB - University of Antwerp & CRPD, KU Leuven

Room B

Chair: Theodora-Ismene Gizelis, University of Essex and PRIO

60) Does war empower women? Evidence from Timor Leste
Marinella Leone, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
Patricia Justino, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
Paola Salardi, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

61) An Indirect Casualty: Arms Transfers and Women’s Human Rights
Clair Apodaca, Virginia Tech

Theodora-Ismene Gizelis, University of Essex and PRIO
Gudrun Østby, PRIO
Henrik Urdal, PRIO

17.30 Parallel Session 12

Chair: Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex, and ETH Zurich

63) Strait Jackets and Springboards: Explaining Mediator Style of IGO Staff in Armed Conflict Contexts
Mathilda Lindgren, The Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

64) Domestic and International Determinants of International Mediation: The Importance of Conflict Characteristics
Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex, and ETH Zurich

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65) How Free Press Defends the Energy Infrastructure
    Oleg Polivin, Toulouse School of Economics

66) Assessing the Impact of Conflict on Media Freedom
    Thorin M. Wright, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
    Daniel Berliner, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

18.30 – NEPS Lecture

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19:50 End of Day 2

20:00 Reception

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

8.30 Parallel Session 13

Room A
Chair: TBA

67) Filling the Void: Evidence from Two Natural Disasters on the Determinants of Taliban Support
    Hasin Yousaf, Department of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
    Federico Masera, Department of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

68) Entrepreneurship and the historical legacy of war: Evidence from Eastern Europe and Central Asia
    Travers Barclay Child, VU University
    Cagatay Bircan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
    Elena Nikolova, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

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69) **Localised effects of Sanctions in Colombia**  
   Kaisa Hinkkainen, University of Lincoln  
   Navin A. Bapat, The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
   Luis De la Calle, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)  
   Elena V. McLean, Texas A&M University  
   **Room B**  
   **Chair:** TBA

70) **Transnational Dimensions of Peace Negotiation**  
   Sinem Arslan, University of Essex

71) **Opening of Peace Processes in Internal Armed Conflicts**  
   Baris Ari, University of Essex

72) **Buying Peace: Can Amnesty to Rebels during Civil Wars Affect Duration, Intensity or Outcomes?**  
   Lesley-Ann Daniels, Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals

10.00 **Parallel Session 14**  
   **Room A**  
   **Chair:** Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont

73) **Earning a Peace dividend in Greece**  
   George Zombanakis, The American College of Greece  
   Ioanna Bardakas, Research Department, Bank of Greece

74) **The Capitalist Peace Ain't So Capitalist**  
   Jeff D. Colgan, Brown University

75) **Islamism and Socialism: A Comparison**  
   Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont  
   **Room B**  
   **Chair:** Petros G. Sekeris, University of Portsmouth

76) **Under a Rebel Flag: Social Resistance under Insurgent Rule in Aceh**  
   Shane J. Barter, Soka University of America

77) **Risk-sharing in conflict affected societies**  
   Elisa Cavatorta, King’s College London

78) **State Power and Economic Resilience in Madagascar**  
   Petros G. Sekeris, University of Portsmouth  
   Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota  
   Christine Moser, Western Michigan University

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11.30 Break

11.40 Parallel Session 15  Room A
Chair: Sara M. T. Polo, University of Essex

79) The Determinants of Domestic Terrorism in Political Campaigns: A quantitative Analysis
Margherita Belgioioso, University of Essex

80) Viva la revolucion, or: do revolutions lead to more democracy?
Vanessa A. Boese, Cusanuswerk & Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

81) Fear of Weak Ties: Explaining the Logic of Selective and Indiscriminate Terrorist Violence
Sara M. T. Polo, University of Essex  Room B
Chair: Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford

82) Choosing to intervene - US domestic politics & moral imperatives
Lutz Krebs, Maastricht University & United Nations University
Roberta Haar, Maastricht University

83) After the Peacekeepers Left: Peacekeeping and the Perception of Security in Timor Leste
Han Dorussen, University of Essex

84) Every Day I Have the Blues: Blue Helmets “distance” from the Locals and Conflict
Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford
Vincenzo Bove, University of Warwick

13.10 Goodbye - End of the conference

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