

Conflict Research Society and Conflict Analysis Research Centre

An international inter-disciplinary conference

Conflict and Complexity II

Theory, evidence and practice

Tuesday 8th - Wednesday 9th September 2009
University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

The conference seeks to bring together developments in the 'real' world and developments in academic understanding. Contemporary conflicts emerge out of complex global conditions, blurring the traditional boundaries between the intra-state and inter-state. As we peer into the future, it is anticipated that future conflicts and the conditions that give rise to them will be characterised by increasing turbulence and complexity. At the same time the science of complex systems is providing radical new ways of understanding the physical, biological, ecological and social universe. This conference provides an opportunity for conflict researchers and complexity researchers to disseminate their work and to explore the interrelationship between conflict and complexity.

There are almost forty presentations in three parallel streams from 9.15 am on the Tuesday to 14.00 on the Wednesday. Sessions include:

Stream A

Northern Ireland and conflict transformation
Global and regional systems
The Middle East
Group and self development
Africa: conflict and peace-building
Restorative justice
A presentation by the winner of the Cedric Smith prize

Stream B

Complexity science
The military sphere: geographical and technological aspects
Models of conflict ... teleological; Kriesberg
Sociological, political and economic models of conflict
Formal models of conflict

Stream C

Open Space Technology
Obama and nuclear weapons - a discussion
Forum discussion for peace and conflict research centres

Displays

Using the medium of art ... 'Visualising Peace and Conflict'
Scientists for Global Responsibility

Conference at a distance

Call for papers: this is still open but please contact as soon as possible with title and abstract

Registration: very preferably no later than 30 June 2009

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