

## CRAWFORD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND GOVERNMENT

### Post-Conflict Governments 1975-2004: Determinants of Success

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12.30 - 1.30pm

Seminar Room 4

First Floor, Crawford Building

Light lunch will be provided

Re-establishing governments after conflict has been a major task undertaken by international organisations during the 1990s and early 2000s. Along with new norms of intervention into inter- and intrastate conflict by bodies such as the UN came new expectations that countries would be assisted towards democracy after conflict. These democracy-building projects, however, have met with mixed success. This research project aims to evaluate which factors offer the most persuasive explanation for the success or failure of governments after conflict: characteristics of the conflict, institutional arrangements put in place after the conflict, or characteristics of the country itself. It uses a new dataset to consider which may be most important, and uses countries not involved in conflict as a control group.

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