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-Saharan 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

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.
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)
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