

From Armed to Non-Armed Politics:

A series of Virtual Seminars Initiating a Research-Policy Dialogue on the Political Dynamics of Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR)

November – December 2020

Full Programme (GMT)

SEMINAR SCHEDULE WITH REGISTRATION LINKS

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WEDNESDAY, 18 November (15:00 – 18:15)

Co-hosts: Gyda Sindre (University of York), Jacqui Cho (University of Cambridge)

15.00 Panel 1a: Electoral Participation of Armed Movements: the Case of FARC

Unfolding the FARC: The Microfoundations of a Rebel-to-Party Transformation

Marcela Ibáñez, University of Mannheim & Kai Jäger, King's College London

A Farewell to Arms? Electoral Outcomes and Lasting Peace After Civil War

Sarah Daly, Columbia University

Between the Pragmatic and the Programmatic. Weak electoral support for the FARC as a territorial party

Liliana Zambrano Quintero, University of Deusto, Bilbao-Spain

16.30 Break

16.45 Panel 1b: The Political Footprint of Former Rebels

From armed group to armed opposition: RENAMO, Politics and DDR in Mozambique

Nikkie Wiegink, Utrecht University

The Power or Politics or the Politics of Power? Understanding the importance of combatant identities and conflict legacies in shaping armed group's political trajectories

Benedetta Berti, College of Europe

When former soldiers seek to build countries and democratic institutions – long-term ramifications

Armend Bekaj, International IDEA

18.15 End of the Day

THURSDAY, 3 December (14:00 – 17:30)

Co-hosts: Véronique Dudouet (Berghof Foundation), Ntagahoraho Burihabwa (UN DDR Section), Devon Curtis (University of Cambridge)

14.00 Panel 2a: Between DDR Designs and Realities

The politics of measurement: The implications of reporting and evaluation requirements on DDR implementation

Erin K. McFee, University of Chicago

Evaluating the relationship between political developments, challenges, and achievements and programmes to support individuals' transitions to civilian life in Colombia

Cristal Downing, United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research

DDR and Former Child Soldiers of Nepal

Subindra Bogati, Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative

15.30 Break

16.00 Panel 2b: After DDR: Opting in or out of Politics

From Combatant to Loyal Party Member? Former Rank and File Combatants Navigating Rebel-to-Party Transformations

Eliane Giezendanner, University of Antwerp & Bert Ingelaere, University of Antwerp

Rebels forever? The transformation of political engagement in M-19 ex-combatants in Colombia

Simon Pierre Boulanger-Martel, Université de Montréal

The Unity of Rebel Groups After War: The Case of the FARC in Colombia

Susan Brewer-Osorio, University of Arizona

17.30 End of the Day

FRIDAY, 4 December (15:00 – 16:30)

15.00 Panel 2c: The Lived Experiences of DDR

Promising “a pie in the sky”? Matching Expectations and Demobilization of Combatants in Eastern Congo

Delphin Ntanyoma, Erasmus University Rotterdam/ Institute of Social Studies

Towards a sociological approach to DDR: Circular return and the recycling of combatants in the Eastern Congo

Josaphat Musamba, Christoph Vogel & Koen Vlassenroot, Ghent University

Always Re-Integrating: Ex-combatants' Counter-Stigma Strategies and the Stigmatising Politics of DDR

Jaramey McMullin, University of St Andrews

16.30 End of the Day

THURSDAY, 16 December (14:00 – 17:30)

Co-hosts: Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs, Linnéa Gelot, Mélida Jimenez (Folke Bernadotte Academy)

14:00 Panel 3a: Reintegration of Armed Groups & Community Perceptions

What attributes matter during reintegration of Islamic militants- Experimental evidence from Somalia

Linnéa Gelot, Folke Bernadotte Academy & Prabin B. Khadka, University of Essex

Guardians of the Peace? Gender differences in attitudes toward reintegration

Zoe Marks, Harvard Kennedy School, Rebecca Littman, University of Illinois Chicago & Aliyu Zakayo, Harvard Kennedy School

Ex-combatant Demobilization and Support for Peace: A Reconciliation Quasi-Experiment in Colombia

Oliver Kaplan, University of Denver

Lack of capacity or willingness? A field experiment on ideological identities, and psychological barriers among state-armed actors

Alejandra del Pilar Ortiz-Ayala, University of Otago

16:00 Break

16:15 Panel 3b: Armed Groups and Transitional Justice

Arrested Development? The Implementation of Transitional Justice Measures as a Cause of Political Mobilization in Post-Conflict Societies

Anders Themnér, Joakim Kreutz & Henrik Persson, Uppsala University

How Does Punishment Affect Reintegration? Attitudes Toward Islamic State “Collaborators” in Iraq

Mara Redlich Revkin, Georgetown University Law Center & Kristen Kao, University of Gothenburg

17:30 End of the Day & Seminar Series