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The Micro-dynamics of peace and conflict

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This panel is interested in micro-sociological approaches to peace and conflict. Its focus on the micro-dynamics of everyday encounter in conflict-affected contexts allows the papers to unpack the tactical agency deployed in everyday life in three post-accord case study countries: Lebanon, Northern Ireland and Colombia. The papers raise important methodological and epistemological questions that apply across International Studies about levels of analysis and imposed and supposed hierarchies whereby the micro-sociological is regarded as a category somehow 'sub-ordinate' to other categories. The papers that comprise the panel have a particular focus on agency or the extent to which individuals and communities are (dis)empowered through structural and proximate factors. This raises issues of structure and agency and the usefulness of such terms in complex conflict ecosystems.

The panel contains a mix of early career, more established scholars, and practitioners.

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