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Since the 1990s, the international community has invested heavily in disarmament programs which are seen as an integral part of interventions aimed at building peace in post-accord countries. However, scholars and policymakers know little about how the various disarmament programs differ from one another in their design and impact. The articles in this panel address this gap by applying a range of methodologies at different levels of analysis, such as: a large-N quantitative study; a medium-N comparative study, qualitative case studies, and a theoretical paper. All papers apply a strong gender focus. The papers of this panel systematically study post-accord disarmament across space and time, enabling us to identify conditions under which disarmament was and was not able to prevent conflict recurrence. The panel will provide critical input to stakeholders in disarmament by providing empirically sound policy recommendations on disarmament design.

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