



## **Conference on Micro-Comparative Studies of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Conflicts**

April 23-24, 2016, Yale University, New Haven, CT

**Organizers** Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence  
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### **Conference Overview**

Historical cases of civil war and political violence are a major and underutilized source for the systematic study of conflict. While the fluid nature of ongoing or recent conflicts makes reliable data collection challenging, historical cases provide researchers with a unique opportunity to conduct systematic micro-comparative research, triangulating a variety of evidentiary sources. In post-conflict years, previously classified archives have opened; pronounced partisanships and controversies have subsided; and a rich descriptive secondary literature has emerged. In search of better quality data, scholars of political violence are increasingly turning to the systematic study of historical cases to facilitate understanding of the dynamics driving conflict. Yet, this “historical turn” in conflict studies remains fragmented across several disciplines and subfields.

The conference on “Micro-Comparative Studies of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Conflicts” aims to highlight this emerging trend in conflict studies. In particular, the meeting seeks to create a network of scholars who use a combination of extensive archival research with methodologies that have traditionally been used in isolation (e.g. ethnographic research, quantitative analysis), as well as conduct disaggregated theoretical and empirical research on civil wars and other forms of political violence. Over the course of the conference, participants will present their ongoing research and investigate ways in which different approaches can be combined to advance scholarship about the complex processes driving the micro-dynamics of political violence.

## Conference Program

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

9:15 am Welcome and Introduction

### **9:30 am Panel I: Dynamics of Civil Conflict I**

*Chair: Livia I. Schubiger, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Discussant: Ana Arjona, Northwestern University*

The Political Determinants of Resistance to Foreign Occupation, France 1940-1944

*Matthew Kocher, Yale University*

*Nuno P. Monteiro, Yale University*

Violence as a Generative Force: How Ethnic Categories Change During Ethnic Conflict (Bosnia and Croatia 1941)

*Max Bergholz, Concordia University*

Civil War Mobilization in Tribal Society: Evidence from 1941-1942 Montenegro

*Vujko Ilić, OCV Fellow and Central European University*

11:15 am Coffee Break

### **11:45 am Panel II: Dynamics of Civil Conflict II**

*Chair: Jenny Guardado, Georgetown University*

*Discussant: Anastasia Shesterinina, OCV Fellow, Yale University*

Fearing Betrayal, Betraying Fear? Executions of Officers in Republican Spain, 1936-1939

*Theodore McLaughlin, Université de Montréal*

*Álvaro La Parra-Pérez, Weber State University*

The Politics of On-Side Fighting in Civil Wars: Deadly Failures of Alignment in Historical Comparative Perspective

*Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, University of Virginia and Harvard Kennedy School*

Discourse and Emotion in Sustaining Violent Social Movements During Military Occupations

*Irena L. Sargsyan, Georgetown University*

1:30 pm Lunch

**2:30 pm Panel III: Legacies of Conflict**

*Chair: Christopher Sullivan, Louisiana State University*

*Discussant: Francesca Grandi, Yale University*

The Legacy of Political Violence Across Generations

*Noam Lupu, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

*Leonid Peisakhin, New York University – Abu Dhabi*

The Legacy of Stalin's Terror in Eastern Europe

*Yuri Zhukov, University of Michigan*

*Sebastian Schutte, University of Konstanz*

The long-term electoral legacies of civil war in young democracies:

Evidence from Italy (1946-1968)

*Stefano Costalli, University of Essex*

*Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford*

Civil War Displacement and Post-War Local Politics in Beirut

*Amanda Rizkallah, UCLA and Harvard Kennedy School*

4:30 pm Coffee Break

**5:00 pm Keynote**

The Pitfalls of Statistical Studies of Historical Micro-Level Violence

*Jason Wittenberg, UC Berkeley*

**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

**9:00 am Panel IV: Dynamics of Civil Conflict III**

*Chair: Yuri Zhukov, University of Michigan*

*Discussant: Niloufer Siddiqui, Yale University*

Vigilante Mobilization and Local Order: Evidence from Mexico

*Javier Osorio, City University of New York*

*Livia I. Schubiger, London School of Economics and Political Science*

*Michael Weintraub, Binghamton University (SUNY)*

Political Violence as a Channel of Persistence: Evidence from the

Peruvian Mita

*Jenny Guardado, Georgetown University*

Everyday Forms of Resistance Under Insurgent Rule

*Marc Opper, University of Virginia*

10:45 am Coffee Break

**11:15 am Panel V: Dynamics of State Repression**

*Chair: Max Bergholz, Concordia University*

*Discussant: Laia Balcells, Duke University*

Challenger Demands and Human Rights Improvements in  
Guatemala, 1975-1985

*Christopher Sullivan, Louisiana State University*

The Military Organization of State Repression During the Argentine  
Dirty War, 1976-1983

*Adam Scharpf, University of Mannheim*

The Moroccan Monarchy's Use of Political Violence During Post-  
Independence: A Reaction to Dissent and a Survival Tool

*Yasmina Abouzzohour, University of Oxford*

The Anatomy of State Repression: Micro-Level Analyses of the  
Internal Organization and Management of Colonial Police Forces in  
Former German Southwest Africa

*Alexander De Juan, University of Konstanz*

*Fabian Krautwald, Freie Universitat Berlin*

*Jan Pierskalla, Ohio State University*

1:15 pm Lunch

**2:15 pm Panel VI: Dynamics of Protest**

*Chair: Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, University of Virginia and Harvard  
Kennedy School*

*Discussant: Vujo Ilić, OCV Fellow and Central European University*

Civilian Protest during the June 17 1953 uprising in East  
Germany: Economic Grievances and Revolutionary Unrest

*Henry Thomson, University of Oxford*

Chronicle of a Foretold Survival: How Protest Behavior Against  
Armed Actors Influence Violence in Colombian Civil War, 1988-  
2005

*Carlos Moreno Leon, Binghamton University*

3:30 pm Coffee Break

**4:00 pm Panel VII: Dynamics of Civil Conflict IV**

*Chair: Andrea Ruggeri, University of Oxford*

*Discussant: Bonnie Weir, Yale University*

Non-Competitive Elections and Incentives for Insurgency: Micro-Level Evidence from the Soviet Union

*Arturas Rozenas, New York University*

Compelling Collaboration: British Counterinsurgency in Palestine, 1936-1939

*Evgeny Finkel, George Washington University*

*Joshua R. Goodman, Yale University*

Wartime mobilization and postwar remobilization of the youth in former Japanese Empire – from the 1947 Taiwanese rebellion to a comparative outlook

*Victor Louzon, SciencesPo*

6:00 pm Coffee Break

**6:30 pm Round Table**

*Ana Arjona, Northwestern University*

*Laia Balcells, Duke University*

*Stathis Kalyvas, Yale University*

*Matthew Kocher, Yale University*

*Jason Wittenberg, UC Berkeley*