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Call for Papers

Fourth Annual Workshop Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

**Yale University, New Haven CT
December 5-6, 2008**

The Fourth Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network will take place in December 5-6 2008 at Yale University, where it will be organised in collaboration with the Program on Order, Conflict and Violence. The purpose of the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) is to bring together cutting edge empirical and theoretical micro-level research on the nature, causes and consequences of violent conflict. This year's workshop will focus on the relationship between micro and macro-level conflict processes.

The outbreak, duration and consequences of civil wars and other forms of violent conflict have attracted the attention of many scholars in recent years. Significant studies have highlighted the role played by resource predation, power-grabbing, grievances, social discontent and the protection of the status of elites in the outbreak and duration of civil wars. Most existing research is based on national-level analyses, which implicitly assume the course of armed conflict to be determined by the preferences and behaviour of elites (either state elites or rebel group leaders). However, at a fundamental level, violent armed conflicts originate from the behaviour and motivations, not only of rebel groups, elites and the state army, but also ordinary members of society. At the same time, violent conflicts mould the behaviour of individuals in ways that determine the onset, organisation and duration of collective violence, as well as the functioning of local and national institutions and the sustainability of processes of state and nation-building. Currently, these fundamental links between micro-level conflict processes and the macro-level organisation of institutions and state and elite behaviour are not well-understood. The organisers of the Fourth Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network invite the submission of papers addressing these important issues.

We also welcome papers on other areas of micro-level conflict analysis. As usual, we particularly encourage the submission of empirical papers based on innovative micro-level surveys. A non-exhaustive list of research topics may include:

- Triggers of collective violence grounded on individual interactions and/or group identities
- Relationship between individual/household risk, security and coping mechanisms
- Dynamic links between poverty, inequality, social exclusion and violent conflict
- Relationship between common resource management and violent conflict
- Gender aspects of violent conflict
- Impact of violent conflict on household/individual health status
- Impact of violent conflict on migration and population displacement (including the role of refugees)
- Measuring conflict and the costs of conflict
- Qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis

Please send your completed paper in MS Word or PDF format and a short biography (100 words maximum) to John Spall (j.spall@ids.ac.uk) before September 30, 2008. Persons whose paper is selected for presentation will be notified before October 31, 2008. Limited funding is available for selected participants from developing countries and researchers in early stages of their career who do not receive funding from their home institution. We will automatically inform selected authors of funding availability at the time of the notification. Further information on HiCN can be found at www.hicn.org.

Keynote speakers:

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