

<b>Title:</b> Civil War Dynamics and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding	<b>Lecturer:</b> Professor Lilli Banholzer
<b>Type of Course:</b> Seminar Selected Topics in International Politics	<b>ECTS: 8</b> <b>Semester:</b> Spring 2015

### **Course Description:**

In this course, we will engage with contemporary research on the dynamics of civil war and post-war reconstruction. We will thus address questions such as: When does civil war break out? How are rebel groups formed and sustained and when do they use different forms of violence? How can conflict be ended and which political, economic, social, and psychological challenges are post-war societies faced with? How for example can former combatants be disarmed and reintegrated into society and what are the consequences of child soldiering? Finally we will also examine whether peacebuilding, development aid and democratization really contribute to a lasting peace. The seminar will start with a theoretical part in which we look at the different theories concerning peace and conflict dynamics. The second part of the seminar we will then apply the before discussed theories to analyse different cases of civil war.

### Course Requirements & Assessment:

Course requirements include:

- Regular attendance and active class participation (10%)
- Class presentation and leading the class discussion (30%)
- Acting as a discussant for two research proposals of your fellow students (10%)
- A research paper (50%)