

Series on Violence and the Human Condition Opens

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 12, 2015) — The [University of Kentucky Gaines Center for the Humanities](#) and the [UK College of Arts and Sciences](#) are teaming up to present a series of workshops on violence and the human condition. The first of several events, a workshop on political violence and how it is measured, will take place Wednesday-Friday, May 13-15, at various locations across campus. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Arts and Sciences and the Gaines Center are sponsoring a year of programming around the broad theme of "Violence and the Human Condition." Over the course of the 2015-16 academic year, faculty members from many different UK departments will collaborate with each other and with visiting experts from other universities in a series of mini-conferences and workshops that will be free and open to the campus as a whole.

The partnership will explore the theme of violence across many different registers — architecture and conflict, political violence, war and gender, transnational dimensions of violence, the intersections of violence in Latin America, and the notion of war without end as a metaphor in contemporary life.

As part of the first workshop, "[Political Violence and the Human Condition: Issues of Measurement and Methodology](#)," the Gaines Center and [UK Department of Political Science](#) will host eight presenters.

The agenda for the first day will include two panel discussions presented from 1-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the [Lucille C. Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center](#). Panel 1 will run from 1-2:30 p.m., and will include time for comments and a Q&A. Participants in this panel and their topics are as follows:

- [Mary Fran Malone](#), associate professor of political science from University of New Hampshire, "Learning to Protect and Serve in Latin America: Building Relationships between Police and the Communities They Serve";
- [Emily Ritter](#), associate professor of political science from University of California, Merced, "State Cooperation with International Criminal Tribunals: An Investigation of International Warrant Enforcement"; and
- political science doctoral candidate [Adeline Lo](#) from University of California, San Diego, "Predicting civil wars with higher order interactions."

A reception with refreshments will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Panel 2 will run from 3:30-5 p.m., and will also include time for comments and a Q&A. Participants in this panel and their topics are as follows:

- [Melanie Hughes](#), associate professor of sociology from University of Pittsburgh, "Unpacking the Effect of the Changing Sex Ratio on Women's Political Representation in Post-Conflict States";
- political science postdoctoral fellow Juliane Krüger from University of Michigan, "Multiple systems estimation (MSE) at the example of lethal violence in Kosovo 1999"; and
- [Patricia Sullivan](#), associate professor of public policy from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Sunk Costs and Citizen Support for Military Operations Abroad."

The following afternoon, political science doctoral candidate [Kelly A. Gleason](#) from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will present a talk titled "Can Ethnic Party Bans Scale Back Conflict?: Applying Measurement Modeling to Reassess Ethnic Conflict Data." Gleason's presentation will be from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at [King Alumni House](#).

This workshop will end with a presentation by [Mirya Holman](#), assistant professor of political science, from Tulane

University. Her talk, "The Consequences of Terror Threat for Public Preference over Female Leadership," will run from 4:15-5 p.m. Friday, May 15, at [William T. Young Library](#) UK Athletics Auditorium.

The workshop agenda was coordinated by [Tiffany Barnes](#), assistant professor of political science, and [Emily Beaulieu](#), associate professor of political science.

For more information on this workshop, contact Greg Saxton at gregory.saxton@uky.edu. For more on the year of programming, contact the Gaines Center at 859-257-1537.

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