

Call for Papers

„The Global Costs of Conflict“

International Research Workshop of the
Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) and the
German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

1-2 February 2010
DIW Berlin, Berlin, Germany

The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) and the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) are organizing an international research workshop on calculating the costs of conflict and related themes. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together researchers from different institutes and to compare cutting-edge theoretical, empirical and methodological research on how to calculate the costs of conflict and on related themes.

Violent conflict is known to be a costly affair, both at a microeconomic level and from a cross-country perspective. The actual magnitude of these costs is, however, still subject to debate. Many questions in this field of research remain unresolved and could benefit from an international combination of efforts. It is particularly important to debate at the same time theoretical, empirical and methodological perspectives and to finding synergies between analyses at the micro- and at the macro-levels.

For that reason, DIW Berlin and HiCN will organize a workshop in which scholars from all disciplines and all levels of seniority can present work that is related to the theoretical, empirical and methodological foundations of the calculation of the global costs of conflict. A non-exhaustive list of research topics may include:

- Magnitude of the costs of conflict in cross-country analysis
- Effects on health and schooling
- Household coping strategies in (post-)conflict situations
- The relationship between conflict and foreign investment
- Accounting techniques for the calculation of conflict costs
- Case studies on the estimation of the costs of military disputes
- Case studies on the cost-benefit analyses of military interventions
- International spillover effects of conflict on neighboring countries
- Methodological and data issues in calculating the costs of conflict

Other papers of relevance to the micro-level analysis of mass violent conflict are also welcome. Preference will be given to previously unpublished but complete papers aimed to make an academic contribution.

Please send your completed paper and a short cv (maximum two pages) both in PDF format to Ms. Mira Purska (mpurska@diw.de) by 1 December 2009. Persons whose paper is selected for presentation will be notified by 20 December 2009.

Limited funding is available for selected participants from developing countries and for researchers in the early stages of their careers who do not receive funding from their home institutions. We will automatically inform selected authors of funding availability at the time of notification. Financial support from the German Foundation for Peace Research as part of the project on the Global Economic Costs of Conflict is gratefully acknowledged.

For further information, visit www.diw.de/gecc and www.hicn.org.

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