

EMPIRICAL STUDIES OF CONFLICT ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA | DIRECTORY

OCTOBER 14 – 15, 2022 | BERKELEY, CA

The Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) launched in 2009 to support research on insurgency, civil war, and other politically motivated violence, worldwide. Today, ESOC identifies and compiles a wide range of micro-level data to empower scholarship and to help address pressing security threats. Beyond supporting research, we are committed to enabling policy responses to challenges related to political violence, ranging from civil war to economic development to misinformation campaigns.

Location: The Brower Center at the University of California, Berkeley

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 a.m. *Breakfast Available*

9:00 a.m. WELCOME | Tamalpais Room

Eli Berman, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, Joe Felter, Ethan Kapstein, Aila Matanock

9:15 a.m. SESSION 1: PANEL ON FORCIBLE DISPLACEMENT | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Austin Wright (University of Chicago)

Refugees, Diversity and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa | *Rana Cömertpay (University of Luxembourg)*

Who Flees Conflict? A Big Data Approach to the Determinants of Forced Migration
| *Aidan Milliff (Stanford)*

Changing Hearts and Minds: Combining Information and Perspective-Getting Interventions to Increase Public Support for Refugees | *Claire Adida & Lauren Prather (UC San Diego)*

Discussant | Jane Esberg (University of Pennsylvania)

11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:15 a.m. ROUNDTABLES

Policy Engagement – Doing a Stint in Government | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Aila Matanock (UC Berkeley)

Panelists | Neil Narang (UC Santa Barbara), Claire Adida (UC San Diego), Joe Felter (Stanford), Jim Fearon (Stanford)

Ethics in Conflict Research | Kinzie Room

Chair | Graeme Blair (UC Los Angeles)

Panelists | Dotan Haim (Florida State University), Michael Weintraub (Universidad de Los Andes), Lauren Young (UC Davis)

12:15 p.m. *Lunch - Research “Match Making” Tables*

1:30 p.m. SESSION 2

Panel on Policing | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Aila Matanock (UC Berkeley)

How Community-Oriented Policing Affects Police Officers | Dotan Haim (Florida State University)

Preaching to the Choir: A Problem of Participatory Interventions | Dorothy Kronick (UC Berkeley)

Border Fortification and Legibility: Evidence from Afghanistan | Christopher Blair (Princeton)

Discussants | Graeme Blair (UC Los Angeles) and Michael Weintraub (Universidad de los Andes)

Panel on Online Conflict Dimensions | Kinzie Room

Chair | Eli Berman (IGCC)

Get Out the Vote with Violence: Opposition Mobilization in Violent Elections | Justine Davis (University of Michigan)

Political Competition in Wartime Coalitions: Iraq and the Islamic State | Austin Knuppe (Utah State University)

The Oath Keepers: Payment Required | Danny Klinenberg (UC Santa Barbara)
Discussant | Connor Huff (Rice University)

3:15 p.m. *Break*

3:30 p.m. **SESSION 3**

Panel on Natural Resources | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Ethan Kapstein (Princeton)

The Point of Attack: Where and Why Does Oil Cause Armed Conflict in Africa? | Michael Gibilisco (Caltech)

Agricultural Shocks & Conflict in the Short- and Long-Term: Evidence from Locust Swarms | Pierre Biscaye (UC Berkeley)

Discussant | Anouk Rigterink (Durham University)

Panel on Rebels | Kinzie Room

Chair | Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (University of Chicago)

Rebel Governance and Development: The Long-Term Effects of Guerrillas in El Salvador | Antonella Bandiera (ITAM)

The Logic & Impacts of Rebel Public Services Provision: Evidence from Taliban Courts in Afghanistan | Donald Grasse (University of Southern California)

Choosing Sides: The Price for Battlefield Loyalty under Autocracy | Roya Talibova (University of Michigan)

Discussant | Lauren Prather (UC San Diego)

5:00 p.m. **Reception with Keynote | Jamey Dumas, Senior Intelligence Officer, The National Counterterrorism Center's Directorate of Intelligence**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 a.m. *Breakfast Available*

8:45 a.m. SESSION 4

Panel on Latin America | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Luke Condra (University of Pittsburgh)

Landmines: The Local Effects of Demining | Juan Vargas (Universidad del Rosario)

Police Killings: Revenge or Collateral Damage? | Ana Paula Pellegrino (Georgetown)

Do Third Parties Reduce Commitment Problems After Civil War? Microfoundational Evidence from Ex-Combatants in Colombia | Michael Weintraub (Universidad de los Andes)

Discussant | Sarah Daly (Columbia University) and Natalia Garbiras-Díaz (European University Institute)

Panel on Crime | Kinzie Room

Chair | Renard Sexton (Emory)

Criminal Fragmentation in Mexico | Jane Esberg (University of Pennsylvania)

The Political Economy of Assassinations | Mariana Carvalho (Brown University)

Democracy under Assault: Electoral Reform and Political Violence | José Ramón Enríquez (Harvard)

Does Victim Gender Matter for Justice Delivery? Evidence from Women's Complaints in India | Nirvikar Jassal (London School of Economics)

Discussants | Chelsea Estancona (University of South Carolina) and Renard Sexton (Emory)

11:15 a.m. *Break*

11:30 a.m. ROUNDTABLES

Policy Engagement II – From Outside Government | Tamalpais Room

Chair | Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (University of Chicago)

Panelists | Juan Vargas (Universidad del Rosario), Jon Mummolo (Princeton), Lindsay Morgan (IGCC), Austin Wright (Chicago), Sam Winter-Levy (IWI/Princeton)

Innovation in Data Collection Including Engagement with Tech | Kinzie Room

Chair | Renard Sexton (Emory)

Panelists | Danny Klinenberg (UC Santa Barbara), Justine Davis (Michigan), Jane Esberg (UPenn)

12:30 p.m. Wrap Up | Tamalpais Room

Eli Berman, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, Joe Felter, Ethan Kapstein, Aila Matanock

BIOGRAPHIES

LEADERSHIP

Eli Berman is IGCC Research Director for International Security Studies and professor of economics at UC San Diego. He co-directs the Economics of National Security group at the National Bureau of Economic Research and helps lead the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project. He is president of the Economics of National Security Association. Publications include *Proxy Wars* (with David Lake, 2019), *Small Wars, Big Data: The Information Revolution in Modern Conflict* (with Jacob N. Shapiro and Joseph H. Felter, 2018) and *Radical, Religious and Violent: The New Economics of Terrorism* (2009). Recent grants supporting his research have come from the Minerva Research Initiative and the National Science Foundation. Berman received his PhD in economics from Harvard University.

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita is the Sydney Stein Professor and Deputy Dean at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. His research focuses on applications of game theoretic models to a variety of political phenomena including conflict, political violence, and electoral accountability. He has also written extensively on methodological issues concerning the relationship between theory and empirics in the social sciences. He is the author or co-author of *Political Economy for Public Policy*, *Theory and Credibility*, and *Thinking Clearly with Data* (all from Princeton University Press) as well as many articles in both political science and economics. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, and the United States Institute of Peace. Before coming to the University of Chicago, Ethan taught in the political science department at Washington University in St. Louis. He received his BA from the University of Chicago in 1996 and his MA and PhD from Harvard University in 2003. **Joe**

Felter is a William J. Perry Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and research fellow at the Hoover Institution. From 2017 to 2019, Felter served as US deputy assistant secretary of defense for South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania. There he was the principal advisor for all policy matters pertaining to development and implementation of defense strategies and plans in the region and responsible for managing bilateral security relationships and guiding Department of Defense (DoD) engagement with multilateral institutions. At Stanford, Felter is codirector of the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project and coauthor of *Hacking for Defense*, a defense innovation-focused academic curriculum sponsored by the DoD and taught at more than 20 universities across the country. His research focuses on addressing politically motivated violence. A former US Army Special Forces and Foreign Area officer, Joe served in a variety of special operations and diplomatic assignments across East and Southeast Asia. His combat deployments include Panama with the 75th Ranger Regiment, Iraq with a Joint Special Operations Task Force, and Afghanistan, where he commanded the COMISAF Counterinsurgency Advisory and Assistance Team, reporting directly to Generals Stanley McChrystal and David Petraeus. He received a BS from the US Military Academy at West Point, a masters in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a graduate certificate in management from the University of West Australia, and a PhD in political science from Stanford University.

Ethan B. Kapstein is Co-Director of the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project at the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (esoc.princeton.edu). Kapstein's research and teaching focus on the political economy of development, especially in conflict-affected countries. At Princeton he has supervised MPA policy workshops on such topics as Stabilization

Policy; the Civilian Surge to Afghanistan; the Sustainability of Millennium Challenge Corporation projects; and Preventing Violent Extremism in Kenya, and he offers a regular undergraduate course on insurgency. His most recent book, *Exporting Capitalism: Private Enterprise and US Foreign Policy* (Harvard University Press 2022) traces American efforts to promote private sector development across the developing world. An earlier book (with Josh Busby), *AIDS Drugs for All: Social Movements and Market Transformations* (Cambridge University Press 2013), won the Don K. Price Award for best book from the American Political Science Association's section on Science, Technology and Environmental Studies. Kapstein is a retired US naval officer and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Aila M. Matanock is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research examines a variety of international and domestic influences on the stability of fragile states, especially elections in these contexts, bringing together insights from international relations and comparative politics. In recent work, she looks at policing and community attitudes during crisis. She seeks to better understand how different actors can foster peace and improve governance outcomes. She uses case studies, survey experiments, and cross-national data in this work. She has conducted fieldwork in Colombia, Central America, Melanesia, Southeast Asia, and elsewhere. She has received funding for these projects from many sources, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Minerva Research Initiative, the National Center for the Study of Terrorism and the Response to Terrorism (START), and the Center for Global Development (CGD). Her 2017 book, *Electing Peace: From Civil Conflict to Political Participation*, was published by Cambridge University Press. It won the 2018 Charles H. Levine Memorial Book Prize and was a runner up for the 2018 Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize. It is based on her dissertation research at Stanford University, which won the 2013 Helen Dwight

Reid award from the American Political Science Association. Her work has also been published by the Annual Review of Political Science, Governance, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, and elsewhere. She worked at the RAND Corporation before graduate school, and she has held fellowships at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at UCSD since. She received her Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University and her A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard University.

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Claire Adida is a professor in the Department of Political Science at UC San Diego, as well as a faculty affiliate with the Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL), the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies (CCIS), the Stanford Immigration Policy Lab, and the Evidence in Governance and Politics Groups (EGAP). She uses quantitative methods to study how countries manage new and existing forms of diversity. She has applied this question to the study of immigrant exclusion and ethnic politics in urban West Africa, France, and the United States. Her current research investigates the conditions that reduce out-group discrimination, and the strategies vulnerable minorities employ to navigate discriminatory environments. She received her PhD in political science from Stanford University in 2010.

Antonella Bandiera is an Assistant Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), in Mexico City. She specializes in the political economy of development, and her research focuses on the causes and consequences of bad governance, including forced migration, illegal markets, corruption, violence, and crime. In her work, Antonella uses quantitative approaches to causal inference, including experimental and quasi-experimental designs. She is currently working on projects in Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Paraguay, Bolivia, and

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Pierre Biscaye is PhD candidate in Agricultural & Resource Economics at the University of California at Berkeley. He studies microeconomics in the context of agriculture, environment, gender, and energy in developing countries, primarily exploiting natural experiments and publicly available data to conduct empirical research. His current research explores the long-term impacts of natural disasters among agricultural communities in African countries. He received his BA from Whitworth University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington. Prior to starting his PhD at Berkeley, he spent four years as a research manager for the Evans School Policy Analysis and Research Group and worked for non-profit organizations on projects in East and West Africa. He lived for 10 years in Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal, and Cambodia while growing up and has worked in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, and Tanzania on a variety of development projects.

Christopher Blair is an Instructor—converting to Assistant Professor in Fall 2023—in the Department of Politics at Princeton University. His work spans international relations and comparative politics, with a substantive focus on the political economy of conflict and migration. He specifically studies counterinsurgency, forced displacement, and public opinion on foreign policy. Chris holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. with Highest Distinction in Politics and History from the University of Virginia.

Graeme Blair is an associate professor of political science at UCLA and serves as Co-Director of Training and Methods of Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP). Graeme uses experiments, field research, and statistics to study how to reduce violence and how to

improve social science research. He works primarily in Nigeria, often in partnership with government, civil society, or international organizations. His work is published in journals including *Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Science Advances*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, and *Political Analysis*. His book manuscript on community policing is under advance contract with Cambridge University Press and his book on research design is forthcoming with Princeton University Press. He is the recipient of the Leamer-Rosenthal Prize for Open Social Science, the Society for Political Methodology best statistical software award, and the Pi Sigma Alpha best paper award.

Mariana Carvalho is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Brown University. Her research focuses on the political economy of development, with a central focus on violence and crime in Latin America. Her book project investigates the causes and consequences of political assassinations in Brazil. She is working on a series of other projects that examine how corruption and crime affects other aspects of development. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science at University of California, San Diego. Prior to UC San Diego, she received a B.A. in Economics and a M.A. in Public Administration from Fundação Getulio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Luke Condra is Associate Professor of International Affairs in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and (by courtesy) the Department of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He studies the politics of state-building in conflict-ridden and emerging democracies. Condra's research on elections, public goods provision, and insurgent violence is published in the *American Economic Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and the *Journal of Politics*, among other outlets. He teaches courses on international relations,

ethnic politics, political violence, and quantitative research methods. Prior to coming to Pitt, he was an Empirical Studies of Conflict Postdoctoral Scholar at the University of California, San Diego. He received a Ph.D. from Stanford University and A.B. from Duke University, both in political science.

Sarah Zukerman Daly is Associate Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. Her first book, *Organized Violence after Civil War: The Geography of Recruitment in Latin America*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2016 in its Comparative Politics series. It was runner-up for the 2017 Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize and is based on her MIT dissertation, which was awarded the Lucian Pye Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Science. Her second book, *Violent Victors: Why Bloodstained Parties Win Postwar Elections*, is forthcoming from Princeton University Press in its International Politics and History series in November 2022. For this research she was named a 2018 Andrew Carnegie Fellow and received the Minerva-United States Institute of Peace, Peace and Security Early Career Scholar Award. Her research on war and peace, political life after war, and organized crime has appeared in *British Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *International Security*, *Political Analysis*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and elsewhere. Daly's research has been funded by multiple sources including the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, and American Council of Learned Societies. She has held fellowships at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University and Latin American Studies Program at Princeton University. Daly received a BA from Stanford University (Phi Beta Kappa), MSc from London School of Economics, and PhD from MIT.

Justine Maisha Davis is an assistant professor jointly appointed in the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies (DAAS) and the department of political science at the University of Michigan. She holds a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, was an LSA Collegiate Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan, a UC presidential postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego, and holds a master's degree from the American University of Paris and la Sorbonne-Paris I. Her research interests include electoral violence, civil society, and the challenges to democratization efforts in post-conflict settings and weakly institutionalized democracies. Her dissertation, "Wartime Experiences of Civic Leaders: Legacies of Civil War, Rebel Control, and Democratization in Post-Conflict Africa," won the Western Political Science Association best dissertation award in 2020. She also won the Ralph Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper in 2018 Award from the African Politics Conference Group, an organized section of the American Political Science Association and the African Studies Association. Her research has been published in *African Affairs*, *Party Politics*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, and the *South African Geographical Journal*.

Jamey Dumas is the Senior Intelligence Office for NCTC's Directorate of Intelligence. He served at the National Intelligence Council from 2018 to 2021 as a Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, before which he was a senior analyst at both NCTC and DIA since 2007. Jamey completed his PhD at the University of St. Andrews working with their Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence.

José Ramón Enríquez is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Economy and Government (PEG) at the Harvard Kennedy School and the Economics and Government departments at Harvard University. He studies the political economy of economic and political development, with a focus on political accountability in developing contexts. Specifically, he has worked on understanding the causes and effects of

criminal-political violence on democratic representation, the role of information in improving political accountability, the effects of the lack of coordination across levels of government, and the origins and consequences of dynastic politics in democracies. In his research, José Ramón relies significantly on quantitative methods that exploit quasi-experimental and experimental variation to provide causal evidence. He uses original fine-grained data from Mexico, which he gathers and structures, originating from a variety of sources, such as administrative records, social media platforms, and online media. He complements his quantitative findings with qualitative evidence from interviews with relevant actors in the government and civil society. In some instances, he also uses formal analytic models to build theoretical frameworks and formulate original predictions to test empirically. José Ramón was born and raised in Durango, Mexico. Before beginning my doctoral studies, he obtained a B.A. in Economics and a B.A. in Political Science from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City.

Jane Esberg is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on political and criminal violence and censorship, particularly in Latin America. Prior to joining Penn, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton's Empirical Studies of Conflict Project and the International Crisis Group. Jane's research has appeared in *The American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, and *Comparative Political Studies*, among others. She completed her PhD at Stanford University.

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James D. Fearon is Theodore and Frances Geballe Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, and a Senior Fellow at Stanford's Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies. His research has focused on political violence, civil and interstate war in particular. He has also published on international relations theory, democratization, foreign aid and institution building, and post-conflict reconstruction. His current work includes research on extended deterrence and US foreign policy. Fearon is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences (2012) and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2002), and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. From 2007 to 2010 he served as Chair of the Department of Political Science at Stanford. He served as a Senior Adviser in the U.S. Department of Defense in 2021 and 2022.

Natalia Garbiras Díaz is a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute. She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, where she is currently a Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development. Her main research interests are in comparative politics and the political economy of development, focusing on corruption, public goods provision, and accountability in Latin America. She also studies the formation of citizen and ex-combatant attitudes and their role in stabilizing peace in post-conflict settings. In her dissertation, she explored the information and institutional environments that pave the way for outsider candidates' rise and success. She holds an M.A. in Economics from the University of Los Andes (Colombia). Before coming to Berkeley, she worked at the World Bank, the Observatory of Democracy, and Colombia's National Planning Department.

Michael Gibillisco is an assistant professor of political science at the California Institute of

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Donald Grasse is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the political economy of security at the University of Southern California. His work focuses on how economics and conflict interact in weak or fragile states, studying the determinants, legacies, and downstream effects of political violence, especially in Central and Southeast Asia. His work has been conditionally accepted by the American Political Science Review and published in the Journal of Conflict Resolution and International Security. He received his PhD in political science from Emory University in 2022.

Dotan Haim studies international relations and comparative politics, with a focus on civil conflict, policing, social networks, and Southeast Asia. In his work, he uses large-scale social network analysis and randomized field experiments to examine how insurgency and crime can hinge on the nature of the social ties between civilians, government security forces, and local politicians. Dotan's work is published or forthcoming in the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, and Science and has been supported by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) and Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), among others.

Connor Huff is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rice University and a 2022-2023 Visiting Fellow at the Program in American Grand Strategy at Duke University. His research

focuses on individual conflict participation behavior, including why individuals decide to fight and why they sometimes refuse to stop. He is also working on a series of projects studying the consequences of discrimination and inequality within militaries for individual behavior on and off the battlefield.

Danny Klinenberg is a fifth year Ph.D. candidate studying economics at the University of California - Santa Barbara. His current projects involve understanding the financial incentives involved in far-right extremism. The first project studies if and when violent extremist groups are motivated by profits rather than ideology using leaked membership data from the Oath Keepers, a far-right paramilitary organization. The second project quantifies the financial effects of banning far-right content creators from social media. In prior work, Klinenberg proposes an alternative estimation strategy for synthetic control that allows for time-varying relationships between the treated unit and the controls utilizing advances in Bayesian state space modeling.

Austin Knuppe is an assistant professor in the political science department of Utah State University. He teaches International Relations and Middle East Politics, and is completing a book manuscript on how Iraqi citizens survived the Islamic State insurgency between 2013 and 2018.

Dorothy Kronick is an assistant professor of public policy at the Goldman School at the University of California, Berkeley. Dorothy studies contemporary Latin American politics, focusing on Venezuelan politics, crime and policing, and competitive authoritarianism. Her work has been published or is forthcoming in the American Political Science Review, the Journal of Politics, International Organization, Political Science Research and Methods, the Quarterly Journal of Political Science, and the Journal of Conflict Resolution, among other outlets. Her commentary on Venezuelan politics has been published in the New York Times and the

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Jonathan Mummolo is an Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs at Princeton University. He studies bureaucratic politics and political behavior, and devote particular focus to law enforcement agencies. In addition to evaluating the efficacy of police reform, he also studies how police tactics influence public perceptions of institutions and the social world. Mummolo has authored studies on partisan polarization, political communication and racial and ethnic politics. He conducts methodological research on issues relevant to my substantive work, including statistical modeling and experimental design. His work exploits a range of research designs and data sources including survey and natural experiments, qualitative interviews and administrative records obtained through public information requests to government agencies. His research has appeared or is forthcoming in *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* and *Political Analysis*, among other peer-reviewed journals. Mummolo received a B.A. from New York University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. Before beginning his doctoral studies, he was a staff writer at *The Washington Post*, where he covered crime and politics in the Washington, D.C. region.

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domains: (1) crisis bargaining in both interstate and civil war, and (2) cooperation through nuclear and conventional military alliances. He is editor of the books *Emerging Technologies and International Stability* (2021) and *Nuclear Posture and Nonproliferation Policy* (2015). He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from UC San Diego and he holds a B.A. in Molecular Cell Biology and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jassal Nirvikar is an Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Previously, he was a fellow at Stanford University's King Center on Global Development. Nirvikar specializes in policing and crime, with a regional focus on South Asia. His research utilizes quasi-experiments, experiments, machine learning and computational text analysis to understand violence against women (VAW), hate crime, perceptions of law enforcement, and criminal justice accountability. Prior to his doctorate, Nirvikar worked at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and served as an aide in the office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He holds a BA from Columbia (2010), an MSc from Oxford (2012), and a PhD from the University of California—Berkeley (2020).

Ana Paula Pellegrino is a fourth year Ph.D. Student in the Comparative Government subfield at Georgetown University's Department of Government. She has previously collaborated with different think tanks, NGOs and philanthropic institutions in her home-country, Brazil, conducting research and advocacy on drug policy and criminal justice, developing technology and decision-support tools for public officials and managing social investment portfolios. Her research agenda focuses on urban violence, the state's public safety apparatus and organized crime in Latin America. Her dissertation investigates why police form their own organized criminal groups.

Lauren Prather is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, San Diego in the School of Global Policy and

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Anouk Rigterink is Associate Professor of Quantitative Comparative Politics at Durham University, School of Government and International Affairs (ESOC). Before that, she was Economics of conflict Fellow with ESOC at Princeton University and International Crisis Group and Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. She holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science. In her research, she investigates topics relating to development, conflict and security, and natural resources and the environment. She authored a paper on so-called 'conflict diamonds' and a paper asking how drone strikes killing terrorist leaders affect terrorist attacks and one on a civilian protection militia in South Sudan. She worked on a Randomized Controlled Trial investigating whether community monitoring can decrease deforestation in Uganda (part of Metaketa III), on a lab-in-the-field experiment designed to reveal how recalling violent conflict changes the deep determinants of individuals' behaviour, and on a project on conflict between industrial and artisanal miners in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Renard Sexton is a political scientist who studies conflict and development, especially in Southeast Asia (including the South China Sea), Afghanistan and Latin America. He is currently serving as Northeast Asia Regional Policy Advisor in the J5 at USINDOPACOM, the US military's combatant command for East Asia, with a focus on Taiwan (on leave from his appointment as an

Assistant Professor in Emory University's Department of Political Science). Sexton's scholarly work has been published in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science* and *Journal of Politics*. He also does policy work and commentary, which has been published by the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *FiveThirtyEight*, the *Guardian*, and *Foreign Policy*, as well as by the International Crisis Group and the UN.

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