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CALL FOR PAPERS: FIELD RESEARCH AND ETHICS IN POST-CONFLICT ENVIRONMENTS

The Program on States and Security is pleased to announce a two-day workshop on Field Research and Ethics in Post-Conflict Environments, to be held in New York, at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York on December 4 and 5, 2008.

Conducting research in post-conflict environments presents particular challenges for academic researchers in terms of methodology, access, and ethics. While interest in conducting research in these environments continues to grow, the literature on how to respond to the particular challenges they present in the field has not kept pace. Researchers may be at risk of violence, find the social and political environment to be unusually unstable and conflictful, have trouble accessing some regions or groups, or discover that their research and methodology has ethical implications and ramifications that they did not consider in advance.

We invite papers which directly address topics of field research and ethical challenges in post-conflict environments. Papers may explore the array of methodological challenges, ethical issues, or practical impediments inherent in this set of conditions. We welcome both theoretical investigations and proposed remedies, as well as reflections on personal research experiences.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Abstracts of no more than 400 words should be submitted electronically to jmueller@statesandsecurity.org or sent via mail to:

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Deadline for submissions is August 1, 2008.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

Authors will be notified on August 5, 2008 on the acceptance of their paper. Those who are accepted will be invited to attend the workshop in New York on December 4 and 5, 2008. Travel and accommodations will be provided by the program.