Workshop on
Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th Century Conflicts
Call for Papers

The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University’s MacMillan Center for
International and Area Studies announces a workshop on “Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th
Century Conflicts.” The workshop will be held April 15-17, 2016.

Call for Papers
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 partisanship 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 workshop “Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th 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 workshop, 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. Our
goal will be to publish a selection of papers in an agenda-setting special issue journal.

Organizers
The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, The MacMillan Centre, Yale University (Stathis
Kalyvas, Director), Daniel Fedorowycz (University of Oxford)

Financial support
The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence will cover reasonable travel and accommodation
costs.

Applications should include:
1) maximum 500 word proposal  2) cover letter  3) maximum two-page curriculum vitae

Deadline for proposal submissions: December 4, 2015

Deadline for paper submissions: March 24, 2016

Please send submissions and questions to: OCVworkshop@gmail.com