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**Research in Conflict-Affected Countries and Contexts:  
Ethics, Risks, and Practicalities**

*A Capacity Building Workshop for Josef Korbel School  
Faculty, Students and Staff*

**Monday, March 2, 2015**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

*The Tuscan Ballroom*

*Joy Burns Center, University of Denver*

Facilitator: Timothy Sisk, Professor and Associate Dean for Research

Social scientists across a wide range of disciplines are engaged in research on conflict-affected countries and in other contexts, such as research on community-level and interpersonal violence. This workshop is designed to explore more fully the ethics, risks, and practicalities of conducting research in such environments. The workshop will feature presentations by invited presenters, University of Denver faculty, and advanced graduate students with experience researching in conflict-affected countries and contexts.

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**Agenda**

- 9:00 **Welcome and Introductions; Purpose and Objectives**  
Prof. Timothy Sisk, Associate Dean for Research, Korbel School
- Opening remarks**  
Prof. Corinne Lengsfeld, Associate Provost for Research, University of Denver
- 9:15 **Invited Experts**  
“At the Edge of Anarchy: Researching Conflict and Corruption in Africa”  
William Reno, Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University  
“Researching Refugees: Ethics and Access in Conflict-Affected Countries”  
Karen Jacobsen, Associate Professor of Research and Director of the Refugees and Forced Migration Program, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- Q & A**
- 10:45 **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 11:00 **Faculty Perspectives: Ethics, Risks, and Practicalities**  
“Field Research in International Peace and Security”  
Erica Chenoweth, Associate Professor of International Studies  
“Academics and Ex-Combatants: Researching Insurgency in Colombia”  
Oliver Kaplan, Assistant Professor of International Studies
- Q&A**
- 12:00 **Lunch Break**
- 1:00p **Research in Humanitarian Affairs**  
“Field Research in Humanitarian Emergencies”  
Chen Reis, Director, Humanitarian Assistance Program, Korbel School
- Q&A**



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1:30pm

**Roundtable: Research on the Front Lines**

“Off the Grid: Researching Communal Violence in Northwestern Kenya”

Fletcher Cox, PhD Candidate, Korbel School

“Taking the ‘Chicken Bus’: Exploring State-Society Relations in Rural Guatemala”

Matthew Klick, PhD Candidate, Korbel School

“Researching Civilian Responses to Maoists, Mercenaries, and Mafiosos in Peru”

Steve Zech, PhD Candidate, Korbel School

**Q&A**

3:00p

**Concluding Remarks/Adjournment**