In the past 10-15 years, conflict scholars have been increasingly looking at the micro-dynamics of armed conflicts. While much of the previous research had the state as the primary unit of analysis, this work puts the behavior of individuals and groups at the center.

The aim of this symposium is to bring together researchers that look at armed conflicts from such a micro-dynamics perspective. Some of the questions that can be addressed in the papers are, for example, how civilians cope with armed conflict situations, what kind of order emerges when the state retreats, or what factors explain the occurrence and absence of violence against civilians in armed conflicts. The contributions are not limited to specific places or time periods.

At the same time, the symposium also invites contributions from scholars that work on conflict management and termination policies. These participants are invited to reflect in their papers on the question how well (or not) national and international actors integrate our knowledge of the micro-dynamics of armed conflicts into their policies.

**Keynote-Speaker:**

Stathis Kalyvas, Gladstone Professor of Government in the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

**Paper submissions**

If you would like to participate, please send a 200-word abstract with your name and a two-line bio to Martijn Vlaskamp (mvlaskamp@ibei.org). The number of papers will be capped at twenty.

The deadline for submissions is 4 February 2018.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by 23 February 2018. Full papers will be expected by 18 May 2018 for circulation among participants.
Venue
The symposium will be held at the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI). IBEI is an inter-university research institute and postgraduate education center, which was established in 2004 as a joint initiative of the five public universities of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and the CIDOB Foundation. It is located on the Ciutadella Campus of Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) in Barcelona.

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