Engaging Fragile States
A Joint USIP-ESOC Meeting
Cosponsored by the US Institute of Peace and National Science Foundation
May 19-20, 2016
US Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037

AGENDA

Thursday, May 19
Location: Simon Conference room unless otherwise noted.

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM   Breakfast available (Leland Atrium)

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM   Welcome
Ethan Kapstein, US Institute of Peace
Jeffrey Helsing, US Institute of Peace
Jacob Shapiro, Princeton University
Joseph Felter, Stanford University

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM  Perspectives on Bridging Research and Policy
Moderator: Carla Koppell, US Institute of Peace
Adnan Khan, International Growth Centre
Sharon Morris, US Department of State

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Sessions

Session A: Policy-oriented Research Issues (Simon Conference Room)
Moderator: Joseph Felter, Stanford University
Christine Abizaid, US Department of Defense
Alexa Courtney, US Institute of Peace

Session B: Methods (Kathwari Amphitheatre)
Moderator: Jacob Shapiro, Princeton University
- Second-Stage Sampling for Conflict Areas: Methods and Implications
  Kristen Himelein, World Bank
- Understanding Civil War Violence through Military Intelligence:
  Mining Civilian Targeting Records from the Vietnam War
  Rex Douglass, UC San Diego
**POLICY SESSIONS**

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM  Lunch *(George P. Shultz Great Hall)*  
Introduction: **Joseph Felter**, Stanford University  
Speaker: **Joel Hellman**, Georgetown University

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM  Break

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  Policy Relevant Research  
Moderator: **Jacob Shapiro**, Princeton University  
Discussant: **Radha Iyengar**, RAND

- Export Crops and Civil Conflict: Evidence from the Philippines  
  **Benjamin Crost**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
  **Joseph Felter**, Stanford University  
- Monitoring Conflict to Reduce Violence: Evidence from a Satellite Intervention in Darfur  
  **Grant Gordon**, Columbia University
- Conflict and Poverty in Afghanistan’s Transition  

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  ESOC: A Decade of Lessons Learned  
**Eli Berman**, UC San Diego  
**Joseph Felter**, Stanford University  
**Jacob Shapiro**, Princeton University

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Reception *(Leland Atrium)*

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  Dinner *(George P. Shultz Great Hall)*  
Policy Approaches to Fragile States  
Introduction: **Ethan Kapstein**, US Institute of Peace  
Moderator: **Alex Thier**, CEO of Triple Helix and Former Chief of Policy, Planning, and Learning, USAID  
Discussion: **William B. Taylor** (Ambassador, retired), Executive Vice President, US Institute of Peace  
**Alexandre Marc**, Chief Specialist, Fragility, Conflict, & Violence, World Bank  
**Linwood Ham**, Director, Global Policy Team, US Institute of Peace
**Friday, May 20 - ACADEMIC CONFERENCE**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  
Breakfast available *(Leland Atrium)*

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM  
Welcome  
**Jacob Shapiro**, Princeton University  
**Joseph Felter**, Stanford University

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| 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM | **The Effect of Prenatal Stress on Cooperation: Evidence from a Public Goods Game in Post-Conflict Uganda**  
**Francesco Cecchi**  
University of Groningen  
(with Jan Duchoslav)  
Discussant:  
**Michael Callen**  
Harvard University  
| **Concession Stands: How Foreign Investment Incites Protest in Africa**  
**Darin Christensen**  
UCLA  
Discussant:  
**Renard Sexton**  
New York University  |
| 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM | Break                                                                                   |                                                                                      |
| 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM | **Village Network Structures and Political Violence: Evidence from the Philippines**  
**Cesi Cruz**  
University of British Columbia  
Discussant:  
**Tarek Ghani**  
Washington U. in St. Louis  
| **Preparing for Genocide: Community Meetings in Rwanda**  
**Thorsten Rogall**  
University of British Columbia  
(with Evelina Bonnier, Jonas Poulsen, and Miri Stryjan)  
Discussant:  
**Benjamin Crost**  
U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  |
| 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Break                                                                                   |                                                                                      |
| 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM | **Reading Between the Lines: The Prediction of Political Violence Using Newspaper Text**  
**Hannes Mueller**  
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics  
(with Christopher Rauh)  
Discussant:  
**Graeme Blair**  
UCLA  
| **Economic Shocks and Rebel Tactics: Evidence from Colombia**  
**Austin Wright**  
University of Chicago  
Discussant:  
**Juan Vargas**  
Universidad del Rosario  |
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