

2026 Multi-Method Conflict Consortium

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Co-sponsored by Duke Law School, the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, the Duke Political Science Department, and the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy. M2C2 Fellows 2026: Nguyen Ha, Timothy Jones, Martín Macías-Medellín, Stephen Rangazas, Beenish Riaz.

Friday, May 15

8:45 am Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

Mara Revkin (Duke University) · Dotan Haim (Florida State University) · Megan Stewart (University of Michigan)

9:00 am

PANEL 1

Taxation and Resource Extraction

- ♦ *Criminal Revenue, Civic Returns: How Illicit Taxation Boosts Electoral Participation*
Jessie Trudeau (Syracuse University)
Discussant: **Andrés Uribe** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- ♦ *Visions of Progress: Recognition and Redistribution in the Shadow of Global Extraction*
Erica S. Simmons (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Discussant: **Beenish Riaz** (Columbia University)

10:20 am

PANEL 2

Coercion and Repression

- ♦ *Coercive Social Orders: How Armed Groups Govern through Violence*
Andrés Uribe (University of Wisconsin-Madison), with Daniel Hirschel-Burns and Andrés Aponte
Discussant: **Stephen Rangazas** (Dartmouth College)
- ♦ *Organizing vs. Mobilizing: How Extreme Repression Kills Mass Nonviolent Movements*
Consuelo Amat (Johns Hopkins University), with Alia Bradley
Discussant: **David Siegel** (Duke University)

11:40 am

PANEL 3

Qualitative Methods and AI

- ♦ *Qualitative Methods and AI*
Paul Staniland (University of Chicago), with Austin Carson
Discussant: **Dotan Haim** (Florida State University)

1:30 pm

PANEL 4

Rebel Governance

- ♦ *Rebel Governance without Territorial Control: Evidence from Central Mali*
Scott Straus (University of California Berkeley)
Discussant: **Mara Revkin** (Duke University)
- ♦ *Rebel Bureaucracy: Recruitment, Accountability, and the Overlooked Foundations of Rebel Governance in Myanmar*
Dotan Haim (Florida State University), with Rachel Pizatella-Haswell
Discussant: **Shelley Liu** (Duke University)

2:50 pm

PANEL 5

Economic and Cultural Destruction in War

- ♦ *Battling the Ruins of Our Past: Identity, Strategy, and the Destruction of Cultural and Religious Sites in Armed Conflict*
Beenish Riaz (Columbia University)
Discussant: **Erica Simmons** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- ♦ *Breaking Rebel Economies: State Indiscriminate Violence During Civil War*
Stephen Rangazas (Dartmouth College)
Discussant: **Scott Straus** (University of California Berkeley)

Saturday, May 16

8:30 am

PANEL 6

Networks, Social Cohesion, and Resistance

- ♦ *Taking Out the Competition: Selective Targeting of Influential Civilians in Civil Wars*
Timothy Jones (Duke University), with Martín Macías-Medellín
Discussant: **Janet Lewis** (George Washington University)
- ♦ *Social Ties in the Shadow of Conflict*
Janet I. Lewis (George Washington University), with Jennifer Larson
Discussant: **Megan Stewart** (University of Michigan)

9:50 am

PANEL 7

Protests and Revolution

- ♦ *Rising With the Tide: How Territorial Competition Spurs Wartime Protests*
Nguyen Ha (Vanderbilt University)
Discussant: **Consuelo Amat** (Johns Hopkins University)
- ♦ *Revolution Reconsidered*
Megan Stewart (University of Michigan)
Discussant: **Paul Staniland** (University of Chicago)

11:10 am

PANEL 8

Rebuilding After Wars and Disasters

- ♦ *Homogeneous Cities? How Politics and Conflict Shape the Urban Topography*
Martín Macías-Medellín (University of Michigan)
Discussant: **Omar García-Ponce** (George Washington University)
- ♦ *Identifying and Training Community Leaders to Rebuild Democratic Institutions in Haiti*
Omar García-Ponce (George Washington University)
Discussant: **Jessie Trudeau** (Syracuse University)

12:20 pm **Closing Discussion**