



CONFLICT
RESEARCH
PROGRAMME

Conflict Research Fellowship 2018

Violence and Political Markets in Africa and the Middle East



Understanding Violent Conflict



About the CRF

The Conflict Research Fellowship (CRF) offers year-long support for experienced scholars (based at a university or NGO). The CRF is part of the Conflict Research Programme (CRP), a four year, DFID-funded research programme based at the London School of Economics and Political Science that investigates the drivers of violent conflict in five cases: Somalia, South Sudan, DRC, Iraq, and Syria. The programme focuses on ways in which the political economy of public authority helps to explain the persistence and spread of violence. Successful fellowship candidates will need to examine how different interventions affect violent conflict and/or the risk of renewed violent conflict; analyze 'what works' to counter drivers of conflict; and explore the contextual factors that affect the efficacy of such interventions, including the linkages among international, national, state, and local level dynamics. Successful candidates will contribute to the overall analysis of conflict through case studies of external interventions in four areas prioritized by the programme:

- Civil society support (including multi-scalar peace-making and peacebuilding activities, support for faith-based approaches to reconciliation, and community-level dialogue and mediation)
- Security and Justice Sector reform (including DDR/RR, stabilization, regional security networks/arenas, formal and customary justice)
- Strengthening public authority and legitimacy, including at sub-national levels (the political marketplace, patronage networks and governance promoting interventions, decentralization, anti-corruption activities)
- Resource management (including settlement of land and real estate disputes, the role of natural resource competition in shaping public authority)



Terms

- Completed Online Application Form
- Updated CV
- Completed Proposal & Bibliography
- Professional Work Sample
- Two (2) Reference Letters
- Language evaluation(s) (if required). All application materials must be submitted in English or French.



Eligibility

- Candidates must be Postdoctoral scholars with at least three years of field-based experience since the completion of the PhD (or equivalent experienced researchers who have one published book or three peer reviewed academic articles).
- Applications will be considered for the following purposes only: funding to support fieldwork, teaching buy-out at your home institution, or a visiting appointment at a US or European university.
- Research projects must focus on the core countries of the CRF: **Somalia, South Sudan, DRC, Iraq, or Syria**. Nationals from these countries are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must also be available to attend a preparatory workshop in New York within the first two months of their fellowship period, and a capstone workshop towards the end of the year-long fellowship.
- At the end of the fellowship period, recipients must produce an original research output that is suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal.

Applications Due:
15 April 2018

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