Conflict Research Society and Conflict Analysis Research Centre

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

Draft Programme

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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

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
   Glenda Eoyang, Human Systems Dynamics Institute, USA
2 An Invitation to Research: Human Systems Dynamics and Conflict

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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 Karatzogianni, 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 techno-fixing 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, Tapestrie

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 21st 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. Ibab Samuel Ibabu, 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
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 Goksel of Bocconi University, Milan, Italy]
[to be announced] 9.00-10.00 SR3
Dawn Summers, Open U.
Michelle Veljain, University of Sydney, Australia

10.30-11  Tea / Coffee

11.30-12.30  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”
Jim Termotto, The Ethical Thinkers Colloquium, Rochester, USA

2 Community Peacemaking Using Restorative Justice Principles
“Establishing a Culture of Harmony in the Presence of Dissonance.”

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
Zinthiya 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