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Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), Network of European Peace
Scientists (NEPS), and UNU-WIDER

Call for Papers

War and Reconstruction in Ukraine

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Helsinki, Finland

The human costs of Russia's invasion of Ukraine are huge. In 2022 alone, the [United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) recorded almost 7,000 civilian casualties, most of whom were killed by shelling, rocket systems, missiles, and air strikes. While most of the violence has taken place in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, Russia's missile campaign targeting Ukraine's transport and energy systems in a bid to undermine public morale has resulted in civilian casualties across Ukraine. Almost [eight million people](#), mostly women and children, have fled the country as of January 2023. Beyond Ukraine, the invasion has changed the landscape of European and international politics in a way that few could have predicted. Indeed, the overlapping [global climate and health crises](#) have reaffirmed that good policy on multidimensional and interconnected phenomena require greater input from experts.

It is more important than ever that academic research informs and positively impacts policy. To develop academic research and policy solutions for the crisis in Ukraine, [HiCN](#), [NEPS](#), and [UNU-WIDER](#) are seeking papers for a two-day workshop in Helsinki, Finland, in early May.

A full-day academic workshop (tentatively on 8th May) hosted by UNU-WIDER will be followed by a policy event hosted in collaboration with relevant ministries and policy actors in Finland (tentatively on 9th May), which will include a discussion and summary of results. Final dates will be communicated closer to the time.

The workshop will leverage Europe's strong networks of political scientists and economists, facilitated by UNU-WIDER, to bring forward cutting edge, policy-relevant peace and conflict research which can inform long-term reconstruction in Ukraine.

Specifically, we aim to lay down the foundations for inclusive governance structures and economic reforms necessary to pave the way for the freedom and security of all Ukrainians. Special consideration will be given to new, policy-relevant research on the micro-level impacts of the war against Ukraine. Research on other conflicts with policy relevance to Ukraine's reconstruction will also be considered. We especially welcome submissions from Ukrainian researchers.

The core theme is centered around three topics:

1. Refugee return and reintegration
2. Livelihood reconstruction and recovery
3. Rebuilding the social contract

We are inviting submissions of (preferably) full papers or extended abstracts by **17th March 2023 (23:59 CET)** to info@hicn.org.

Please note that limited funding will be available to cover travel and subsistence of selected participants, to be discussed after selection. All participants will be invited to submit their papers to the UNU-WIDER and HiCN Working Paper series.

Since 2004, the Households in Conflict Network ([HiCN](#)) has been bringing together academics and pushing for more research on micro-level effects of violent conflict. The Network of European Peace Scientists ([NEPS](#)) is a network of scholars committed to the advancement of Peace Research in Europe.

Location: UNU-WIDER, Helsinki

HiCN Directors: Tilman Brück (Humboldt University of Berlin, Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, ISDC), Patricia Justino (UNU-WIDER), Philip Verwimp (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

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