

# GLOBAL SECURITY PROGRAMME NEWS

*The Global Security Programme newsletter*



## WELCOME

Welcome to GSP NEWS, a resource with updates on the Global Security Programme's research and engagement activities.

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## THE PROGRAMME

The Global Security Programme at Pembroke College in the University of Oxford conducts cutting-edge research on global security in the contemporary world.

Taking a genuinely interdisciplinary approach to global security research, GSP focuses on security dynamics in the context of armed conflict, cross-border violence, and the global illicit economy, transitions from war to peace, and responses to insecurity.

## NEWSLETTER SNAPSHOT

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# Postdoctoral role in the Minerva Global Security Programme

Have a look at this Postdoctoral role in the Minerva Global Security Programme with Prof Annette Idler.

## Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the Minerva Global Security Programme (Middle East)

### About the Role

We work across different levels of analysis ranging from the local, and national, to the transnational and global level, with a particular focus on Ukraine/Russia, South Asia, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, the Andean Region, and the Golden Triangle. The role would suit a researcher with regional expertise in the Middle East and an excellent grounding in security studies.

You will spearhead fieldwork coordination, conducting interviews and surveys in the Middle East, as well as the data analysis and writing up of findings. It is anticipated that the post holder will co-author one or more research papers with the Principal Investigator.

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## Webinar Series Podcast: "Global Security— From Evidence-Based Research to Networked Impact."



This eight-episode webinar series explores the meaning and practice of global security, looking at the theoretical underpinning of global security, its historical context, the contested nature of the global, and the implications for policies and strategies to enhance global security.

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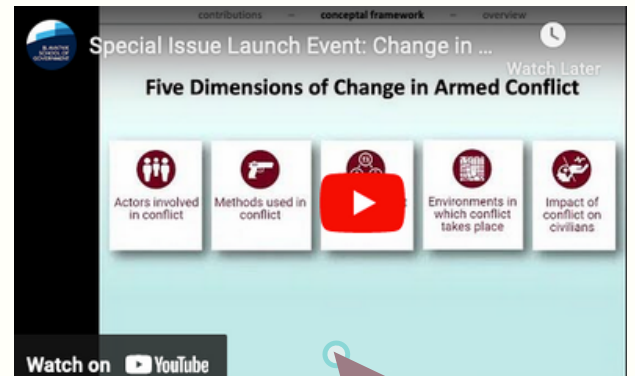
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# Official launch of our special issue on “Change in Armed Conflict”, featured in the International Political Science Review.

In a world where armed conflicts are constantly evolving, gaining a deeper understanding of these changes is crucial for devising effective interventions. [Our Special Issue](#), featured in the International Political Science Review, embraces interdisciplinarity and methodological pluralism, setting a new course for studying changes in armed conflict. It presents a shared conceptual framework on five dimensions of change, serving as a common language across various approaches and perspectives.

## Panelists

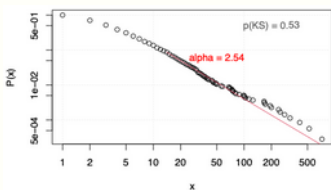
- Dr Annette Idler
- Daniele Rugo
- Katerina Tkacova
- Richard Caplan



## Explaining conflict violence in terms of conflict actor dynamics. Check out our paper featured in Nature.

Find out more and read the full paper [here](#):

**nature**



We study the severity of conflict-related violence in Colombia at an unprecedented granular scale in space and across time. Splitting the data into different geographical regions and different historically-relevant periods, we uncover variations in the patterns of conflict severity which we then explain in terms of local conflict actors' different collective behaviors and/or conditions using a simple mathematical model of conflict actors' grouping dynamics (coalescence and fragmentation). Specifically, variations in the approximate scaling values of the distributions of event lethalties can be explained by the changing strength ratio of the local conflict actors for distinct conflict eras and organizational regions. In this way, our findings open the door to a new granular spectroscopy of human conflicts in terms of local conflict actor strength ratios for any armed conflict.

## Our collaboration with the United Nations System Staff College advances UN's conflict analysis capacity.

We are proud to collaborate with [United Nations System Staff College](#) to enhance the UN's conflict analysis capabilities. Our partnership has led to a dynamic cross-stakeholder forum and the release of impactful reports.

Explore our journey and these reports [here](#).



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# Visiting Fellowship Scheme

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**



A unique and exciting opportunity for senior academics or experienced practitioners - including civil servants, international organisation staff or heads of NGOs, among others - to take up to one year out to grow and develop intellectually to further their career in global security or a related field.

During their time at Oxford, our Visiting Fellows have an association with the Global Security Programme at Pembroke College of the University of Oxford and engage in intellectual exchange with some of the world's leading academics in global security.

## **PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF SCHEME**

The Global Security Programme welcomes applications from outstanding scholars and practitioners from across disciplines internationally, particularly from the Global South. Visiting Fellows are associated with the Global Security Programme for any length of time between one term to max. one academic year. They have the opportunity to engage with one or more of the Global Security Programme's research themes.

All Visiting Fellows are provided with a University of Oxford card and a Pembroke access card. The Visiting Fellows will also be granted full use of the University library and receive a personal email address indicating affiliation with Pembroke College and the University of Oxford. They are provided workspace within the Global Security Programme Office at the College.

## Dr Ranj Alaaldin Visiting Fellow

Dr Ranj Alaaldin is joining us as a Visiting Fellow from Hilary 2024.

Dr Ranj Alaaldin is the Director of Crisis Response Council, Fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs and a Senior Consultant at the World Bank. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science and was previously a fellow at the Brookings Institution.



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**More info:** [Visiting Fellowship Scheme](#)

# Explore our Global Security Roadmap

You can download our roadmap [HERE](#)

Global security consists of political, economic, and social dimensions. Understanding global security requires identifying how these dimensions interact with each other dynamically. Our roadmap provides guidance to government officials, civil society actors, academics, and private companies on how to best analyse and think about global security.

The Global Security Programme at Oxford University's Pembroke College and the Blavatnik School of Government co-hosted a webinar series with 27 world-renowned expert speakers from academia, civil society, and government to discuss and reflect on how to productively think about and analyse global security.

We supplemented the findings from our webinar series with an extensive review of the global security literature. This roadmap synthesises the key insights from both the webinar series and our literature review to derive key recommendations that can inform better security policy and programming design.

**This roadmap aims to enhance the lives of individuals living under conditions of insecurity.**



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