

# The Economics of Conflict

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Conflict is a major impediment to economic development. In addition to immediate casualties, conflict systematically disrupts economic activity, undermines investor confidence, and creates obstacles to the efficient functioning of markets. It leads to the destruction of infrastructure and productive capacity, reduces employment opportunities, and adversely affects household decisions related to education, healthcare, and fertility. These dynamics result in substantial human suffering, significant economic losses, and declines in output and overall welfare in both the short and long term.

This seminar reviews some of the recent economic literature on conflict and geoeconomics. A particular focus will be on understanding the drivers of conflict, its mechanics, the interplay between private and public investment and conflict, and the role of institutions and policies to moderate or prevent outbreaks of violent conflict. The literature will cover mostly applied papers that are grounded on theoretical underpinnings

<b>Studiengang:</b> <i>Program:</i>	BSc
<b>Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj):</b> <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	23. July 2025, 18.00, Zoom Meeting-ID: 688 4145 5630 Code: 178328  alternatively: 28. July 2025, 18.00, Zoom Meeting-ID: 654 7483 3428 Kenncode: 909265
<b>*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit:</b> <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	9.10. until 6.11.2025
<b>*Seminartermin:</b> <i>*Seminar date:</i>	13./14.11.2025
<b>Veranstaltungsort:</b> <i>Venue:</i>	LMU München
<b>falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung:</b> <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
<b>Sprache:</b> <i>Language:</i>	English
<b>Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse:</b> <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Micro 1&2, Macro 1&2, Applied
<b>Methodischer Schwerpunkt:</b> <i>Methodological background:</i>	Applied Micro/Macro
<b>*Grundlagenliteratur:</b> <i>*Basic references:</i>	Charles H. Anderton and John R. Carter (2019): Principles of Conflict Economics: The Political Economy of War, Terrorism, Genocide, and Peace, Cambridge University Press, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, 2019

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