



Civil War Paths Seminar Series

Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War
Department of Politics and International Relations

November 10th **Dr Anastasia Shesterinina**

December 8th **Professor Wendy Pearlman**
Discussant: Dr Toni Rouhana

Wendy Pearlman is Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University. Professor Pearlman has written widely on processes of mobilisation in Palestine and Syria, the logic of Israeli coercion strategies, and the lived experience of forced migration. Her current work extends the latter theme and focusses on the meanings of home and belonging among Syrians displaced by war.

February 9th **Professor Donatella della Porta**
Discussant: Dr Hanna Ketola

Donatella della Porta is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center on Social Movement Studies at the Scuola Normale Superiore. She has led research on social movements, political violence, corruption, and policing. Her present research reflects on popular organisation in response to the crises of the last twenty years in Europe: questioning how these contribute to democratising European politics.

March 9th **Professor Janet Lewis**
Discussant: Eduardo Álvarez-Vanegas

Janet Lewis is Assistant Professor in Political Science at George Washington University. Her research centres on clandestine violence and state formation, focussing on sub-Saharan Africa. Her recent book examined how rebel groups form, and why many fail. She continues to work on armed conflict – as well as the spread of information through social networks, and state capacity in peripheral regions.

April 27th **Professor Philip Roessler**
Discussant: Dr Anastasia Shesterinina

Philip Roessler is Margaret Hamilton Associate Professor of Government and Director of the African Research Center at William & Mary. His research investigates conflict and state-building in sub-Saharan Africa, including work exploring the link between coups and civil war. Ongoing projects address questions relating to spatial inequality, the impact of digital technologies, and competing foreign aid regimes.

May 25th **Civil War Paths Team**
Discussant: Michael Livesey

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