The First International Conference on Conflict Studies

"Conflict and Climate Change"

December 10th, 2020

Call for Abstracts

The Conflict Studies Centre (CSC), Babes Bolyai University, Romania and the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, heartily invites you to submit abstracts for their maiden virtual international conference on conflict studies. The general theme of this year's conference, "Conflict and Climate Change," aims to highlight how climate change phenomena (drought, flood, land erosion, desertification among others) are fueling conflict in different regions of the world.

Abstracts are invited in the following sub-themes from Professors, Researchers, Peacebuilding Practitioners, doctoral and postdoctoral students:

- Natural resources, conflict and human security
- Human security, migration and conflicts
- Land use and land management disputes
- Water management disputes
- Food insecurity, human rights and migration
- Climate changes as sources of civil unrest, terrorism and insurgency
- Traditional management practices of land use conflicts
- International spillover of climate change induced domestic conflicts
- Climate Justice
- Case studies: Climate change and conflicts in specific geopolitical areas (Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa with a special focus on the Sahel, Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region).

Conference papers of high quality will be peer-reviewed and published in a special edition of the Journal of Political and Administrative Studies (JPAS) and in the Conflict Studies Quarterly Journal (CSQJ) or a collective volume, depending on the number of high-value contributions.

Submission Information:

Deadlines for submission of abstract and registration is **November 20, 2020,** and the deadline for the submission of the full paper is on **November 30, 2020.** The abstract must have up to 300 words, and it should specify the title of the paper, the authors and their email addresses within the same document when submitting.

Conference Date: **December 10, 2020**.

Location/Application: Zoom

Registration is free

The conference's program, panels and all related administrative details will be communicated to the participants after the selection process. Thank you in advance for your scientific contribution to our conference.

Kind regards,

Organizing Committee

General guidelines for authors

Authors should kindly submit their articles in electronic format to fidelis.allen@uniport.edu.ng and ciprian.sandu@fspac.ro. By sending the material, it is understood that it contains original information that has never been previously published nor submitted elsewhere for publication.

Papers submitted to the **International Conference on "Conflict and Climate Change"** must be readable, jargon-free and understood by readers with varied backgrounds. All articles submitted must meet the rules of citation listed below.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Text:

- Submissions ideally should be no longer than 10-12 pages (font: Times New Roman, font size: 12, spacing: 1)
- Manuscripts must be in English (US spelling).
- Write in an interesting, readable manner. Short, simple sentences and paragraphs, clear logical flow, and ample use of subheadings reduce the reader's workload and improve readability. Minimize the passive voice, and avoid first-person narrative (e.g., we/I; refer to the study as "the paper"/ "the current study" etc..
- Background and literature reviews should be focused on issues of direct relevance only.

Title and authors:

- Use short, impactful titles to attract the attention of readers—a combination of a short title and a subtitle help advertise the most important content
- The title page must list the full title, names and complete email addresses of all authors.

Abstracts and keywords:

- Each paper must be summarized by an abstract of about 300 words.
- The abstract should encapsulate the principal subjects covered by the paper
- It should not contain any citations of other published work.
- The article's keywords should also be sent with the abstract.
- We encourage a minimum of **three** and a maximum of **five keywords**.

Tables/Figures:

- The Tables/Figures should have titles and be numbered consecutively within the main body of the text.
- We discourage heavily detailed charts and ask you to be selective in your use of graphics.

Text notes:

- Do NOT use footnotes.
- Please use text notes.
- For each idea belonging to someone else, references will be used (both in text and within the reference list)
- Reference cited in the text of a manuscript should be in parentheses, by author's last name and year of publication [e.g., (Smith, 1980)].
- If an author's name is used within a sentence, the name should be followed by the year of publication [e.g., ...work by Smith (1983).
- If a page is cited, it should be noted within the parentheses [e.g., (Smith, 1985, 35).
- For multiple-authored publications, up to three authors, all should be cited.
- Publications with four or more authors should be cited by the first author's name, followed by "et al." [e.g., (Smith et al., 1985)].
- Acknowledgments may be used and are encouraged.

Final submission and copyright:

- The International Conference on "Conflict and Climate Change," enforces a **strict policy** regarding plagiarism and will screen all submitted papers. We ask all authors to ensure their manuscripts meet standard citation practices and acknowledge the contribution of other researchers working in the field.
- In addition, copyright law prohibits a manuscript from appearing in more than one copyrighted publication. Authors are responsible for obtaining permission to use any copyrighted material in their manuscripts.
- Each submission must adhere to the guidelines and those that do not follow such guidelines will be returned to the author for correction.

The cover/title page of the paper

Paper Title

Author's First name and **FAMILY NAME**

E-mail:

Department…..

Faculty…..

University/ Institution ….

Abstract:

The abstract should contain a brief summary of the main idea of the paper, the methodological design (e.g. research questions, research methods), the findings and the conclusions of the paper. The abstract should not exceed 300 words.

Keywords: 3 - 5 most important and relevant keywords.

Introduction

The text should be written with Times New Roman, single-spaced, 12, Justify. The introduction should emphasized the theme of the paper, the context of the studied issue (from the existing literature or from existing reports), the reason for choosing the topic – the existing gap or puzzle, the relevance of the topic, the originality of the paper, research questions, the analyzed cases, and the specification of the research methods used.

Literature review/Theoretical framework

The literature review should comprise both the definitions of used concepts and the discussions on previous research conducted on similar topic. Text references should be used in the following order: (family name of the author/s, year of publication, page – if it is the case). An example: (Anderson, 2005, 45). Text references should be given every time an idea belonging to another author is used (either it is quoted, or it is rephrased). The information on the literature review should be meaningful for the methodological approach. Use "did not" instead of "didn't", it is instead of it's etc. Subchapters are permitted and encouraged.

Methodology

A methodology is not necessary if the paper is strictly a theoretical one. If not, the methodological section should contain the following aspects:

- Research design (research questions, hypotheses, description of how the research methods and the research instruments are used, sample, the main aspects/variables that are analyzed etc.)
- Results and discussions

references should be given within the methodological section if there are instruments replicated from other existing studies. Tables/figures must have a number and a title if available in the paper.

Conclusion

The conclusion much contain the most relevant aspects of the research. Moreover, it should emphasize how the research question was answered and how the research validates or invalidates the hypotheses.

References

All references should be included and listed alphabetically by the first author's last name. Here are some examples of specific kinds of references (based on APA Style http://www.apastyle.org/):

- Shipley, W. C. (1986). Shipley Institute of Living Scale. Los Angeles, CA: Western Psychological Services.
- Anderson, A. K. (2005). Affective influences on the attentional dynamics supporting awareness. Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 154, 258–281. doi:10.1037/0096-3445.134.2.258.
- Uchter, L. "Ipsos: Social Networking Becoming Dominant Web Activity Worldwide." Media Post, July 6, 2007. Retrieved from http://publications.mediapost.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Articles.san%26;s=63603 &Nid=32046& p=204029, accessed in June, 2018.

Appendixes

This section is not mandatory but required only if there are, for instance, big tables/figures/images that are not suitable within the main text. At the same time, if the questions from a survey or from an interview or focus group guide are not mentioned in the text, they should be placed within the appendixes. However, we suggest mentioning all these methodological instruments related aspects within the corpus of the paper.

Please (re)check your work before sending the final paper. Use *English US* as a default language.

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