

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

21 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITMENT TO THE 'NATIONAL' IN POST-CONFLICT COUNTRIES: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECURITY PROVISION IN LEBANON

PROFESSOR MELANI CAMMETT (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Mitchell Institute Fellows' Room,
18 University Square, QUB.

The Workshop will be held in-person and will be chaired by Professor Richard English (QUB).

Places will be limited to 18 and must be booked in advance. [Register here.](#)

The Mitchell Institute is pleased to host this Research Workshop, focusing on Professor Melani Cammett's recent research.

The format for the Workshop is that attendees are asked to read a recent article entitled 'Commitment to the "National" in Post-Conflict Countries: Public and Private Security Provision in Lebanon'. The article will be forwarded to attendees upon registration.

The Workshop will involve questions, debate and discussion based around the article. There will not be a talk by Professor Cammett, but people will instead move immediately to their questions:

- about the article;
- about how it relates to people's own work;
- about the wider field and possible future research agendas within that field;
- or about any responses people want to debate in relation to this important new publication.



PROFESSOR MELANI CAMMETT

Melani is a professor of Government (political science) and the Director of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

Her work centers on identity politics, intergroup relations, and development, and many of her current research projects explore the nexus between politicized identity-based conflict and socioeconomic factors.

In her current book project, she is working in Northern Ireland as well as in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Lebanon, where she has previously conducted extensive research, to compare the nature of intergroup relations across different subnational localities. The goal of the project is to move beyond tests of the "contact hypothesis" in order to explore the local and supra-local socioeconomic and political factors that explain why some places exhibit more extensive and collaborative patterns of social relations while others are or remain more polarized. The research is based on a mixed methods design, which involves qualitative and quantitative data collection through in-depth interviews with local elites, survey research in a representative sample of localities in each country, and analyses of archival and secondary sources.



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