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Call for papers for the Workshop

Micro-foundations of conflict and violence: economic analysis and impact evaluation

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During war and violent conflict, in the midst of violence and destruction, new behaviors and innovative discoveries are taking place, paving the way for post-conflict growth and development. Some areas and even entire countries however remain stuck in a situation of high poverty and recurring violence. Whether or not firms, households and individuals find themselves on a growth-trajectory or in a spiral of poverty depend on the nature of the conflict, the peace agreement, and a series of characteristics such as location, wealth, age and gender.

We are looking for papers addressing the micro-foundations of conflict economies, and violence, its causes and functioning as well as its consequences, and which help us to explain how affected economies evolve. At the same time, the donor and policy community have a growing need to understand the impact of its projects and programs in such fragile environments. It is not exaggerated to state that where evidence is needed the most, because of high stakes, it is also lacking the most, and lacking in particular in conflict and fragile environments.

We are seeking new and innovative contributions that shed light either on the micro-economic analysis of peace and conflict or on the evaluation of the impact of projects and programs that aim to reduce violence and promote peace and development. A non-exhaustive list of themes we are interested in is: former combatants, refugees, health and education, corruption and governance, trust and social capital, income and land inequality, cash transfers, mobile technology, police and security, anti-personal mines, elections, taxation, trade. We also have a particular interest in papers that consider the short term and long term effects of conflict and

violence on poverty at a micro level. The workshop is organized in the context of the Fragility Platform organized by the World Bank. Please send your paper to the email address: hicn.fragilityforum@gmail.com before 15 November 2014. You will be notified by 1 December if you are invited to present your paper.