Kit Rickard

Curriculum Vitae

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Research

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Rickard, Kit. "When rebel support internationalizes civil wars." *Accepted* at *International Studies Quarterly*.

Duursma, Allard, Diana Steffen, Kit Rickard, and Sascha Langenbach. 2026. ". The Conflict Network Explorer: Introducing a web-based tool for visualizing conflict networks." *Journal of Peace Research*.
doi:10.1093/jopres/xjag056

Rickard, Kit, Giovanni Hollenweger, Sigrid Weber, and Kristin M. Bakke. 2025. "Contentious rituals and inter-group relations: Parading in Northern Ireland." *British Journal of Political Science*.
doi:10.1017/S0007123425100835

Bakke, Kristin M., Marianne Dahl, and Kit Rickard. 2025. "Conflict exposure and democratic values: Evidence from wartime Ukraine." *Journal of Peace Research*.
doi:10.1177/00223433251347769

Rickard, Kit, Gerard Toal, Kristin M. Bakke, and John O'Loughlin. 2025. "The challenges of surveying in war zones: Lessons from Ukraine." *Journal of Peace Research*.
doi:10.1177/00223433251321763

Bakke, Kristin M., Kit Rickard, John O'Loughlin, and Gerard Toal. 2025. "Politicizing memory: Evidence from Ukraine." *Problems of Post-Communism*, 72(1), 16–35.
doi:10.1080/10758216.2024.2316037

Bakke, Kristin M., Kit Rickard, and John O'Loughlin. 2023. "Perceptions of the past in the post-Soviet space." *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 39(4), 223–256.
doi:10.1080/1060586X.2023.2170153.

Bakke, Kristin M., and Kit Rickard. 2021. "Legacies of wartime order: Punishment attacks and social control in Northern Ireland." *Security Studies*, 30(4), 603–636.
doi:10.1080/09636412.2021.1976822

Chinchilla, Alexandra, Kit Rickard, and Giuseppe Spatafora. 2021. "Ways forward: A research agenda on conflict delegation." In "Conflict Delegation in International Relations," *International Studies Review*, 23(4), 2048–2078.
doi:10.1093/isr/viab053

Rauta, Vladimir, Matthew Ayton, Alexandra Chinchilla, Andreas Krieg, Kit Rickard, and Jean-Marc Rickli. 2019. "A symposium–debating 'surrogate warfare' and the transformation of war." *Defence Studies*, 19(4), 410–430.
doi:10.1080/14702436.2019.1680290

Book Chapters

Rickard, Kit and Kristin M. Bakke (2026). "'Ten pound touts': Post-conflict trust and the legacy of counterinsurgency in Northern Ireland", in *Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict: Development and State-Building in the Shadow of Wartime Institutional Change* (Oxford University Press), Patricia Justino (ed).
doi.org/10.1093/9780197904077.003.0005

Working Papers

Bulutgil, Zeynep and Kit Rickard. "The institutional roots of secular party success: Evidence from 19th century France." *Revise and resubmit at Perspectives on Politics.*

Ottmann, Martin, and Kit Rickard. "Military occupation and community cohesion: Evidence from Ukraine." *Under review at American Political Science Review.*

Rickard, Kit, Marnie Howlett, Carl Mueller-Crepon, and Anton Hrushetskyi. "The Homeland: Territorial Preferences in Wartime Ukraine." *Draft manuscript.*

Rickard, Kit, and Kristin M. Bakke. "Demand or coercion: Local support for non-state armed actors." *Draft manuscript.*

Bakke, Kristin M., Kit Rickard, John O'Loughlin, and Gerard Toal. "The Russian invasion of Ukraine and geopolitical attitudes in Russia's 'near abroad'." *Draft manuscript.*

Ó Dochartaigh, Niall, and Kit Rickard. "Mediation process design and major-power mediation in the Northern Ireland peace process." Draft for edited volume on *Process Designs in Mediation* (OUP).

Rickard, Kit. *Arming Rebellion: Foreign Support and Rebel Fragmentation in Civil War. Book manuscript.*

Employment

Senior Researcher, Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zürich, 2023–present.

Research Associate, UNU-WIDER (to Prof. Patricia Justino), focusing on the "Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict" project, 2022–2023.

Teaching

Instructor, Ending Violence postgraduate module, Master's in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS), ETH Zürich, 2024–present.

Instructor, Researching Peace & Security postgraduate module, Master's in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS), ETH Zürich, 2024–2025.

Teaching Assistant (seminars), International Conflict and Cooperation, UCL, 2021–2022.

Teaching Assistant (seminars), Quantitative Data Analysis, UCL, 2021–2022.

Teaching Assistant, Survey Analysis and Experiments workshop, EUI, May 2021.

Teaching Assistant (seminars), Qualitative Research Methods, UCL, 2020–2022.

Teaching Assistant (seminars), Evidence and Inference for Citizens and Social Scientists, UCL, 2020–2022.

Teaching Assistant (seminars) for IR and Political Economy; Instructor for Comparative Politics, Introduction to European History, Law, Politics and Philosophy, UCL, 2018–2021.

Research Skills

Languages: English (native), French (native), German (intermediate).

Field research: Northern Ireland (2018 and 2024), Ukraine (2019), Georgia (2019).

Archival research: The National Archives (UK, 2019); *Archives Nationales* (France, July and November 2022); *Archives Departmentales* (Perpignan, Angers, Besançon in 2023) .

Software: *R* & *RStudio* (advanced), LaTeX(advanced), *Stata* (intermediate), *QGIS* & *ArcGIS* (intermediate).

Grants

British Academy/Leverhulme. Small Research Grant (2022–2025), £9,960.25.

The Leverhulme Trust. Three-year Early Career Fellowship (2022–2025), University of Birmingham, £99,933. Grant declined.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Three-year studentship (2017–2020), UCL, £54,159.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) enhanced stipend (2017–2020), UCL, £4,500.

Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS), UCL. Funding to host an interdisciplinary PhD workshop (2019), £1,400.

School of Public Policy (SPP), UCL. Advanced Training Fund to attend Essex Summer School (2018), £1,318.

Education

PhD in Political Science, UCL, 2017–2022. "The Internationalisation of Civil War: How External States Shape Rebel Dynamics", supervised by Prof. Kristin M. Bakke and Prof. Nils Metternich.

MSc in Security Studies, UCL, 2014–2015.

BA in European Studies, Trinity College Dublin (TCD), 2009–2013.

Media Contributions

"The challenges of wartime polling in Ukraine." *CSS Analyses in Security Policy*, February 2024.

"25 years after the Good Friday Agreement: Persistent violence and the role of digital platforms in Northern Ireland today." *Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET)*, 11 April 2023.

"Four global problems that will be aggravated by the UK's recent cuts to international aid," with Patricia Justino. *The Conversation*, 28 March 2023.

"How reliable are polls in wartime Ukraine?" with Gerard Toal, Kristin M. Bakke, and John O'Loughlin. *PONARS Eurasia*, 15 February 2023.

"Putin's plan to stop Ukraine turning to the west has failed – our survey shows support for NATO is at an all-time high," with Kristin M. Bakke, Gerard Toal, and John O'Loughlin. *The Conversation*, 4 January 2023.

"What would be the economic consequences of a military stalemate in Ukraine?," with Patricia Justino. *WIDERAngle Blog*, UNU-WIDER, October 2022.

"With politicians who can't be bothered to read peace agreements, it's no wonder Brexit negotiations are such a mess," with Kristin M. Bakke. *The Independent*, 2 February 2019.

Interviewed by Amanda Taub for "Police the public, or protect it? For a U.S. in crisis, hard lessons from other countries." *The New York Times*, 24 June 2020.

Events Organised

Talk by Macartan Humphreys (WZB, Humboldt, and TCD) "School Segregation in Berlin: Schelling Sorting or Moving to Opportunity?", Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS) colloquium, ETH and University of Zürich, Switzerland, November 2025.

Stakeholder conference on "Geopolitics, Geopolitical Attitudes, and the Russia-Ukraine War", Senate House, London, UK, February 2025.

Academic workshop on "The Internationalisation of Civil War", ETH Zürich, January 2025.

Four annual Conflict & Change (C&C) PhD Workshops, 2019–2022.

Methods Training

Machine Learning and Conflict Prediction, two-week workshop led by Prof. Michael Colaresi, University of Essex (online), December 2020.

PAST Skills & Methodology Workshop: Modern Overseas and Defence, two-day course, The National Archives, January 2020.

Advanced Qualitative Methods in Conflict Studies: Case Research and Process Analytics, one-week course led by Prof. Jeffrey T. Checkel, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway, August 2019.

Survival Analysis (Time-to-Event Data), one-day course led by Eirini Koutoumanou, Centre for Applied Statistics Courses (CASC), UCL, October 2018.

Introduction to Multilevel Models, two-week course led by Prof. Paul Lambert, Essex Summer School, Colchester, July 2018.

Introduction to Social Network Analysis, two-week course led by Dr. Filip Agneessens, Essex Summer School, Colchester, July 2018.

Spatial Econometrics, two-week course led by Dr. Scott Cook, Essex Summer School, Colchester, August 2018.

Other Relevant Work Experience

Research Assistant, PRIO (to Prof. Bakke), "Street-level Autocrats" (FRIPRO) and "Dynamics of De Facto State Patron-Client Relations" (RCN), 2019–2021.

Research Assistant to Prof. Bakke, Prof. John O'Loughlin (University of Colorado Boulder), and Prof. Gerard Toal (Virginia Tech), "With Russia or Not? The Geopolitical Orientations of Russia's Neighbouring State Populations" (NSF/ESRC), 2018–2020.

Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, UCL, 2018–2022.

Blue Book Trainee and Programme Officer, Research Executive Agency (REA), European Commission, Brussels, February 2016–January 2017.

Translator, Euractiv, Brussels, March–September 2014.

Programme and Events Intern, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Berlin, August–December 2013.

Service to the Discipline

Council Member and Secretary-Elect, Conflict Research Society (CRS).

Communications, website management, and website development for the Conflict & Change Research Cluster (UCL) and the Conflict Research Society (CRS).

Member of the Award Committee for the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conflict Processes Best Paper Award (2020).

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Civil Wars*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*; *Research and Politics*, and others.

Guest lecturer on "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland for a study abroad programme organised by the Department of Political Science, Michigan State University (2019).