



MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

Peace from Locals

10:15-17:00, 1st June 2018

Badia Fiesolana, Emeroteca

In the major conflict research, the causes of conflict and conditions for peace have usually been sought in institutions, socio-economic factors, and politically active actors. What has been largely missing so far is the role of local actors such as ordinary people in allowing or preventing conflict. This workshop aims to fill this gap, thereby contributing to developing peace and conflict research from a local perspective. The workshop will be concluded with a keynote speech, “Resurgent Nationalism? Local Peacebuilding and the Future of Ethnopolitics in the 21st century,” delivered by Professor Neophytos Loizides from the University of Kent.

Organisers: Tine Gade (MW Fellow, RSC), Vivian Gerrand (MW Fellow, RSC), Akisato Suzuki (MW Fellow, SPS)

Programme

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| 10:15 | Introduction |
| 10:30-11:00 | Akisato Suzuki (SPS MWF)
“Displacement and attitude towards a prospect for peace: Evidence from a survey in Bosnia” (with Neophytos Loizides & Djordje Stefanovic) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Vivian Gerrand (RSCAS MWF)
“The role of image-making in the prevention of violence” |
| 11:30-12:00 | Q&A |
| 12:00-13:30 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:30-14:00 | Tine Gade (RSCAS MWF)
“In-group policing mechanisms in the prevention of inter-ethnic conflict: The Lebanese case” |
| 14:00-14:30 | Leila Seurat (RSCAS MWF)
“Community policing in Beirut: The police as an agent of peace building” |
| 14:30-15:00 | Q&A |
| 15:00-15:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

Keynote speech

15:30-17:00

Resurgent Nationalism?

Local Peacebuilding and the Future of Ethnopolitics in the 21st century

By Professor **Neophytos Loizides**

Neophytos Loizides is a Professor of International Conflict Analysis at the University of Kent, UK. Professor Loizides researches new understandings of ethnonational conflicts and political institution-building within violently divided societies, specifically investigating how power-sharing and reconciliation mechanisms could help mitigate such conflicts. Professor Loizides is the author of *The Politics of Majority Nationalism: Framing Peace, Stalemates, and Crises* published by Stanford University Press (2015) and *Designing Peace: Cyprus and Institutional Innovations in Divided Societies* published by the University of Pennsylvania Press (2016). He is also the co-editor (with Oded Haklai) of *Settlers in Contested Lands: Territorial Disputes and Ethnic Conflicts* and has authored more than thirty academic articles and book chapters in the areas of nationalism, forced displacement and conflict regulation in deeply divided societies, including most recent works published in the *European Journal of Political Research*, the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Comparative Politics* and the *Journal of Refugee Studies*.