

<b>Title:</b> Civil War and Post-Conflict Research	<b>Lecturer:</b> Professor Lilli Banholzer
<b>Type of Course:</b> Research Seminar International Politics	<b>ECTS:</b> 14 <b>Semester:</b> Autumn 2014

**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 focus of this research seminar will be to actively engage with this research and to practice your own research skills. You will therefore be asked to produce work throughout the semester, beyond doing the readings in preparation for class discussion as in regular seminars. You will need to develop your own research design as well as provide feedback on other student's work.