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Presenter Bios

Panel 1: Civil Conflict (I)

Robert Powell (UCB, Political Science) moderator -- is Robson Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley and previously taught at the University of Michigan and Harvard. He specializes in the use of game theory to study international conflict and political conflict more generally. More recently he has focused on the problem of allocating defensive resources against strategic attackers like terrorist groups. He holds a B.S. in mathematics from Harvey Mudd College; an M.Phil in international relations from Cambridge University; and a PhD in economics from Berkeley. He has been a Fulbright Scholar to the United Kingdom and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Benjamin Crost (University of Colorado at Denver, Economics) Aid Under Fire: Development Projects and Civil Conflict -- is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Colorado, Denver. His main research interest is in Applied Econometrics, particularly in the economics of civil conflict and development, and the economics of subjective well-being and happiness. Crost’s current research studies the effects of development projects on civil conflict and the effects of income and employment on subjective happiness. In other work, he has studied the effect of genetically modified cotton on farmers’ yields in India, the role of risk and risk aversion in determining the optimal policy response to climate change, and the effect of the minimum legal drinking age on marijuana consumption.

Michael Callen (UCSD, Political Science) Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: evidence from a field experiment in Afghanistan -- no biography submitted

Benjamin Lessing (UCB, Political Science) The Logic of Violence in Criminal War -- studies 'criminal conflict'—organized armed violence involving non-state actors who, unlike revolutionary insurgents, are not trying to topple the state. Whereas civil wars have become less frequent in the last 20 years, criminal conflict has ravaged the three largest countries in Latin America—Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil—and now threatens to overrun Central America and spill into the US. Lessing’s dissertation
examines armed conflict between drug trafficking organizations and the state in Colombia, Mexico and Brazil. It incorporates results from a data-coding project* he founded and directs, hosted by local NGOs in each country, that is building comparable datasets of violent events related to the drug trade. Additionally, Lessing has studied prison gangs’ pernicious effect on state authority, and the effect of paramilitary groups’ territorial control on electoral outcomes. Prior to his graduate career, he worked for 4 years as a researcher in Rio de Janeiro, at Viva Rio, Brazil’s largest NGO, and founded its Drugs and Human Security program. He also conducted field research in Latin America and the Caribbean for international organizations like Amnesty, Oxfam, and the Small Arms Survey, and was a Fulbright Student Grantee in Argentina and Uruguay. Lessing was awarded an M.A. in Economics from Berkeley in 2009, and holds a B.A. in Economics and Philosophy from Kenyon College.

Panel 2: Multiple Dimensions of Security

**Pradeep Chibber** (UCB, Political Science) *moderator* – is Indo-American Endowed Chair, Bedford Chair, and Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley. He is also Director of the UCB Institute of International Studies. Professor Chhibber studies party systems, party aggregation, and the politics of India. His research examines the relationship between social divisions and party competition and conditions that lead to the emergence of national or regional parties in a nation-state. He received an M.A. and an M.Phil. from the University of Delhi and a Ph.D. from UCLA. He is currently the Indo-American Community Chair in India Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

**T.J. Pempel** (UCB, Political Science) *Regional Institutions and the Economic-Security Nexus: The Northeast Asia Experience* - (Ph.D., Columbia) is Jack M. Forcey Professor in Berkeley's Political Science Department. He joined Berkeley in July 2001 and served as director of the Institute of East Asian Studies from 2002 until 2006. There he held the Il Han New Chair in Asian Studies. Just prior to coming to Berkeley, he was at the University of Washington at Seattle where he was the Boeing Professor of International Studies in the Jackson School of International Studies and an adjunct professor in Political Science. From 1972 to 1991, he was on the faculty at Cornell University; he was also Director of Cornell's East Asia Program. He has also been a faculty member at the University of Colorado and the University of Wisconsin. Professor Pempel's research and teaching focus on comparative politics, political economy, contemporary Japan, and Asian regionalism. His recent books include Remapping East Asia: The Construction of a Region (Cornell University Press), Beyond Bilateralism: U.S.-Japan Relations in the New Asia-Pacific (Stanford University Press), The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis, Regime Shift: Comparative Dynamics of the Japanese Political Economy, and Uncommon Democracies: The One-Party Dominant Regimes (all from Cornell University Press). Earlier books include Policymaking in Contemporary Japan (Cornell University Press), Trading Technology: Europe and Japan in the Middle East (Praeger), and Policy and Politics in Japan: Creative Conservatism (Temple University Press). In addition, he has published over one hundred scholarly articles and chapters in books. Professor Pempel is on editorial boards of several professional journals, and serves on various committees of the American Political Science Association, the Association for Asian Studies, and the Social Science Research Council. He is editor of two forthcoming books on Northeast Asian security.
Vinod Aggerwal (UCB, Political Science) *Linking Security Issues to Trade in Bilateral PTAs: Comparing US and EU Strategy* – is a professor in the Department of Political Science and the Business and Public Policy group in the Haas School of Business, and Director of the Berkeley Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center (BASC) at the University of California at Berkeley. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Business and Politics*, and Co-Chair of the U.S. Consortium of APEC Study Centers. From 1991-1994, he chaired the Political Economy of Industrial Societies Program at UC Berkeley.

Dr. Aggarwal received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his M.A. and Ph.D. with a focus on international political economy from Stanford University. He has held fellowships from the Brookings Institution, Rockefeller Foundation, Council on Foreign Relations, East-West Center, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and he currently holds an Abe Fellowship from the Japan Foundation for 2008-2009. He has also been a Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, the University of Geneva’s IOMBA program, INSEAD, Yonsei University, and Bocconi University. He is also a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations and founding member of the U.S. Asia Pacific Council.

Dr. Aggarwal consults regularly with multinational corporations on strategy, trade policy, and international negotiations. He has been a consultant to the Mexican Government, the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Defense Department, U.S. State Department, World Trade Organization, OECD, the Group of Thirty, IFAD, the International Labor Organization, ASEAN, and the World Bank. In 1990, he was Special Adviser on Trade Negotiations to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and has worked with the APEC Eminent Persons Group. In 1997, he won the Cheit Outstanding Teaching Award at the Haas School of Business for PhD teaching.

Prof. Aggarwal has also published over 70 articles and book chapters on the politics of trade and finance. His current research examines comparative regionalism in Europe, North America, and Asia with a focus on implications for the international system and multinational corporations. Dr. Aggarwal speaks five languages. He was born in Seattle, Washington.

Erik Gartzke (UCSD, Political Science) *Nuclear Arsenal Size and Conventional Conflict* – is associate professor in the Department of Political Science at UC San Diego. Professor Gartzke studies the impact of information on war, peace and international institutions. Students of international politics are increasingly aware that what leaders and others know or believe is key to understanding fundamental international processes. Professor Gartzke's research has appeared in *the American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, the Journal of Conflict Resolution, the Journal of Politics* and elsewhere. He is currently working on two books, one on globalization and the other on the democratic peace, as well as dozens of articles. Professor Gartzke received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1997.

Robert Brown (Temple University, Political Science) *Controlling the Absolute Weapon* - is assistant professor of political science at Temple University, where he teaches courses on international relations
theory and international security. He received his Ph.D. in political science from UC San Diego in June 2008 after completing his dissertation on why countries use international organizations to cooperate on nuclear and chemical weapons but not for biological weapons. His research interests more broadly include international relations theory, international organizations, international security issues, nuclear deterrence, and sovereignty issues. He has an M.A. in international affairs from the George Washington University’s Elliott School, where his studies focused on security regimes in Northeast and Southeast Asia, and a B.A. in political science with a minor in Japanese studies from the University of California, where his studies focused on Northeast Asian political economy and development. He has also interned at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., and worked previously on nuclear and Northeast Asian security issues at the Nautilus Institute.

Philipp C. Bleek (Monterey Institute of International Studies, International Policy and Management)  
*Does Proliferation Beget Proliferation?* - is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of International Policy and Management at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, A Graduate School of Middlebury College, where he began teaching in January 2011, and a fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. Before that he was both a pre- and post-doctoral fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard, where he wrote his dissertation focused on nuclear weapons proliferation dynamics. He served on candidate Barack Obama’s foreign policy team, focusing on nonproliferation issues, during the 2008 campaign and has been a visiting fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a non-resident fellow at the Center for a New American Security, and a visiting scholar at the John F. Kennedy Institut of the Freie Universitaet in Berlin. He has published on proliferation issues through Stanford University Press, National Academies Press, Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and the *Nonproliferation Review*, among others. He has participated in both the IGCC’s Public Policy and Nuclear Threats and Public Policy and Biological Threats Programs.

Panel 3: Civil Conflict (II)

**T.J. Pempel** (UCB, Political Science) – *moderator* - (see above for full bio) is Jack M. Forcey Professor in Berkeley's Political Science Department. He jointed Berkeley in July 2001 and served as director of the Institute of East Asian Studies from 2002 until 2006. There he held the II Han New Chair in Asian Studies.

**Mariane C. Ferme** (UCB, Anthropology) *Rumors, Facts, and Opinions: Concerning the “Rebel Cross” Incident during the 1991-2002 Sierra Leone Civil War* - is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and African Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She is currently completing a book manuscript on War and the Political Imagination in Sierra Leone, and has done comparative research on the Sierra Leone Special Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. She is the author of *The Underneath of Things: Violence, History and the Everyday in Sierra Leone* (U of California Press, 2001), has co-edited a special issue of *Politique Africaine* on the regionalization of conflict in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Cote d’Ivoire (2002), and of articles and chapters on electoral politics, the evolution of chiefship, political culture, and transitional justice mechanisms in Africa.
Willa Friedman (UCB, Economics) Local Economic Conditions and Participation in the Rwandan Genocide - is a PhD Candidate in Economics at UC Berkeley. Her research spans the field of development economics, with a focus on East Africa. Her current research projects look at the impact of education on political beliefs in Kenya, causes of participation in violence in Rwanda, and the behavioral impacts of the distribution of antiretroviral drugs in Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda. Before graduate school, she coordinated school-based randomized trials in Western Kenya for researchers with the Jameel Poverty Action Lab.

Gabriella R. Montinola (UCD, Political Science) Foreign Aid, Regime Type, and the Repression of Dissent - is Associate Professor of Political Science at UC Davis. Her current research focuses on the domestic consequences of international economic flows. In particular, she is working on a series of papers on the effects of foreign aid. The first paper “Does Foreign Aid Support Autocrats, Democrats or Both?” is published in the Journal of Politics (2009). A companion piece “When Does Aid Conditionality Work?” is published in Studies for Comparative International Development (2010). Her previous work focused on the causes of corruption and the rule of law across countries, and more specifically in the Philippines.

Poster Presenters

Ella Ben Hagai (UCSC, Social Psychology) Beliefs Predicting Peace, Beliefs Predicting War: Jewish Americans and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - is a 3rd year graduate student in Social Psychology at the University of California Santa Cruz. She received a Masters degree in Cognitive Anthropology from the London School of Economics and Bachelor degree in Psychology from UC Berkeley. Her research uses qualitative and quantitative data to explore the narratives associated with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict among Jewish Israelis and Jewish Americans.

Shannon Callahan (UCD, Psychology) Buildings and belonging: Understanding the motivational underpinnings of conflicts over group identity symbols - is in her third year of the social psychology doctoral program at the University of California, Davis. She received a B.S. in peace and conflict studies and psychology from Juniata College and a M.S. in experimental psychology from Seton Hall University. She is a member and lab manager of the Attitudes and Group Identity Lab, and her research focuses on how the identities, beliefs, and motivations of different groups contribute to intergroup and intragroup relations. She is currently studying what drives people to use symbols to represent their group identity and what effect symbols can have on group perception and intergroup conflict.

Bob Chen (UCSD, Mathematics) Optimizing Economic Boundaries of Multinational Organizations: A Graph Theoretic Approach - is a 2nd year doctoral student in Mathematics at University of California, San Diego under Jacques Verstraete. His research interests include graph theory, hypergraph theory, and probabilistic methods.
Dana Dooley (UCD, Sociology) Eastern Europe as a Politicized Place - is a third-year student in the sociology Ph.D. program at UC Davis. Currently her research focuses on anti-immigrant attitudes in post-Communist Eastern Europe, such as to add insight to how state actors construct categories of political belonging and how those categories get understood, interpreted, and applied by the public. This current project is a work-in-progress for her qualifying paper. In the future, she hopes to examine how religious identity (specifically Christian) influences how one understands political belonging, specifically the rights and obligations of citizenship (particularly in America).

Catherine Garoupa White (UCD, Geography) California’s San Joaquin Valley and Air Quality - is a geography graduate student and a researcher at the University of California, Davis. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies from UC Santa Barbara and a Master of Social Work from California State University, Fresno. Catherine is a proud 3rd generation San Joaquin Valley resident with a background working on social and environmental justice issues locally and globally, most recently as organizer then director for the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ). Her research interests include physical planning, public health, sustainability, equity, and collaborative processes.

Jacob Hughes (UCSD, Mathematics) Optimizing Economic Boundaries of Multinational Organizations: A Graph Theoretic Approach - is a 4th year doctoral student in Mathematics at University of California, San Diego under Fan Chung Graham. His primary area of research is random processes on graphs, and applications of graph theory to real world networks.

Chelsea Johnson (UCB, Political Science) Election Violence in Democratizing States - is a Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley with an emphasis on the comparative politics of domestic conflict, ethnic politics, and African area studies. Her dissertation research explores a cross-national comparison of negotiated settlements to domestic conflicts worldwide, with a particular focus on variation in the design and implementation of power-sharing institutions in post-conflict societies. This research has been funded by the John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies through UC-Berkeley’s Institute for International Studies, as well as a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Education. During the 2009-2010 academic year, Chelsea lead a team of undergraduate researchers through UC-Berkeley’s Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP), which resulted in the development of an original dataset codifying election-related violent events in 590 elections worldwide between 1985 and 2005. In addition to her research, she has instructed courses on comparative politics, the African AIDS epidemic, ethnic politics and conflict, and democracy in the developing world.

Franklin H.J. Kenter (UCSD, Mathematics) Optimizing Economic Boundaries of Multinational Organizations: A Graph Theoretic Approach - is also a 4th year doctoral student in Mathematics at University of California, San Diego under Fan Chung Graham specializing in the spectral properties of directed graphs. He is an amateur board game designer as well as an amateur constitutional scholar.
Cynthia Morris (UCSC, Ethnomusicology) *Aloha Oe: Politics and the Prison Songs of Lili‘uokalani* - is a native of Hilo, Hawaii. She is a Japanese American whose family roots stretch back in the Hawaiian Islands for over a century. She attended California State University, Northridge where she was awarded her Bachelor of Arts in saxophone. After graduation, Ms. Morris made her way into the film industry where she spent the next several years working as part of the film editing crew on various motion pictures including *Awakenings*, *The Last of the Mohicans*, *Spy Kids* and the *Matrix* sequels. In 2010 Morris enrolled at the University of California at Santa Cruz to pursue an advanced degree in Ethnomusicology. Her research is focused on the protest music of Hawaii. She spends her weekends in Los Angeles with her husband Ed, playing traditional American music with friends and neighbors.

Ting Ni (UCB, Political Science) *The Justifications and Rallying Cry of Action, Using the Concept of “Mobilizing Narratives”* – no biography submitted

Jay Logan Rogers (UCD, History) *Cold War or Holy War?: The American Right’s Reaction to Political Islam During the Middle East Crises of 1979* - is a Ph.D. candidate in U.S. History at the University of California at Davis. He earned an M.A. in History from the University of Utah in 2008. He presented research at the 2008 Western History Association Annual Conference and the 2010 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting.

Cody Ross (UCD, Anthropology) *The Rise and Persistence of Somali Piracy: An Approach to Policy Rooted in Human Behavioral Ecology* - is a PhD student at UC Davis studying Evolutionary Anthropology and Human Behavioral Ecology. He is primarily interested in the intersection of pure and applied research on human behavior. Ross’ perspective is rooted in evolutionary ecological theory, as the theories and models used therein are both mathematically principled and cross-culturally robust. He is a serious proponent of interdisciplinary and mixed methods research, and believes that the progressive research institution need be based both on rigorous attention to principled theory and quantitative data, as well as on personal immersion in the contexts one studies, coupled with an fierce but intelligent empathy for that way of life. His specific research interests include Hizbullah and the institution of martyrdom in Lebanon, and illegal fishing pressure and the rise of piracy in Somalia.

Colleen Spurlock (UCD, Horticulture and Agronomy) *Agricultural Extension for Mayan Peasants of San Marcos, Guatemala* - is in her second year of the horticulture and agronomy masters program at UC-Davis. She has been working with the Guatemalan NGO Alma Cautiva for 3 years, helping poor Mayan people who live in the very conflicted area on the Mexican-Guatemalan border. Spurlock has been a graduate student research (GSR) working on the UC-Davis dry bean field research and breeding program for hands on training and has adapted what she learned to Guatemalan climate and farming practices. She grew up in New Jersey and has a BS in agricultural biotechnology and minor in Biology from the University of Kentucky. After finishing her MA degree, she hopes to continue working on agricultural projects for conflict resolution in Guatemala.
Christopher Paul Steiner (UCSD, Economics) *Optimizing Economic Boundaries of Multinational Organizations: A Graph Theoretic Approach* - is a 4th year doctoral student in Economics at University of California, San Diego. His research is in environmental economics, particularly fisheries, and public finance.

Shijie Yang (UCSD, International Relations and Pacific Studies) *The Domestic Resource of RMB's Regionalization* is a graduate student of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at UCSD. Her career track is International Politics and regional focus is China and South East Asia. Yang’s research areas focuses on international political economy and East Asian regional cooperation through the perspective of domestic politics and institutional obstacles. In addition, she is interested in institutional determinant of ethnic relations: how ethnic relations are translated into and from choices of constitutional structure in authoritarian and democratization countries. Within this large scope, projects of Chinese leadership politics and US-China relations on Climate Change issue have been researched under the guidance of Professor Susan Shirk. Yang has served as a researcher for IGCC’s Project on the Study of Innovation (SITC) under Tai Ming. She has also conducted research on Malaysia and Indonesia’s election system and party structure under Professor Matthew Shugart.