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Call for Papers

Third Annual Workshop
Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK
December 10-11, 2007

The Third Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network will take place on December 10-11 2007 at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK. The purpose of the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) is to bring together cutting edge empirical and theoretical micro-level research on the nature, causes and consequences of violent conflict. This year's workshop will focus on the relationship between micro-level conflict processes and institutions.

Violent conflicts are frequently perceived as a form of state and governance failure. Yet, they offer considerable opportunities for new groups of local and regional strongmen to challenge political powers. In a large number of violent conflicts (including civil wars, insurrections and coups d'etat), a number of actors (militia groups, political elites, businessmen, and also households and groups) have tried to improve their socio-economic and political standing by exploiting the opportunities offered by internal conflict. The result is a profound reshaping of relations between local populations, the government, the military, socio-economic elites and legal and judiciary systems. While the literature provides substantiated accounts of such institutional changes at the national level, we have only limited evidence on changes of power relations at a grassroots level and their impact on local institutional processes and structures. The organisers of the Third Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network invite the submission of papers addressing these fundamental issues.

We also welcome papers on other areas of micro-level conflict analysis. As usual, we particularly encourage the submission of empirical papers based on innovative micro-level surveys. A non-exhaustive list of research topics may include:
- Triggers of collective violence grounded on individual interactions and/or group identities
- Relationship between individual/household risk, security and coping mechanisms
- Dynamic links between poverty, inequality, social exclusion and violent conflict
- Relationship between common resource management and violent conflict
- Gender aspects of violent conflict
- Impact of violent conflict on household/individual health status
- Impact of violent conflict on migration and population displacement (including the role of refugees)

Please send your completed paper in MS Word or PDF format to Theresa Jennings (t.jennings@hicn.org) before September 30, 2007. Persons whose paper is selected for presentation will be notified before October 31, 2007. Limited funding is available for selected participants from developing countries and researchers in early stages of their career who do not receive funding from their home institution. We will automatically inform selected authors of funding availability at the time of the notification.

Further information on HiCN can be found at www.hicn.org or by emailing t.jennings@hicn.org. HiCN is funded by The UK Leverhulme Trust.

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