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Peace and Conflict Studies in the Polycrisis

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Recent debates have highlighted how climate change, the global expansion of war, authoritarian backsliding and the rise of mass unrest are constituting interlocking and mutually reinforcing crises. As an interdisciplinary field of studies, Peace and Conflict Studies should be well placed to provide analysis of and help design responses to this polycrisis. Yet, for the past two decades, PCS has been caught up an empiricist detour from what the critical project of the local turn was meant to be. Much of the current scholarship in the field is thus not sufficiently engaging with large-scale interlocking crises. This panel elaborates different perspectives on the polycrisis, and provides new, radical, as well as historically tested thinking to tackle these contemporary challenges.

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