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

**MONDAY, JUNE 23**

**8.30 Registration**  
Aula B (Main Auditorium)

9.00 Welcome by Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Executive director of NEPS  
9.10 Welcome by Syed Mansoob Murshed, Institute of Social Studies and Coventry University

**9.20 Session 1**  
Aula B

1) **Post-genocide Rwanda: Assessing Twenty Years of RPF Rule**  
Marijke Verpoorten, University of Antwerp, *NEPS Medal 2013.*

2) **When Words Matter: The Conditions for Effectiveness of Statements of Resolve in International Conflict**  
Roseanne McManus, University of Wisconsin, *Stuart Bremer PSSI 2013*

**10.30 Break**

**10.45 Parallel Session 2**  
Aula A,  
Chair: John Paul Dunne, University of Cape Town

3) **Spatial spill-over and neighbouring effects of natural resources location on civil conflict dynamics in West Africa**  
Sara Balestri, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart  
Mario A. Maggioni, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
4) Global Contexts of Civil War: Neighborhood Violence, Democratic Community, and Contagion
   Kelly M. Kadera, University of Iowa
   Rachel Myrick, University of Oxford
   Lindsay Reid, University of North Carolina
   Mark J.C. Crescenzi, University of North Carolina

5) Conflict, Economic Growth and Spatial Spillover Effects in Africa
   Nan Tian, University of Cape Town
   John Paul Dunne, University of Cape Town

   Chair: Glenn Palmer, Pennsylvania State University

6) Trust Us: International Technical Assistance, Institutions, and Post-Election Violence
   Inken Von Borzyskowski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

7) Detecting casual relations in event data sets: A Monte Carlo experiment
   Ranan D. Kuperman, University of Haifa

8) Imagine There’s No MIDs: Disaggregating Interstate Conflict
   Glenn Palmer, Pennsylvania State University
   Michael Kenwick, Pennsylvania State University
   Matthew Lane, Pennsylvania State University
   Benjamin Fisher, Pennsylvania State University

12.20 LUNCH

13.25 Parallel Session 3

   Chair: Thomas Gries, University of Paderborn

9) Changes in Public Opinion and the Occurrence of International Terrorism
   Dragana Stanisic, CERGE-EI
   Jitka Maleckova, CERGE-EI

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
10) Effects of armed conflict and terrorism on allocation of foreign aid
   Piotr Lis, Coventry University

11) Maritime Piracy: Socio-Economic, Political, and Institutional Determinants
   Margarete Redlin, University of Paderborn
   Thomas Gries, University of Paderborn

Aula B,
Chair: Patrick Regan, University of Notre Dame

12) Effect of external interventions in intra-state conflicts in Africa after the end of the Cold-War
   Ricardo Sousa, Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
   Syed Mansoob Murshed, Institute of Social Studies and Coventry University

13) Experienced Poverty and Internal Armed Conflict
   Andreas Forø Tollefsen, University of Oslo

14) Climate Change and Conflict: Another Look
   Patrick Regan, University of Notre Dame
   Kate Boehlefeld, University of Notre Dame

14.55 Break

15.15 Parallel Session 4

Aula A,
Chair: Syed Mansoob Murshed, Institute of Social Studies and Coventry University

15) War and Child Labour: Evidence from Angola
   Wolfgang Stojetz, University of Berlin

16) School’s out- the war on drugs and educational performance in Mexico
   Maren M. Michaelsen, Ruhr Universität Bochum
   Paola Salardi, University of Sussex
17) Conflict and Livelihood Decisions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh
Muhammad Badiuzzaman, Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
Syed Mansoob Murshed, Institute of Social Studies and Coventry University

Aula B,
Chair: Will H. Moore, Florida State University

18) Are Anocracies More Likely to Experience Civil War?
Pui-Hang Wong, Maastricht University and United Nations University-MERIT
Lutz F. Krebs, Maastricht University and United Nations University-MERIT

19) Civil War under Democracy
Ana Arjona, Northwestern University
Mario Chacon, NYU Abu Dhabi

20) How Much Terror? Dissidents, Governments, Institutions and the Cross-National Study of Terror Attacks
Will H. Moore, Florida State University
Ryan Bakker, University of Georgia
Daniel W. Hill, Jr., University of Georgia

16.45 Parallel Session 5
Aula A,
Chair: Anja Shortland, King’s College London

21) The environmental impact of civil conflict: The deforestation effect of paramilitary expansion in Colombia
Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes
Dario Romero, J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean.
Juan F. Vargas, Universidad del Rosario

22) Conflict and Deforestation in the DRC
Anja Shortland, King’s College London
Matthias Baumann, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sarah Walker, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Tobias Kuemmerle, Humboldt University-Berlin
Van Butsic, University of California Berkeley

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
23) Ending civil wars: The role of amnesties
   Lesley-Ann Daniels, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

24) Get Off My Lawn: Civil Wars and Subsequent Social Intolerance in the Public
   Jaroslav Tir, University of Colorado Boulder
   Shane Singh, University of Georgia

18.15 Roundtable in cooperation with the Institute for Economics and Peace and the Global Peace Index

20:00 Conference Dinner at Garoeda Restaurant.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

9.00 Parallel Session 6

Aula A,
Chair: Michele Di Maio, University of Naples Parthenope

25) Could we have predicted the Arab Spring?
   Ugurhan G. Berkok, Queen's University
   Adugna Olani, Queen's University

26) Terrorism and spillover effects on tourism between Lebanon, Israel and Turkey
   Charbel Bassil, Notre Dame University

27) Firms in Conflict: the Effect of the Second Intifada on Technology and Product Value in Palestine
   Michele Di Maio, University of Naples Parthenope
   Francesco Amodio, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Aula B,
Chair: Halvard Buhaug, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

28) State Capacity, Inequality and Inter-group Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa: 1989-2011
   Ida Rudolfsen, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
29) Terrorism and Civil War
   Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex
   Sara Polo, University of Essex

30) Food Insecurity and Violent Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa
   Halvard Buhaug, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Tor A. Benaminsen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, UMB
   Espen Sjaastad, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, UMB
   Ole Magnus Theisen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU

10.30 Break

10.40 Parallel Session 7
   Aula A, Chair: Ravinder Bhavnani, The Graduate Institute Geneva

31) The Legacy of Medieval English Ethnic Diversity and Ethnic Violence
   David Fielding, University of Otago

32) Economic Growth and Recovery after Civil Wars
   Prakarsh Singh, Amherst College
   Luis A. Gil-Alana, University of Navarra

33) Cleavage Dynamics in Civil War
   Ravinder Bhavnani, The Graduate Institute Geneva
   Karsten Donnay, ETH Zürich
   Aula B, Chair: Stefano Costalli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

34) Peace from the Past: Pre-colonial Political Institutions and Civil Wars in Africa
   Tore Wig, University of Oslo

35) Power Relations, Transnational Ethnic Kin and International Crises
   Seraina Rüegger, ETH Zurich

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
36) The Economic Costs of Civil War and the Role of Ethnic Heterogeneity
Stefano Costalli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
Luigi Moretti, University of Padua
Costantino Pischedda, Columbia University

12.10 Break

12.20 Parallel Session 8

37) Explaining the Relationship between External Threats and Coups: Rally-around-the-flag or Credible Commitments?
Cemal Eren Arbatli, NRU-Higher School of Economics, Moscow

T. Clifton Morgan, Rice University
Jessica Weeks, University of Wisconsin-Madison

39) Methodological Change in Economic Sanction Reconsidered and its Implications
Peter A.G. Van Bergeijk, Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, University of Dhaka

Aula B,
Chair: Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes

40) Food prices and the incidence of violence in Africa, 1990-2011
Stijn Van Weezel, University of London

41) Long Term Effect of Battle Shock on Health and Wealth Outcomes in China
Jian Li, Goethe University Frankfurt

42) The Long-Run Effects of Violence on Human Capital: Evidence from La Violencia in Colombia
Juan Felipe Riaño Rodriguez, Universidad de los Andes
Ana Maria Ibanez, Universidad de los Andes
Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes

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13.50 Lunch

15.00 Parallel Session 9

Aula A,
Chair: Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex

43) On the factors and effects of armed conflict  
Ainhoa Vega-Bayo, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU

44) Fighter jet diplomacy: A model of the coercive use of air power with an application to Greece and Turkey  
Athanassios Pitsoulis, University of Hildesheim  
Sören C. Schwuchow, Brandenburg University of Technology  
Martin Gassebner, University of Reading & ETH Zurich

45) The Spatial and Temporal Clustering of International Mediation  
Tobias Böhmelt, University of Essex

Aula B,  
Chair: Anja Shortland, King’s College London

46) Elite Networks, Foreign Policy Decision-Making and Conflict  
Renato Corbetta, University of Alabama

47) Dissatisfied States  
Erik Gartzke, University of Essex

Theodora-Ismene Gizelis, University of Essex  
Xun Cao, Pennsylvania State University  
Anja Shortland, King’s College London  
Henrik Urdal, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

16.30 Break

16.40 Parallel Session 10

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Aula A,
Chair: Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

49) Is there a worldwide convergence in military expenditures?
   Christos Kollias, University of Thessaly
   Paschalis Arvanitidis, University of Thessaly
   Konstantinos Anastasopoulos, University of Thessaly

50) Military Expenditure and Investment in OECD Countries: Revisited
   Na Hou, Central University of Finance and Economics
   Bo Chen, Central University of Finance and Economics

51) Spatial Concentration of Military Dictatorships in Sub-Saharan Africa
   Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
   Roberto Ricciuti, University of Verona

Aula B,
Chair: Andrea Ruggeri, University of Amsterdam

52) Reconstruction and Insurgency: The Importance of Sector in Afghanistan
   Travers Barclay Child, Tinbergen Institute

53) Children are the future? The effect of child soldiers in conflict termination and duration of peace
   Kaisa Hinkkainen, University of Lincoln
   Zorzeta Bakaki, University of Essex

54) Diversity in U.N. Peacekeeping Missions and Civilian Protection
   Andrea Ruggeri, University of Amsterdam
   Vincenzo Bove, University of Amsterdam

18.10 – NEPS Lecture - Han Dorussen

18.50 – Meeting, Room 1.26

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19:30 End of Day 2
20:00 Reception at ISS Bar.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

9.00 Parallel Session 11

Aula A,

Chair: Maria Cubel, University of Barcelona

55) A contest success function for networks
   Alberto Vesperoni, University of Siegen
   Irem Bozbay, University of Surrey

56) On the Dynamics of Civil Conflict
   Arzu Kibris, Sabanci University
   Ozgur Kibris, Sabanci University

57) Difference-form group contests?
   Maria Cubel, University of Barcelona
   Santiago Sanchez-Pages, University of Edinburgh and University of Barcelona

Aula B,

Chair: Damien De Walque, World Bank

58) The Effects of Gang Truces on Mortality Rates: A Synthetic Control Approach to Evidence from Mexico
   Topher L. McDougal, University of San Diego
   Robert Muggah, Igarapé Institute
   Ami C. Carpenter, University of San Diego

59) The diffusion of Atrocities: a spatial analysis on the role of refugees
   Roos Van Der Haer, University of Konstanz
   Valentin Gold, University of Konstanz

60) Measuring excess mortality and its distribution during the conflict in Guatemala
   Damien De Walque, World Bank

10.30 Break

10.40 Parallel Session 12

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
61) The impact of returning on home on social capital: A case study from Northern Lebanon
   Alia Aghajanian, University of Sussex

62) Forced displacement in Colombia: What determines expulsion and reception in municipalities?
   Paola Palacios, ICESI University
   Ximena Duenas, ICESI University
   Blanca Zuluaga, ICESI University

63) Immigration in Democracies: Enfranchisement versus Conflict
   Santiago Sanchez-Pages, University of Edinburgh
   Angel Solano Garcia, University of Granada

64) Mass Indiscriminate Violence as a Process of Authoritarian Consolidation
   Eelco Van Der Maat, Vanderbilt University

65) A Force Less Powerful: Explaining the Near Absence of International Mediation in Nonviolent Conflicts
   Allard Duursma, University of Oxford

66) Street-level Autocrats: Micromotives of Regime Change and Continuity
   Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Marianne Dahl, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Scott Gates, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

12.10 Break

12.20 Parallel Session 13

67) A model of communist repression
   Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:
68) Inequality and Democratization: Reconsidering the Economic View
   Michael Dorsch, Central European University – Budapest

69) Self-Containment: Achieving Peace in Anarchic Settings
   Petros G. Sekeris, University of Portsmouth
   Antonis Adam, University of Ioannina

Aula B,
Chair: Andrea Ruggeri, University of Amsterdam

70) Apples and Oranges? Actor Profiles and The Choice of Violent and Non-Violent Tactics
   Marianne Dahl, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Scott Gates, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
   Belen Gonzales, University of Essex

71) A Dangerous Discrepancy: Testing the microdynamics of horizontal inequality on Palestinian support for armed resistance
   Solveig Hillesund, Fafo Institute of Applied International Studies

72) Blue Helmets Made in China. China’s Contribution to UN Peacekeeping Operations 1990-2011
   Andrea Ruggeri, University of Amsterdam
   Julia Bader, University of Amsterdam

13.50 Goodbye - End of the conference

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