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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)
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  
   Annekatrin 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: ----

   Kristen A. Harkness, University of St. Andrews
   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'états, civil society mobilization, and regime change  
   Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, University of Essex and PRIO  
   Marianne Dahl, PRIO
   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
Room 2: ----
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

Room 1: ----
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-Universitat zu Kiel
   Vanessa A. Boese, Humboldt-Universitat 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
11.30 Parallel Session 7

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

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

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

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
   Baekkwan 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 Gläßel, 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
    Lía 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

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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
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:

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 Kavakh, 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