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New Perspectives on Conflict and Security: Understanding Civil War and Intrastate Conflict

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Programme

DAY 1: Monday 11 July

9:30 - Registration

10:00 - Welcome: Mark Webber, Head of School of Government and Society,
University of Birmingham

10:15 - Opening keynote address: ***Civil War Studies – is a Larger Perspective Needed?***
Paul Richards (Wageningen University)
Introduced by Paul Jackson (University of Birmingham)

11:00 - Morning break

11:30 - **Theoretical Issues in the Study of Civil War**

Chair: Lynn Davies (University of Birmingham)

- Helen Dexter (University of Manchester) & Richard Jackson (Aberystwyth University) [not attending], *Fighting Talk: Language and Narrative in the Social Construction of Political Violence*
- Siobhan Wills (University College Cork), *The Legal Characterization of Armed Conflicts: Implications for Protection*
- Corinne Bara (Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich), *The Untapped Potential of Fuzzy-Set QCA in the Study Of Intrastate Conflict*
- Karl DeRouen Jr. (University of Alabama) & Shaun Goldfinch (University of Nottingham), *State Stability, Good Governance, Development and the case of Afghanistan*

1:00 - Lunch

2:00 - **Regional and International Organisations' Interventions in Civil Wars (I)**

Chair: Edward Newman (University of Birmingham)

- Oya Dursun-Özkanca (Elizabethtown College) [not attending] & Stefan Wolff (University of Birmingham), *Assessing Interventions in Civil Wars: Capabilities and Context*
- Darya Pushkina (St Petersburg State University), *The United Nations in East Timor*
- Mark Webber (University of Birmingham) & James Sperling (University of Akron) [not attending], *NATO in Afghanistan*
- Alpaslan Özerdem (Coventry University), *The Organisation of the Islamic Conference in Mindanao*
- Annemarie Peen Rodt (University of Bath), *The African Union in Burundi*

3:30 – Afternoon break

4:00 – Panel sessions

Panel A: Ethnicity, Nationalism and Civil Conflict

Chair: Mansoob Murshed (University of Birmingham)

- Artak Galyan (Central European University), *Power Sharing Institutions, Context and Ethnic Conflict in Post-Conflict Divided Societies: a Conjunctural Perspective*
- Ulrike G. Theuerkauf (London School of Economics) & Natascha S. Neudorfer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) [not attending], *Corruption and Ethnic Violence: A Grievance-Based Argument on the Risk of Ethnic Wars*
- Hannes Artens (Centre for Ethno-Political Studies, University of Exeter), *Birakuji – Kurdish 'Fratricidal' War and the Construction of Groupness in Ethnicised Conflicts*

Panel B: Regional Perspectives on Civil Conflict

Chair: Karl Cordell (University of Plymouth)

- Zoë Marriage (School of Oriental and African Studies, London), *Compliance vs the Ragged Threat: problem-solving security in the Democratic Republic of Congo*
- Matteo Fumagalli (Central European University, Budapest), *Civil Wars and Intra-state Conflict in the Post-Soviet Space Twenty Years On: What have we learnt?*
- Sylvia Sergiou (Freie Universität Berlin), *Coercive Security Governance: The Case of the "National Congress for the Defense of the People" (CNDP) in the North Kivu Province (Dem. Rep. of the Congo)*

5:30 - Reception: Staff House (Michael Tippet room)

DAY 2: Tuesday 12 July

10:00 - Keynote address: ***The Religious Wave: Religion and Civil War 1960 to 2009***
Jonathan Fox (Bar-Ilan University)
Chair: Colin Thain, Head of the Department of Political Science and
International Studies, University of Birmingham

10:45 - Morning break

11:00 – Panel sessions

Panel A Sources and Characteristics of Civil Conflict and Political Violence

Chair: Paul Jackson (University of Birmingham)

- James Worrall (University of Leeds), *Untangling Grieve and Greedance: Predicting Conflict In Fragile States*
- Nicolas Lemay-Hebert (University of Birmingham), *International Peacebuilding as Cause of Tension: The Potential and Limits of the Local Ownership Paradigm*
- Victor Ojakorotu (North-West University, Mafikeng, South Africa), *Nature's Gift, Man's Curse: Natural resources and civil conflicts in Niger Delta and Cabinda*

Panel B Mediation and Civil Wars

Chair: Asaf Siniver (University of Birmingham)

- Karl DeRouen Jr. (University of Alabama) & Paulina Pospieszna (University of Konstanz), *Mediation and Civil Wars Involving Terrorism*
- Paulina Pospieszna (University of Konstanz) & Gerald Schneider (University of Konstanz) [not attending], *Conditions of Successful Mediation in Internal Conflicts: The Role of Power-sharing Arrangements in Political Agreements*
- Govinda Clayton (University of Kent), *When Do They Say No? Resources and the Disincentive to Offer and Accept Mediation in Civil War*

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - Panel sessions

Panel A: Regional and International Organisations' Interventions in Civil Wars (II)

Chair: Felix Heiduk (University of Birmingham)

- Heather M. Smith (Lewis & Clark College), *The Organization of American States in Haiti*
- Marietta König (EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia), *The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Georgia*
- Annemarie Peen Rodt (University of Bath) & Stefan Wolff (University of Birmingham), *The European Union in Macedonia*

Panel B: Insurgencies and Approaches to Counter-Insurgency

Chair: Andrew Mumford (University of Sheffield)

- Ruth Delaforce (ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing & Security, Griffith University, Australia), *Not a New War? Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency Practices, and the Role of Private Military and Security Contractors*
- Ami Carpenter (University of San Diego), *Urban Resilience to Sectarian Violence in Baghdad*
- Oliver Walton (University of Birmingham), *Military Victory in Sri Lanka: Reflecting on contemporary trends in conflict resolution and civil war termination*

3:00 – Coffee/tea and concluding comment