Simons Series in the Social Dynamics of Peace and Conflict – Fall 2012 Update

Since March 2009, the School for International Studies at Simon Fraser University has sponsored a seminar series that explores the social dynamics of peace and conflict. Generously funded by the Simons Foundation, the series continues in the coming academic year when several speakers—each giving both a public lecture and a research seminar—will visit. The intention is to advance public awareness and debate over key issues of peace and conflict, and to promote research excellence. A schedule is provided below; all are most welcome to attend!

SPRING 2013

Scott Straus, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Dates: 4 & 5 February
Topics: Rethinking genocide; electoral violence and the decline of civil conflict in Africa

Peter Katzenstein, Carpenter Professor of International Studies, Cornell University

Dates: 8 & 9 April
Topics: TBA

Previous Talks

Scott Gates, Director, Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute Oslo, and Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology – March 2012

Public Lecture: ‘The Development Consequences of Conflict’

Roger Petersen, Sloan Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology – October 2011

Research Seminar: ‘Social Science and the Iraq Insurgency’
Public Lecture: ‘The Strategic Use of Emotion in Conflict’

Joshua Goldstein, Professor Emeritus, School of International Service, American University – September 2011
Public Lecture: ‘Winning the War on War: The Decline of Armed Conflict Worldwide’

**Jason Lyall**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University – **September 2011**

Public Lecture: ‘Five Myths about Counterinsurgency: Lessons from Afghanistan and Elsewhere’

**Severine Autesserre**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University – **March 2011**

Research Seminar: ‘When the West Meets the Rest - Understanding How International Peacebuilding Operates on the Ground’
Public Lecture: ‘The Trouble with the Congo - Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding’

**Elisabeth Jean Wood**, Professor of Political Science, Yale University & Research Professor, Santa Fe Institute – **October 2010**

Research Seminar: ‘Explaining Variation in Wartime Sexual Violence - Evidence from Colombia’
Public Lecture: ‘Sexual Violence During War - Rape Is Not Inevitable’

**Christopher Blattman**, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Economics & Research Associate, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University – **October 2009**

Research Seminar: ‘The Industrial Organization of Rebellion - The Logic of Coercion and Child Soldiering’
Public Lecture: ‘Child Soldiering - Myth and Reality’

**Kristian Berg Harpviken**, Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) – **October 2009**

Public Lecture: ‘Afghanistan and its Troublesome Neighbourhood’

**Michael Barnett**, University Professor, George Washington University – **September 2009**

Research Seminar: ‘International Paternalism - A Qualified Defense’
Public Lecture: ‘Humanitarianism in a World of Hurt’

**Hans Peter Schmitz**, Associate Professor, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs & Research Associate, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University – **April 2009**

Research Seminar: ‘The Strategic Pursuit of Impact - Advocacy Groups in Global Politics’
Public Lecture: ‘Accountability without Learning - A Look Inside Transnational NGOs’
Beth Simmons, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs & Director, Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University – March 2009

Research Seminar: ‘Credible Commitments and the International Criminal Court’
Public Lecture: ‘Mobilizing for Human Rights - International Law in Domestic Politics’