Policy and Practice in Violence Affected Contexts: What Can the Latest Conflict Research Teach Us?

30th June – 1st July 2011
Convening Space, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

Day 1

9.30am Arrival and Coffee

10.00am Welcome
Speaker: Lawrence Haddad, IDS Director

10.15am Session 1
MICROCON after 4 years: synthesis and reflection
Speaker: Patricia Justino, MICROCON Director
Chair: Lawrence Haddad

11.15am Coffee Break

11.45am Session 2
Empirical advances in micro-level analysis of violent conflict
Speakers:

a) Advances in qualitative and quantitative fieldwork
Anne Hatløy, Research Director, Fafo AIS

b) Measuring conflict at the micro-level
Tilman Brück, MICROCON Deputy Director
Chair: Christopher Cramer, Head of Development Studies, SOAS
Discussant 1: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Professor of Government, University of Essex
Discussant 2: Gary Milante, World Bank
1.15pm  Lunch

2.30pm  Session 3
Household strategies for navigating violent conflicts

   a) Migration and displacement

   b) Livelihoods and coping

Speakers:

Roger Zetter, Director, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

Philip Verwimp, MICROCON Deputy Director, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Chair: Pauline Rose, Senior Policy Analyst, UNESCO
Discussant 1: Andy McKay, Head of Economics Department, Sussex
Discussant 2: Angela Raven-Roberts, Executive Director, Humanitarian Accountability Partnership

4.00pm  Session 4
Health outcomes

   a) Health: Perspective of an epidemiologist

   b) Health: Perspective of a development economist

Speakers:

Chiara Altare, Research Fellow, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Philip Verwimp, MICROCON Deputy Director, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Chair: Ana-Maria Ibanez Director
CEDE – Department of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes
Discussant 1: Lawrence Haddad, Director, IDS
Discussant 2: TBC

5.30pm  Close

6.00pm  Boat Trip leaving from Brighton Marina

7.30pm  Conference Dinner – Seattle Hotel, Brighton Marina
Day 2

9.30am Session 5

**Individual perspectives on violent conflict**

a) Participation in collective violence

Speakers:

- **Yvan Guichaoua**, Researcher, University of Oxford
- **Colette Harris**, Senior Lecturer, University of East Anglia

Chair: **Jenny Pearce**, Director of International Centre for Participation Studies, University of Bradford

Discussant 1: **Graham Brown**, Director, Centre of Development Studies, University of Bath

Discussant 2: **Wayne Bleier**, Programmes Director, War Child

11:00am Coffee break

11.30am Session 6

**Poverty, inequality and exclusion**

a) Inequality and violent conflict

b) Welfare, social justice and violent conflict

Speakers:

- **Frances Stewart**, Emeritus Professor, University of Oxford
- **Julie Litchfield**, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex

Chair: **Sarah Woodcock**, Plan International

Discussant 1: **Juan F. Vargas**, Universidad del Rosario

Discussant 2: **Katrina M. Aitken**, Conflict & Security Adviser, Policy & Advocacy Programme, Saferworld
1:00pm  Lunch

2.00pm  Session 7  Institutions and governance

   a) Governance with no government  Koen Vlassenroot, Coordinator, Conflict Research Group, UGhent
   b) The role of civil society  Nathalie Tocci, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Chair: Markus Schultze-Kraft, Governance Team Leader, IDS
Discussant 1: David Anderson, Professor of African Politics, University of Oxford
Discussant 2: Tony Dykes, Director, Action for Southern Africa

3.30pm  Final Plenary

Chair: Tilman Brück, MICROCON Deputy Director

Panel:
Sheelagh Stewart, Head, UK Stabilisation Unit
Cynthia Koons, Project Manager, UNICEF
Mark Segal, Senior Conflict Advisor, DFID

5.00pm  Final MICROCON reception
IDS Upper Common Room