

Legacies of Rebellion: Wartime Dynamics and Postwar Political Consequences

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Recent civil war scholarship has investigated the military and non-military behaviors of rebel groups to better understand variations in the relations between insurgents, civilians, state actors, and foreign sponsors across conflicts. However, less attention has been given to the long-term consequences of rebel wartime practices. This panel brings under scrutiny the actions and strategies of rebels during war, as well as their adaptation to the strategies of their opponents, in order to understand how rebel wartime behaviors shape postwar societies. Tackling one key aspect of warfare, Martin discusses how wartime recruitment influences post-conflict citizen-state relationships. Sintre investigates whether rebel governance practices affect the postwar governance behaviors of former rebels. Devereaux Evans shows how rebels seek to shift local gender norms to destabilize their local adversaries, a strategy with pervasive consequences on postwar societies. Shifting the focus on counterinsurgency, Waterman explores how rebel organizations react to state strategies and the long-term effects of factors of cohesion or fragmentation. Engaging as well with the concept of counterinsurgency, Bouemar seeks to understand how rebels transform as military organizations during war and how this process influences the type of armed forces that emerge after rebel victory.

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