

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