



**Politics After War Research Network's Annual Workshop 2023
University of York, 8 June 2023**

Room: H/G09 Heslington Hall

**Postwar political engagement by former rebel groups:
New research directions**

10.00-10.30 Arrival, coffee and welcome

Matthew Whiting and Gyda Sindre

10.30-12.00

Panel 1: Peacebuilding and statebuilding

Chair: Matthew Whiting

Theories of the state and the study of post-war governance.

Carrie Manning - Georgia State University

Discussant: Rebecca Tapscott

Provincializing international peacemaking through the case of Cameroon: What else matters?

Jacqui Cho - Swisspeace and the University of Basel

Discussant: Shaswati Das

Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi: a constructive illiberal peacebuilding model?

Jacob Eriksson - the University of York

Discussant: Alice Wilson

12.00-13.00 Lunch



13.00-14.30

Panel 2: Rebel group reconversion pathways beyond party politics

Chair: Gyda Sindre

Informal or formal politics? Reconversion pathways for former women combatants
Véronique Dudouet - Berghof Foundation (co-authored with Claudia Cruz Almeida, Johanna-Maria Hülzer)

Discussant: Claire Smith

Afterlives of paramilitarism in southern Oman

Alice Wilson - University of Sussex

Discussant: Nina Caspersen

Rwandan Agency and the UK Asylum Transfer Scheme

Devon Curtis - University of Cambridge (co-authored with Kelly Greenhill)

Discussant: Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.30

Panel 3: Continuity or change? Rebel group organisational evolution and governance after war

Chair: Devon Curtis

The Curse of Recurrent Civil War in South Sudan: Legacies of SPLM/A Rebel Governance

Toon Dirks - University of Cambridge

Discussant: Gyda Sindre

Continuity or Change? The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the transition to peaceful politics

Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs - Folke Bernadotte Academy

Discussant: Carrie Manning

How do leaders shape rebel party organizations?

John Ishiyama - University of North Texas

Discussant: Matthew Whiting

16.30-17.00 Concluding remarks