

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Everyday experiences of conflict:
the daily life, legacies & textures of war

OPEN CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
& PHOTOGRAPHS

Submission
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We welcome submissions for an interdisciplinary postgraduate symposium that engages with conflict and everyday life. We hope to bring together postgraduate researchers from across the social sciences to understand the multitude of ways in which people live their lives alongside conflict and its legacies. We are exploring experiences of conflict stemming from war, military occupation and the activities of insurgent groups from across the world. We are asking: when and how do legacies and lived realities of conflict become ordinary within the everyday? When and how are they not normalised, but resisted and challenged?

We invite work related, but not limited, to the following topics:

- Conflict material culture.
- Resistance and protest in conflict and post-conflict settings.
- Legacy of conflict within landscape and built environment, including contested land, collapsed infrastructure and environmental degradation.
- Impact of conflict on social and family life.
- Creative and imaginative ways of adapting to conflict and post-conflict context.

Participants can join in three categories

(1) Presenter: We invite abstract submissions for 10-minute presentations.

(2) Exhibiting participant: We also welcome photographic submissions related to the topic for an exhibition at the symposium venue, with the possibility of an additional exhibition at St John's College, Oxford.

(3) Audience member: You may also join us as an attendee without presenting or exhibiting. Attendance is limited, so please register only if you can attend (note: this event is in-person only).

We welcome researchers with lived experience of conflict and daily life. If you are from a conflict-affected community and travel to Oxford will be difficult for you, please get in touch with the organisers on conflictanddailylife@gmail.com and we will try to support you.

The application deadline is the 30th of May. Acceptances will be sent out in the second half of June. If the event is significantly over subscribed applications to attend and present will be closed early.

Tea and coffee will be available during the day, and lunch will be provided.

To access the Google Form and apply, please click [here](#).