

## Conflict Research Society and Conflict Analysis Research Centre

### Conflict and Complexity II: Theory, Evidence and Practice an international interdisciplinary conference

#### Draft Programme

##### Stream A in Grimond LT2

Northern Ireland and conflict transformation  
Global and regional systems  
The Middle East  
Group and self development  
Africa: conflict and peace-building  
Restorative justice  
A presentation by the winner of the Cedric Smith prize

##### Stream B in Grimond LT3

Complexity science  
The military sphere: geographical and technological aspects  
Models of conflict ... teleological; Kriesberg  
Sociological, political and economic models of conflict  
Formal models of conflict

##### Stream C in Grimond Seminar Room 3

Open Space Technology  
Obama and nuclear weapons - a discussion  
Forum discussion for peace and conflict research centres

##### Displays

Using the medium of art ... 'Visualising Peace and Conflict'  
Scientists for Global Responsibility

##### Conference at a distance

## MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

We hope that those arriving on Monday will join us at some point during the evening - at the Gulbenkian [theatre] café bar. The café bar is open to the public from 8am to 7pm and the Conference has obtained an extension of opening hours till 9pm. The café bar provides a 'non-theatre evening menu' and a full bar with hot and cold alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as snacks, crisps etc. (Light meals till 7pm).

[http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian/cafe\\_bar.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian/cafe_bar.html)

## TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

- 8.00–9.00 Self Service Breakfast: Rutherford Dining Hall, Rutherford College
- 8.45am-5.00pm Grimond: Foyer, Lecture Theatres 2 & 3 (LT2 and LT3) and Seminar Room 3 (SR3)
- 8.45am-5.00pm Registration in Grimond foyer
- 9.15-9.25 Welcome by Professor Hugh Miall on behalf of CARC and by Gordon Burt on behalf of the CRS (in LT2)

9.30-11.00 Sessions

##### **Northern Ireland and conflict transformation LT2**

Transforming Conflict through Grassroots Empowerment:

Learning from the Northern Ireland & Border Counties Peace Programmes

Sandra Buchanan, Ulster U. / INCORE [Tuesday 8 Sept presentation]

Gender and Post-conflict Building in Northern Ireland

António Ramos dos Santos, Lisbon U.

Radical disagreement and systemic conflict transformation

Oliver Ramsbotham, Bradford School of Peace Studies

##### **Complexity science LT3**

1 Complexity Science and Conflict: Theories, Models, Methods and Tools

2 An Invitation to Research: Human Systems Dynamics and Conflict

Glenda Eoyang, Human Systems Dynamics Institute, USA

The intractability of the Cyprus problem through the eyes of complexity science and the pursuing of erroneous priorities

Yiannis Laouris, Chair, Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute

11.00-11.30 Tea / Coffee

11.30-13.00 Sessions

**Global and regional systems LT2**

Interlocking "regional security communities" and the prospects for global peace

Keynote speaker: Professor Hall Gardner, American University of Paris

The World System in Hegemonic Decline: Reactive Networks in Iraq and Afghanistan

Athina Karatzogiani, Hull U.

**The Application of a Complexity Lens to Conflict Transformation 12.30-13.00 LT3**

Lois Yellowthunder, Aging and Disability Services, MC, USA

**A workshop on Open Space Technology, 1 12.30-13.00 SR3**

Galina Yakova, Leeds Metropolitan U

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Sessions

**Middle East Panel LT2**

Muli Peleg, Israel (invited speaker)

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, Hull U. (invited speaker)

Conflict over trees: symbol of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Marwan Darweish, Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies, Coventry U.

**The military sphere: geographical and technological aspects LT3**

Reductionism and Emerging Approaches to technofixing complex conflicts

Steve Wright, Leeds Metropolitan U.

Parallel Landscape: The British training estate and the military spatial complex

Matthew Flintham, Royal College of Art, London

The geography of war

Steve Pickering, Lancaster U.

**A presentation by the winner of the Cedric Smith prize 3.00-3.30 SR3**

3.30-4.00 Tea / Coffee

4.00-5.00 Sessions

**Group and self development LT2**

Peacebuilding in times of peace – the need for vigilance

Elizabeth Mc Donnell, Independent Facilitator and Mediator

Human Energy Management as a practice of self regulation to foster "The Safe Self" (Based on work with students in a Pupil Referral Unit and Sixth Form Centre over an eight year period)

Marianne Zeck, Tapestry

**Models of conflict ... teleological; Kriesberg LT3**

Teleological models of conflict

Hugh Miall, Kent U.

Intractable conflict? The 7 July bombings

Heather Serdar

**SR3**

Obama and nuclear weapons - a discussion

Julie Lloyd, National Health Service, UK

Forum discussion for peace and conflict research centres

Hugh Miall (Conflict Analysis Research Centre, Kent U.); Oliver Ramsbotham (Bradford School of Peace Studies); Steve Wright (School of Applied Global Ethics, Leeds Metropolitan U.); Tom Woodhouse (Bradford School of Peace Studies); and representatives of departments at other universities.

5.00-5.30 Review and Prospect 1: How would you like to carry forward the work of the conference? (LT2)

6.30 Prelude to Conference Dinner

Darwin Conference suite; Darwin College see campus map E5

7.00 Conference Dinner

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Evening The Rutherford Senior Staff Common Room will be available as a 'lounge' area for all participants during the evening.

## WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

8.00–9.00 Self Service Breakfast: Rutherford Dining Hall, Rutherford College

8.45am-2.00pm Grimond: Foyer, Lecture Theatres 2 & 3 and Seminar Room 3

9.00-10.30 Sessions

### **Africa: conflict and peace-building I LT2**

Maritime Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Case of Somali Piracy

Kseniya Oksamytna, Aarhus U., Denmark

Actors in conflict: militarizing women and children in the Niger Delta Nigeria

Tarila Marclint Ebiede, Port Harcourt U., Nigeria and Dr. Ibaba Samuel Ibaba, Niger Delta U., Nigeria.

The Role of Islamic Religion in Peace-building - Dynamics of Identities in Northern Nigeria

Galina Yakova, Leeds Metropolitan U.

### **Sociological, political and economic models of conflict LT3**

Social conflicts in modern society. Towards a new model of conflict.

Anna Adamus-Matuszynska, University of Economics, Katowice, Poland

The politics of power-sharing

Peter Emerson, The de Borda Institute

The Influence of Conflict on the Demand for Education in the Basque Region

Olaf J. de Groot, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

[joint with Idil Göksel of Bocconi University, Milan, Italy]

### **[to be announced] 9.00-10.00 SR3**

Dawn Summers, Open U.

Michelle Veljan, University of Sydney, Australia

10.30-11 Tea / Coffee

11-12.30 Sessions

### **Africa: conflict and peace-building II LT2**

Owning guns but not the process: Involvement of stakeholders in Sierra Leone's programme of Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR)

Walt Kilroy, Dublin City U., Ireland

### **Restorative justice LT2**

1 Developing A Community Embracing Its Diversity and Restoring Its Harmony "When Neighbors Are Not Neighborly"

2 Community Peacemaking Using Restorative Justice Principles

"Establishing a Culture of Harmony in the Presence of Dissonance."

Jim Termotto, The Ethical Thinkers Colloquium, Rochester, USA

### **Formal models of conflict LT3**

Sensitivity and Significance: How to analyse the complexity of conflict dynamics?

Martin Neumann, Bayreuth University

A Catastrophe Theory Model of Governmental Policy Making in a Complex and Conflictive Political Environment

Georg Mueller, Fribourg U., Switzerland

The mathematics of 'non-mathematical' aspects of social conflict

Gordon Burt, Open U.

### **A workshop on Open Space Technology, 2 SR3**

Galina Yakova, Leeds Metropolitan U

12.30-13.00 Review and Prospect 2: How would you like to carry forward the work of the conference? (in LT2)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

### **Displays**

Using the medium of art ... Visualising Peace and Conflict

Zinithiya Ganeshpanchan, Loughborough University, Midland's Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice

Scientists for Global Responsibility

Jane Wilson

### **Conference at a distance**

Accountability of journalists in conflict

Katarina Subasic, Belgrade, Serbia