

Spatial Economic Effects of Conflict Workshop

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm (EDT)

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This workshop will showcase the most recent advances in the field of economics on conflict with a particular focus on the local and spillover effects of conflict, conflict and spatial poverty traps, and policies to mitigate potential negative effects of conflict such as infrastructure investment. While the policy focus of this workshop is on Africa, the presentations include a larger geographical coverage. The workshop will be divided into two sessions. First there will be a round table discussion with two presentations by the main keynote speakers, followed by a Q&A session. Second, authors will present their research papers, followed by feedback by a discussant and a Q&A session.

This event is jointly organized by the World Bank Poverty and Equity Global Practice, the Office of the Director for Regional Integration for Africa of the World Bank, and the Institute for International Economic Policy at George Washington University.

Conference organizers:

- **Rémi Jedwab**, Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University
- **Carlos Rodríguez-Castelán**, Lead Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank
- **Takaaki Masaki**, Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank

Tentative agenda:

9:00 – 9:05 **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Deborah Wetzel, Director, Regional Integration for Africa, the Middle East and Northern Africa, World Bank

9:05 – 10:30 **ROUNDTABLE ON THE SPATIAL ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF CONFLICT**
Moderated by **Carolina Sánchez-Páramo**, Global Director, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank

Keynote Speakers:

- **Chris Blattman**, Professor of Global Conflict Studies, University of Chicago
- **Dominic Rohner**, Co-Director of the Department of Economics at HEC, University of Lausanne

Q&A

10:30 – 12:30 **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**
Moderated by **Rémi Jedwab**, Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University

Paper 1: *Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa*, **Nathan Nunn**, Frederic E. Abbe Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Discussant: **Roland Hodler**, Professor of Economics, University of St.Gallen

Q&A

Paper 2: *Estimating the Spillover Effects of Foreign Conflict: Evidence from Boko Haram*, **Rémi Jedwab**, Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University

Discussant: **Mathieu Couttenier**, Research Chair IDEX, University of Lyon-ENS-GATE

Q&A

Paper 3: *Gangs, Labor Mobility and Development*, **Maria Micaela Sviatschi**, Assistant Professor in Economics and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Discussant: **Elena Esposito**, Assistant Professor at HEC, University of Lausanne

Q&A

Paper 4: *Heat and Hate: Climate Security and Farmer-Herder Conflicts in Africa*, **Mathias Thoenig**, Professor of Economics at HEC, University of Lausanne

Discussant: **Eoin McGuirk**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Tufts University

Q&A

12:30 **CLOSING**

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