Conflict and the Environment
Saturday, February 26
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Levine Science Research Center, Love Auditorium (B101)
Duke University

15th Annual Duke University International Environmental Conference
Sponsored by the Student International Discussion Group (SIDG), the Carolina and Duke Consortium Working Group on the Environment in Latin America, the Pan-Amazon Group, and the Nicholas School of the Environment

9:00 - 9:30  Registration and Breakfast
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9:30 - 10:15 Welcome: William Schlesinger, PhD, Dean, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University
Keynote address: Geoffrey Dabelko, PhD, Director, Environmental Change and Security Project, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: “Environment, Conflict, and Cooperation: Next Steps for Scholarship and Policy”

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:30 The Role of Natural Resources in Causing Conflict
Mary Melnyk, PhD, Senior Natural Resource Advisor, USAID, Washington, DC: “USAID’s Efforts to Reduce Conflicts Over Forest Resources in Asia”
Laura Carlsen, Director, Americas Program, International Relations Center (IRC), Mexico: “Human Rights, Ecology and Economic Integration: The Peasant Ecologists of Guerrero, Mexico”
Marcelo Fernandez Osco, PhD Candidate, Romance Studies, Duke University: “Disenfranchisement of Indigenous Peoples, the Creation of Protected Areas, and Conflict in Bolivia”
Avner Vengosh, PhD, Geologist, Ben Gurion University, Israel: “Salinity and Natural Radioactivity in Shared Water Resources as a Potential Source for Conflicts in the Middle East”

12:30 - 1:45 Lunch

1:45 - 3:30 Environmental Management and Resource Use in Times of Conflict
Cheshewa Maunya, Program in International Development Policy Fellow, Duke University: “Managing the Environment During Conflict in Northern Uganda and Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo with the Alliance of Internally Displaced Persons”
Art Blundell, PhD, UN Panel of Experts Reviewing Liberian Forest Sector: “Conflict Timber in Liberia”
Andres Barreda, PhD, Director, Center for Social Analysis, Information and Popular Formation, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico: “How Environmental Issues, Strategic Resources and Biodiversity Correlate with Militarization, Paramilitary Presence and Repression of Indigenous Communities in Chiapas, Mexico”

3:30 - 3:45 Coffee Break

3:45 - 4:45 From Environmental Conflict to Environmental Peacemaking
Erika Weinthal, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel: “Collaborative Management of Water Resources in the Gaza Strip Between Israel and the Palestinian Authority”

4:45 - 5:00 Closing Remarks: Geoffrey Dabelko
Reception immediately to follow at the International House, 2022 Campus Drive, Duke University

Conference is FREE and open to the public, including all meals and reception.
Please RSVP to Kathleen Lawlor at klawlor@duke.edu to reserve your conference meals by February 18. Visit us on the web at www.nicholas.duke.edu. The Levine Science Research Center is located at the corner of Science Drive and Research Drive at Duke University. Parking can be found along LaSalle Street.