



In collaboration with the ECPR's Critical Peace & Conflict Standing Group

Conference on Emerging Technologies in Conflict & Peace

UNESCO Amphitheater

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

May 18th – 19th

Keynote Speaker: Benjamin Noys

About

The Conference on Emerging Technologies in Conflict & Peace brings together international researchers to initiate a critically-oriented discussion that centers on the intricate relationship between emerging technologies and the dynamics of conflict and peace. It provides a forum to examine two overarching research questions:

- How and to what extent does the application of novel technologies enable conflict, to the detriment of peace, justice and democracy?
- How and to what extent can novel technologies be effectively employed in the service of peace, justice and democracy?

To this end, the conference seeks to deduce empirical as well as theoretical insights through a comparative approach that examines diverse localities and dimensions of conflict.

Conference Day 1 | May 18th

9:50 – 10:00 | **Welcoming**

10:00 – 11:45 | **Session 1: Geopolitics, Ecology and War**

- Josef Mühlbauer (University of Graz) – Technological Hegemony: AI, Semiconductors, and the Geopolitics of Emerging Technologies
- Jop Dispa (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Friso van Houdt (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – Big Tech as Contemporary War Entrepreneurs: Necropolitical Laboratories and the Digital Stack of War
- Patrick Brodie (University College Dublin) – The Geopolitical Ecology of AI

12:00 – 13:45 | **Session 2: Identity, Politics and Governance**

- Shirin Arianna Reza Elahi (Università del Piemonte Orientale | University of Sussex) – Emerging Technologies as Dispositifs of Delegated Governance: Psychiatric Disciplining, Neuroqueer Subjectivities, and the Quiet Erosion of Democracy
- Nicos Trimikliniotis (University of Nicosia) – Labour, Borders, Artificial Intelligence and Struggles: Rethinking Mobile Commons
- Beata Paragi (Corvinus University of Budapest) – “I Died Once, So I Could Live. Perhaps that is My Real Story.” Conceptualizing Digital Passing in the Era of Biometric Identification

15:00 – 16:45 | **Session 3: Conflict & Crisis**

- Raymond Hyma (University of Warwick), Phasiree Thanasin (Chiang Mai University) and Suyheang Kry (Women Peace Makers) – New Trenches of Battle: Cambodian–Thai Culture Clashes in the Digital Age of Nationalism
- Denis Neumann (Leeds University) – Containing the Algorithm? Works Councils, Algorithmic Management, and the Politics of Control in Germany’s Platform-Mediated Courier Sector
- Julia Gy. Molnar (Cornivus University of Budapest) – Media’s Construction of the ‘Ethnic Hatred’ Frame: Examining Ethnic Conflict Reporting of the New York Times and The Guardian

Conference Day 2 | May 19th

10:00 – 11:45 | **Session 4: Borders, Space & Migration**

- Jacopo Anderlini (University of Parma) and Martino Morandi (Constant VZW) – Seeing Like a Machinic Border: Operational Images and their Representations
- Letizia Conte (University of Macerata) – Techno-Borders in Times of Crisis: Risks and Criticalities of Emerging Technologies in Migration Management
- Jamie Withorne (University of Oslo) – All Eyes on Kola: An Analytical Framework for Situational Awareness and Emerging Technology

12:00 – 13:45 | **Session 5: Far-Right & Digitalities**

- Michaelangelo Anastasiou (University of Nicosia) and Christos Hadjoannou (University of Nicosia) – AI, Social Media and Echo Chambers: From Algorithmic Prediction to Antagonistic Politics and the Democratic Potential
- Lazaros Karavasilis (University of Bremen / University of Hasselt) – We Are Going to Need a Bigger Firewall: Examining AfD's Discourse, Digital Strategies and Mainstreaming Effect in the Federal Election of 2025
- Luna Rovolon (University of Macerata) – The Hegemony of Neoliberal Fascism: Patriarchal and Racial Ideologies in Contemporary Italian Far-Right Organizations

15:00 – 16:45 | **Session 6: Democracy & Resistance**

- Camila Vergara (University of Essex) and Peter Bloom (University of Essex) – Commons Intelligence: AI, Democracy, and the Possibility of Trans-Human Solidarity
- Giorgos Charalambous (University of Nicosia) – On the Democratic Ethics of AI Parties: Political Organisation, and the Virtues of Partisanship
- Nikandros Ioannides (Cyprus University of Technology) and Iosif Kovras (University of Cyprus) – Shifting Violence in the Dark: Internet Shutdowns and the Reconfiguration of Conflict Tactics

17:15 – 18:45 | **Keynote Presentation – Benjamin Noys (University of Chichester): Accelerationism as War and Representation**