### UCL DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

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#### Call for Papers: Annual Conflict & Change PhD workshop 2024

PhD workshop: 11th-12th March

#### Deadline for abstracts: 8<sup>th</sup> December

The world is in crisis: The long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has again turned violent, generating devastating consequences for Israeli and Palestinian civilians and worries about wider regional instability. In Iran, the mobilisation of youth and women against the theocratic regime raises new questions on the methods, effectiveness and consequences of resistance against repression. The full-scale Russian invasion in Ukraine continues to undermine some of the longest established norms in international politics, including the norm of territorial integrity. The involvement of external actors in most of these conflicts further complicates the situation, driving longer and more severe armed confrontations. These emerging and escalating crises take place against the backdrop of pressing issues such as climate change, inducing ever new reasons for governance crises, displacement, and conflict around the world. The need for scientific efforts to explain and understand these and other long-lasting protracted crises could not be greater.

The Conflict & Change annual workshop for PhD and doctoral students across the UK and Europe provides a platform for a discussion of these and similar issues, bringing together insights from various disciplines on the causes, consequences, and solutions to conflict and unrest.

The workshop focuses on the work of early career researchers, provides an opportunity to receive feedback from senior academics from the Conflict & Change research cluster at UCL, and fosters a strong community engaged in cutting-edge research. The workshop will be held on **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March**, **2024**. Supported and hosted by the Conflict & Change research cluster at the UCL Department of Political Science, the workshop brings together doctoral students from various disciplines in the social sciences, humanities, and beyond, such as political science, economics, sociology, geography, and computer science. **Papers on all issues related to peace and conflict, contentious politics, mobilisation, human rights, and migration are welcome.** 

The two-day workshop will take place in London at UCL's Bloomsbury campus and will feature research presentations and discussions, a keynote speech, a workshop dinner, possibilities to engage with policy-makers/practitioners, and additional opportunities to socialize.

## Limited funding for travel to London and accommodation are available and will be distributed to workshop participants after abstract acceptance.

Please submit an abstract (no more than 250 words) by 8<sup>th</sup> December via the link below. For questions and enquiries, please contact Ms. Yilin Su (<u>yilin.su@ucl.ac.uk</u>). https://www.conflictandchange.org/phdworkshop2024