



European Research Council Starting Grant Project Conference:

**BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL STATE:
DIASPORA MOBILIZATIONS AND CONTESTED
SOVEREIGNTY IN THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD**

with embedded panels of workshop:

“Diasporas and Challenges to Statehood in the Middle East and North Africa”

University of Warwick, Radcliffe, 28-29 September, 2017

PROGRAMME

28 SEPTEMBER, 2017

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee

9:00 – 11:00 – **THE ERC PROJECT “DIASPORAS AND CONTESTED SOVEREIGNTY” AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEORY, METHODOLOGY AND DATA ANALYSIS**

Chair: **Ben Clift**, *University of Warwick*

Maria Koinova, *University of Warwick*, Principal Investigator of the ERC/DCS Project

Ben Margulies, *ERC/DCS Project, University of Warwick*

Dzeneta Karabegovic, *ERC/DCS Project, University of Warwick*

Jennifer Brinkerhoff, *George Washington University*

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 – **DIASPORAS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

Chair: **Gerasimos Tsourapas**, *University of Birmingham*

Camilla Orjuela, *University of Gothenburg*

“Chosen Traumas, Silenced Traumas: On Diaspora Identity, Generation and Transitional Justice”

Dzeneta Karabegovic and **Maria Koinova**, *University of Warwick*

“Place in the Midst of Movement: Diaspora Translocal Engagement in Postconflict States”

Briony Jones, *University of Warwick*

Seeking a ‘Just Justice’: Discursive Strategies of Resistance to Transitional Justice in Cote d’Ivoire

Discussant: **Yehonatan Abramson**, *Johns Hopkins University*

12:45 – 14:30 – Lunch in Radcliffe (Conference venue)



14:30- 16:00 – **FRAGILE STATES AND DIASPORA MOBILIZATIONS**

Chair: **Jennifer Brinkerhoff**, *George Washington University*

David Carment, *Carleton University*

“Diaspora Networks, Cooperation and Fragile States in a Comparative Context”

Tobias Bohmelt, *University of Essex*, **Vincenzo Bove**, *University of Warwick*, and

Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, *University of Essex*

“Non-State Actor Violence: Refugees and State Capacity”

Franklyn Lisk, *University of Warwick*:

“Health Sector Development Assistance through the Lens of Diasporic Agents: Key Issues and Illustrative Examples from Sub-Sahara African (SSA) Countries”

Discussant: **Arzu Kibris**, *University of Warwick*

16:00 - 16:15 – coffee

16:15 - 17:45 – **DIASPORAS AND CONTESTED STATEHOOD IN THE MENA REGION, SESSION 1: THE MAKING OF DIASPORAS**

Chair: **Fiona Adamson**, SOAS

Yehonatan Abramson, *Johns Hopkins University*

“From Diaspora-negating to Diaspora-making: Israel and Turkey Compared”

Espen Stokke, *University of Bergen*

“Changing Identities in a Time of Homeland Crisis: The Manifestation of Latent Cleavages in the Syrian Diaspora”

Latif Tas, SOAS

“Transnational (De)ethnization, Gender and Justice: The Case of Local Justice amongst Kurds”

Discussant: **Othon Anastasakis**, *Oxford University*; **Nadejda Marinova**, *Wayne State University*

19:00 - 21:30 – **Dinner**, restaurant at University of Warwick, TBA.



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29 SEPTEMBER, 2017

8:30 – 10:30 - **DIASPORAS AND CONTESTED STATEHOOD IN THE MENA REGION, SESSION 2: REGIME-BASED DYNAMICS**

Chair: **Ben Margulies**, *University of Warwick*

Fiona Adamson, SOAS

“Non-State Authoritarianism and Diaspora Politics”

Gerasimos Tsourapas, *University of Birmingham*

“Illiberal Emigration States in World Politics”

Ilke Denizli, *Columbia University*

“Domestic Politics Abroad: Turkish Diaspora Engagement in Europe in the Post-Coup Era”

Kelsey Norman, *University of Denver*

“Mobilizing Non-Nationals in MENA Host States: A Look at Egypt and Morocco”

Discussants: **Maria Koinova**, *University of Warwick*, **Catherine Craven**, SOAS

10:30 – 10:45 – Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 - DIASPORAS AND EUROPE’S CONTESTED PLACES

Chair: **Gert Junne**, *University of Amsterdam*

Eva Oestergaard Nielsen with **Evren Yalaz**, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, **Seda Aydin**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*, **Joan Coma i Roura**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*

“Transnational Political Mobilizations: A Cross-movement and Cross-context Comparison of Spanish and Catalan Migrants”

Gwendolyn Sasse and **David Doyle**, *University of Oxford*

“Remittances as a Cross-Cutting Cleavage in Political Preferences and Behaviour: The Case of Ukraine”

Milana Nikolko, *Carleton University*

“Political Mobilization among Ukrainian-Canadian Diaspora in Response to the Ukrainian Crisis”

Discussants: **Covadonga Messeguer**, *London School of Economics*, **Fiona Adamson**, SOAS

12:15 – 13:30 – Lunch in Radcliffe (Conference venue)



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13:30 – 15:30 - **TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS AND AFRICA'S DIASPORAS**

Chair: **David Carment**, *Carleton University*

Cindy Horst and **Ebba Tellander**, *Peace Research Institute in Oslo*

“A Foreign Policy Actor of Importance? The Role of the Somali Diaspora in Shaping Norwegian Policy towards Somalia”

Nauja Kleist, *Danish Institute for International Studies*

“Contested Development: Processes and Perceptions of Somali-Swedish Homeland Engagement”

Marie Godin, *University of Oxford*

“Young, Congolese and Fabulous: Congolese Youth Diasporic Activism in the UK”

Gert Junne, *University of Amsterdam*

“The Transnational Mobilisation of the African Diaspora,” a policy perspective.

Discussants: **Camilla Orjuela**, *University of Gothenburg*, **Dzeneta Karabegovic**, *University of Warwick*

15:30-15:45 – Coffee break

15:45 -17:45: **DIASPORAS AND CONTESTED STATEHOOD IN THE MENA REGION, SESSION 3: GLOBAL PROTESTS, SEEKING JUSTICE**

Chair: **Kelsey Norman**, *University of Denver*

Ben Margulies and **Maria Koinova** at *University of Warwick*

“Global Diaspora Protests in Response to the 2014 Gaza Warfare”

Raed Ahmed and **Nadejda Marinova**, *Wayne State University*

“Organizing of Diaspora Communities in Metro Detroit against Trump’s “Muslim Ban”

Charis Psaltis, *University of Cyprus*, **Djordje Stefanovic**, *St. Mary University*, and **Neophytos Loizides**, *University of Kent*

“Perceptions of Turkish Settlers in the Greek Cypriot Community”

Discussant: **Gerasimos Tsourapas**, *University of Birmingham*

17:45 – 18:15 – **Concluding Session**

19:00 – 21:30 – **Dinner**, restaurant at University of Warwick, TBA

End of Conference