

Central European University/Cornell University/University of Michigan

Rethinking Ethnicity and Ethnic Strife: Multidisciplinary Perspectives

**Popper Room, Monument Building
Central European University, Budapest
September 25-27, 2008**

Sept 25, Thursday

8.30-9.00 Registration

9.00-9.30 Introduction and Welcome

Introduction by Ravi Kanbur, Prem Kumar Rajaram and Ashutosh Varshney

Welcome speech by the Rector of CEU, Yehuda Elkana

9.30-10.45 **Session I: Ethnicity and Conflict** (Chair: Prem Kumar Rajaram)

David Laitin: Sons of the soil, immigrants and civil war

Frances Stewart: Global aspects and implications of Horizontal Inequalities: Inequalities Experienced by Muslims Worldwide.

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-1.00 **Session II: Ethnic Relations and Social Structure** (Chair: Ravi Kanbur)

David Ehrhardt: Searching for meaning. Identity and ethnic conflict between 'natives' and 'settlers' in Kano, Nigeria

Indraneel Dasgupta: Class against itself

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.45 **Session III: Ethnicity and the State** (Chair: Ashutosh Varshney)

Paul Seabright: The challenge of ethnicity for rational choice theories of the state

Michael Hechter: Alien rule and its discontents

Steven Burg / Lachen Chernya: Devolution, nationalism and the democratic state: empirical evidence from the Spanish 'state of autonomies'

3.45-4.15 Break

- 4.15-6.00 **Session IV: Religion and Identity** (Chair: Don Kalb)
- Jean-Philippe Platteau: Political instrumentalisation of religion: the case of Islam
- David Clingingsmith: Estimating the impact of the Hajj: religion and tolerance in Islam's global gathering
- Patrick Eisenlohr: Religious media, devotional Islam and the morality of ethnic pluralism in Mauritius

Sept 26, Friday

- 9.00-10.45 **Session V : Social and Economic Dimensions** (Chair: Balazs Vedres)
- Eliana La Ferrara: Ethnic diversity, public goods and growth: an economist's approach
- Stelios Michalopoulos: Ethno-linguistic diversity: origins and implications
- Perna Singh: Sub-nationalism and social development: a comparative analysis of Indian states

10.45-11.15 Break

- 11.15-1.00 **Session VI: Conceptualizing Ethnicity** (Chair: Andreas Dafinger)
- Paul Richards: Against ethnicity- some anthropological arguments
- Clark McCauley: The political power of ethnicity: a psychological perspective
- Vijayendra Rao : Revisiting between-group inequality measurement: an application to the dynamics of caste inequality in two Indian villages

1.00-2.00 Lunch

- 2.00-3.45 **Session VII : Spatial Dimensions** (Chair: Ayse Caglar)
- Daniel Monterescu: Rescaling ethnic violence: state, community, crime and gender in ethnically urban space in Israel/Palestine
- Diana Bocarejo: Political landscapes under multiculturalism: the spatialization of ethnicity in Columbia
- Decha Tangseefa: Educating (in) exception: young displaced Karens & cultural entanglements in a 'temporary' shelter area

3.45-4.15 Break

4.15-6.00 **Session VIII: Riots** (Chair: Jakob Rigi)

Ward Berenschot: 'Why do riots happen here and not there? Communal violence, patronage and civil society in Gujarat, India

Samsu Paggabeau / Benjamin Smith : Explaining anti-Chinese riots in late 20th century Indonesia

Matteo Fumagalli: Ethno-politics in Central Asia: explaining the dogs that did not bark

Sept 27. Saturday

9.00-10.45 **Session IX: Armed Conflict and Civil War** (Chair: Alexandra Kowalski)

Andreas Wimmer: Ethnic politics and armed conflict. A configurational analysis of a new dataset

Joel Selway / Joshua Gubler: Ethnicity, social structure and civil war

Graham Brown/Arnim Lange : The epistemology of ethnic conflict: towards a multidisciplinary approach

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.30 **Session X: Ethnicity, State and Conflict** (Chair: Ashutosh Varshney)

Stathis Kalyvas: Ethnicity and the Dynamics of Civil War

Yael Navaro-Yashin

12.30-1.00 Closing

1.00-2.00 Lunch

Coffee/tea breaks and lunches are only for the conference speakers and will be held in the lounge in front of the Gellner room (adjacent to Popper room, Monument building)

