



Call for Papers: *Inequality, peace and conflict*

Call for papers for our Fourth Annual Conference of the International Association for Peace and Conflict Studies and the ECPR Standing Group on Critical Peace and Conflict Studies (10-11 September 2015) at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI), University of Manchester

Inequality and the consequences of capital are back on the agenda of international relations, as well as in the public eye. Various forms of inequality have long been related to peace and conflict, in structural terms as the root and causal factor in violence, or specifically in economic and modernisation terms, as necessary for development, competition, and material advancement. Beyond these debates, inequality – in association with gender, race, caste and many other identity factors – shapes how conflict- structural and direct- is experienced and impacts on how peace might be built. The 2015 Peacebuilding conference calls for proposals for papers and panels on inequality (broadly defined) and how it impacts on peace and conflict. We welcome theoretical and case study perspectives from a range of disciplines and invites academic to reflect – amongst others – on the contradiction in current thinking about, and policies for, peace and order.

- Can inequalities in power, material resources, and identity be justified as part of the ‘natural’ state/peace formation process, even if they are bound to create the potential for renewed direct or structural conflict?
- Which role do peace agreements play in creating or maintaining inequality in the state or regional architecture?
- Do peace agreements’ short-term effects on the conflict dynamics justify their long-term impact?
- Is continuing material inequality inevitable in the pursuit of peace, justice, and development?

Professor Kimberly Hutchings and Doctor Zoë Marriage confirmed their participation as the **keynote speakers**.

Prof Kimberly Hutchings is a Professor of Politics and International Relations at the Queen Mary University of London. She graduated from Bristol (Bsc) and did her further studies at the University of Sussex (MA and PhD). She is a widely known feminist scholar working in the areas of international ethics, feminist philosophy and international political theory. Prior to moving to Queen Mary in 2014, she developed her academic career at Wolverhampton and Edinburgh Universities, as well as at the London School of Economics (LSE) from 2003 to 2014. Her main publications include *Kant, Critique and Politics* (1996), *International Political Theory* (1998), *Hegel and Feminist Philosophy* (2003) and *Time and World Politics* (2008). She is Lead Editor of the Review of International Studies, the journal of the British International Studies Association (2011-2015). See more: <http://www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/staff/hutchingskimberly.html>

Dr Zoë Marriage is a Reader in Development Studies and Research Convenor in Violence, Peace and Development Research Cluster at SOAS, University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies). She has degrees from Oxford University (BA) and the London School of Economics (MSc and PhD). She has researched extensively in countries affected by conflict in Africa and is the author of *Not Breaking the Rules, Not playing the game. International Assistance to Countries at War* (2006). More recently her focus is on the relationship between security and development in the Democratic Republic of Congo, publishing on demobilisation and the imposition and pursuit of security. She is currently working on a political economy of capoeira, the Brazilian dance-fight-game. For further information please see: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/staff/staff31387.php>

To read the **full call**, please visit: <http://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:g12f-i56wx244-xzo872/international-conference-inequality-peace-and-conflict#travelinfo>

Deadline for paper and panel proposals: **31 May 2015**. Proposals should be **250 words** maximum and sent to: iapcs@manchester.ac.uk Registration costs are £30 for paid academics and £10 for students and the unwaged. The registration fee is waived for current members of the IAPCS.

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