

# Conflict and the Environment

## Saturday, February 26

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Levine Science Research Center, Love Auditorium (B101)  
Duke University



Pablo Picasso (1937), *Guernica*

### 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 Levine Science Research Center	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"
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"	Art Blundell, PhD, UN Panel of Experts Reviewing Liberian Forest Sector: "Conflict Timber in Liberia"
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee Break	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"
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"	Vicenzo Lauriola, National Institute of Amazonian Research, Brazil: "Indigenous Conflict in Roraima, Northern Brazil"
		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"  Jay Singh, PhD, Conflict Specialist, Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, USAID, Washington, DC: "Conflicts Over Land and Minerals: USAID's Toolkits For Intervention"
12:30 - 1:45	Lunch	4:45 - 5:00 Closing Remarks: Geoffrey Dabelko
1:45 - 3:30	Environmental Management and Resource Use in Times of Conflict	<i>Reception immediately to follow at the International House, 2022 Campus Drive, Duke University</i>

Conference is FREE and open to the public, including all meals and reception.

Please RSVP to Kathleen Lawlor at [klawlor@duke.edu](mailto:klawlor@duke.edu) to reserve your conference meals by February 18. Visit us on the web at [www.nicholas.duke.edu](http://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.