

# CONFLICT STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENTS' SYMPOSIUM

Presentations on several issues. All are welcome!

**Friday, April 26, 2019, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Multi Room**

*Registration is free for Saint Paul students and professors, including the lunch buffet, and \$20 for the others. Please register at [bit.ly/StudentsSymposium](http://bit.ly/StudentsSymposium)*



## SYMPOSIUM DES ÉTUDIANTS(ES) DIPLÔMÉS(ES) EN ÉTUDES DE CONFLITS

Présentations sur plusieurs sujets. Tout le monde est invité !

**Le vendredi 26 avril 2019 de 8h30 à 16h30, salle multifonctionnelle**

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# **Conflict Studies Graduate Students' Symposium**

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**Saint Paul University, Multi Room**

We are pleased to announce the Program of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Symposium in Conflict Studies, at Saint Paul University. The focus for this year's symposium is Contemporary Conflicts: Themes and Challenges.

While Conflict Studies build momentum as an academic discipline with practical applications and potential to influence policy, this symposium seeks to further explore contemporary developments in this intriguing and significant field of study. Topics related to the symposium theme include: critical reviews of traditional analytical conflict frameworks and theories; emerging dimensions of conflict such as environment, human security, multiculturalism, and ideology; or the development of Conflict Studies as an academic discipline.

## **Goals:**

1. Create a formal space for academic exchange for graduate students in Conflict Studies and related disciplines.
2. Develop an intellectually engaged community of Conflict Studies graduate students having developed experience through all stages of the conference and publication process.
3. Provide a space to showcase graduate research to various Departments within the Canadian Federal Government.
4. Provide opportunities for all levels of the Conflict Studies student body to participate.

This bilingual symposium will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Saint Paul University.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please register to the event in advance at:

[https://ustpaul.ca/en/3rd-annual-conflict-studies-graduate-students-symposium-contemporary-themes-and-challenges\\_6849\\_17.htm](https://ustpaul.ca/en/3rd-annual-conflict-studies-graduate-students-symposium-contemporary-themes-and-challenges_6849_17.htm)

**Program:**

8:15 am: Arrival and registration period

8:30 am: Welcome and opening remarks

**Session 1: Conflict Resolution Processes**

**8:45 am – 10:25 am**

Chair: Amy Dillon, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University

- Discursive study: the Ecuador Peru Peace Process (EPPP): Realist Ritual & Sacrifice, *Jason Zachidniak, M.A. candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Afghanistan, the War that Never Ends, *Janice Gray, M.A. candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Freezing the Peace Process in Abkhazia-Ossetia Ethnic Conflict in Georgia, *Hamed Kazemzadeh, M.A. candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Conflits et Médiation au Burkina Faso: Rôles des chefferies traditionnelles, *Mireille Benedicte Zoungrana, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Question period and discussion directed by *Amy Dillon*

**Coffee break**

**10:25 am – 10:50 am**

**Session 2: Conflicts, States, and New Actors**

**10:55 am – 12:20 pm**

Chair: Marie Boglari, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University

- Le droit international humanitaire à l'épreuve des guerres contemporaines, *Amadou Mfondi, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Daesh: Modern Terror in the Levant, *Major AC Berardinelli, M.S.M., C.D. , Master candidate in Defence Studies, Royal Military College of Canada*
- Full Circle: Soviet and Russian Arctic Policy, 1987-2018, *Lt. Col. David Stead, , Master candidate in Defence Studies, Royal Military College*
- Question period and discussion directed by *Marie Boglari*

**Lunch break (light lunch provided)**  
**12:20 pm – 1:05 pm**

**Session 3: Ethnic Conflicts**  
**1:10 pm – 2:35 pm**

Chair: Amadou Mfondi, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University

- Ethnicity, Economy & Environment: Africa's land conflicts in times of climate change, *Taylor Gillies, M.A. candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Messianisme africain et conflit: construction ethnique comme instrument de mobilisation, *Yvon Muya Cimanga, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- The Populist Radical Right parties' entrance into the German Bundestag - the case of the AfD and their demand to change the culture of remembrance, *Eric Olafsson, M.A. candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Question period and discussion stimulated by comments by *Amadou Mfondi*

**Coffee Break**  
**2:35 pm – 3 pm**

**Session 4: Theoretical Analyses Involving Social Justice**  
**3:05 pm – 4:30 pm**

Chair: Martin Samson, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University

- Challenges Arising from Theoretical Limits, *Amy Dillon, PhD candidate in in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- The Social Justice Warrior: When military coups d'état become acts of social justice, *Nadine Olafsson, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- 'Lost in Translation' – Le populisme dans les études de conflits ethniques et nationaux, *Marie Boglari, PhD candidate in Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University*
- Question period and discussion stimulated by comments by *Martin Samson*

**Closing remarks**

**Please join us at the Royal Oak on the Canal from 5 pm to 7 pm  
For a further networking opportunity**

**Special thanks to the presenters and to the following individuals and groups for their support and participation at the 2019 Graduate Students' Symposium:**

- **Conflict Research Centre** - Jean-François Rioux;
- **School of Conflict Studies** - Anna Sheftel
- **Dean, Faculty of Human Sciences** - Lorraine Ste-Marie
- **Selection Committee members** - Amy Dillon, Marie Boglari, Hussein Abou Saleh, Nadine Olafsson
- **Discussions** – Amy Dillon, Marie Boglari, Amadou Mfondi, and Martin Samson;
- **The Organizing Committee** - Amy Dillon, Marie Boglari, Nadine Olafsson, Amadou Mfondi, Martin Samson, Hussein Abou Saleh