

**Report on the DSA Scotland annual meeting
University of St Andrews, 2nd September 2013**

Violence, Conflict and Socio-Economic Development

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We have to thank Laurence Lasselle, Ian Taylor and Hazel Cameron for organising this meeting. The timing was determined largely by the availability of rooms in the context of preparations for the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the University of St Andrews. The topic was proposed by the organisers of the meeting with the consent of the DSA Study Group coordinators. The meeting was co-funded by the DSA, SIRE (the Scottish Institute for Research in Economics) and the University of St Andrews.

The programme for the meeting appears below:

9.45 Registration and Refreshments

10.10 Welcome, Introduction and Keynote speech

- Professor Hilary Homans, Centre for Sustainable International Development, University of Aberdeen – *Uniformed service personnel – perpetrators or protectors? Progress made responding to UN Security Council Resolution 1983 in Asia and the Pacific*

The draft programme had included the following as the keynote address:

'Conflict narratives and politics in the gold and diamond mining sectors, focusing on perspectives in Zimbabwe' by Dr Sam Spiegel, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

but due to ill-health Dr Spiegel had to withdraw and Professor Homans kindly stepped in as a replacement at short notice.

- Questions and Answers from 10.35

10.45 1st session – Conflict and Development – an interdisciplinary approach

Chaired by Professor Ali Watson, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews

- Dr Lok P. Sharma Bhattarai, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Leeds Metropolitan University, *Nepal's armed conflict and its impact on intergenerational wellbeing*
- Dr Rehema White, Department of Geography and Sustainable Development, University of St Andrews, *People are land? The roles of environmental conflicts in initiating and perpetuating violent conflicts*
- Nino Kereselidze, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, *Violent Conflict and Socio---Economic Development in the South Caucasus*

- Questions and Answers from 11.45

12.10 Lunch and networking

The original programme included the following second keynote address, but due to ill-health had to be cancelled on the day of the conference:

'Violence, Impunity and Development in Zimbabwe' by Dr Hazel Cameron, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews

13.00 2nd session – Conflicts and Development – An Economics Approach (presenters supported by SIRE)

Chaired by Dr Laurence Lasselle, School of Economics & Finance, University of St Andrews

- Achim Ahrens, Heriot Watt University (Edinburgh), Department of Languages and Economics – *Understanding Conflict in Africa: the role of Economic Shocks and Spill-Over Effects*
- Tobias Franz, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow – *Illegal Drugs, Economic Development and Violence in Colombia*
- Questions and Answers from 13.45

14.30 3rd session – The Development Studies Association

- Dr Michael Tribe, DSA Honorary Secretary – Department of Economics University of Strathclyde – *DSA Scotland: The Future and the 2013 DSA Annual Conference*.
- Discussion from 14.50

15.30 Refreshments and networking

First Name	Last Name	University
Achim	Ahrens	Heriot-Watt (Economics) – PhD student
Aldo	Archundia	Glasgow (Economics) – PhD student
Ferdinand	Arslanian	St Andrews (International Relations) – PhD student
Arnab	Bhattacharjee	Heriot-Watt (Economics)
Lok	Bhattarai	Leeds Metropolitan University
Hazel	Cameron	St Andrews (International Relations)
Eileen	Cook	Economics SRUC (Scottish Agric College)
Rick	Fawn	St Andrews (International Relations)
Gonzalo	Forgues-Puccio	St Andrews (Economics & Finance)
Tobias	Franz	Glasgow (Economics) – PhD student
Céline	Guimas	Glasgow (Economics) – PhD student
Hilary	Homans	Aberdeen (Sustainable Development)
Nino	Kereselidze	St Andrews (International Relations) – PhD student
Laurence	Lasselle	St Andrews (Economics & Finance)
Erven	Lauw	St Andrews (Economics & Finance) – PhD student
Ian	Taylor	St Andrews (International Relations)
Michael	Tribe	Strathclyde (Economics)
Ali	Watson	St Andrews (International Relations)
Rehema	White	St Andrews (Sustainable Development)

This report, and the presentations, will be uploaded to the DSA Scotland webpage on the DSA website (www.devstud.org.uk).



Tobias Franz and Achim Ahrens made the afternoon presentations



This is only some of the participants in the day's meeting