

PUBLIC LECTURE

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Inequalities between social groups leading to conflicts

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Anyone concerned with promoting development and reducing human suffering must make conflict prevention a priority. Violent conflict within multi-ethnic and multi-religious countries, often fought along ethnic or religious lines, is a major cause of death, destruction, poverty and underdevelopment. Fortunately, conflict within multi-ethnic countries is not inevitable—in fact, most multi-ethnic societies are peaceful.

Frances Stewart will present basic findings from a major research program covering countries in Latin America, Southeast Asia and West Africa. The basic conclusion is that inequalities – be they political, economic, social or cultural – among salient identity groups, increases the risk of violent conflict.

The lecture will be based on the recent book, *Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict: Understanding Group Violence in Multiethnic Societies*, Frances Stewart (ed.), Palgrave.

Moderator: Mats Hårsmar, NAI

The lecture is open to all interested

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