



## **Bachelor seminar: The causes and consequences of conflicts**

### Content:

Over 10,000 people die in armed conflicts each year. Nowadays, more than 50 conflicts are ongoing in the world<sup>1</sup>. Its consequences go far beyond the direct death. Forced migration, hunger and epidemics but also missing education and job opportunities are potential outcomes of violent conflicts. Knowing where and when conflicts break out is important to design effective protection and counter mechanisms. In this seminar, we will have a look on several determinants of armed conflicts as well as its devastating consequences like the impact on human, social and physical capital. This is done by examining and evaluating current empirical economic studies. Thus, apart from the focus on conflicts, students will learn to read and analyze empirical studies.

### Time Schedule

Preliminary Meeting:	Tue.	22.10.19	2 - 5 pm
Scientific Writing:	Thu.	14.11.19	2 - 4 pm
Deadline Exposé	Thu.	21.11.19	12 pm
Progress Report:	Thu.	28.11.19	9 - 7 pm
Econometric Analysis	Thu.	19.12.19	2 - 4 pm
Deadline Paper:	Sun.	12.01.18	12 pm
Block seminar:	Fr.	24.01.18	9 am - 6 pm
	Sat.	25.01.18	9 am - 6 pm

### Application

The seminar is restricted to 24 participants. To apply for a slot, please send an e-mail to [kerstin.unfried@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:kerstin.unfried@uni-goettingen.de) including the following information:

- name, matriculation number,
- program of studies and in which semester you are in,
- number of visited seminars as well as the number of unsuccessful applications.

### **Application Deadline is Wednesday, October 20, 12:00 pm**

You have the opportunity to cancel via FlexNow until November 1<sup>st</sup>. With your application, you formally acknowledge that you are willing and able to attend ALL meetings.

### Further information

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<sup>1</sup> Uppsala Conflict Data Program [UCDP] (2017): Number of death and number of conflict onset, available at <http://ucdp.uu.se/#/exploratory>, 09.10.2017.

*Allocation of topics:* After the first meeting, we ask you to send us (1) a preference ordering of five topics of your choice, and (2) a list of three papers of your choice. We will try to provide the best possible fit to your preferences (but cannot guarantee that you receive one of the three papers).

*Language:* students can hand in their seminar papers in English or German, all presentations and discussions must be in English.

### **TOPICS: THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICT**

1. Transmittable diseases as a cause of conflict
2. Demography as a cause of conflict
3. Segregation as a cause of conflict
4. Religion as a cause of conflict
5. Natural resources and conflict
6. Aid and conflict
7. Politics and conflict
8. Social capital and conflict
9. The effects of conflict on education
10. The effects of conflict on health
11. The effects of conflict on risk preferences
12. State policies as a counteraction of conflict