Conference on Politics, Conflict, and Development
Power Shifts: Conflict, Emergencies, and Global Response

Call for Papers
The Annual Conference on Politics, Conflict, and Development (CPCD) seeks to identify the latest ideas, issues, and initiatives in politics, conflicts, and development around the world. The conference will focus on power shifts in politics which can be causes or outcomes of conflict and emergencies and explore the global response to regional and international conflicts and emergencies. From the Middle East to the Far East, Europe to Africa, conflicts and emergencies deeply affect politics and policies. While xenophobia is on the rise in the West, Europe is facing an influx of new refugees, which causes further policy shifts in Europe. What are the major driving forces causing power shifts in politics? What are the responses to the refugee crisis? Do “humanitarian interventions” turn into catastrophes? Within this context, the CPCD’s goal is analyzing recent trends, identifying emerging approaches, and proposing new solutions.

Organizers
The CPCD is organized by the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) at Virginia International University (VIU) and the Center for Democracy and International Affairs (CDIA) at VIU. For further information, contact: Dr. Klara Bilgin at kbilgin@viu.edu, 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Thematic Areas
- International Emergency Response to Complex Crises
- State and Local Policy Response to Emergencies and Humanitarian Crises
- Political Conflicts and Regional Implications
- Political Transitions, Democratization, and the Spread of Authoritarianism
- New Trends in International Relations
- Changing Roles of International Organizations
- Development Challenges in Conflict Areas

Submissions
Abstracts for papers, poster presentations, and panel sessions for the conference should be submitted by January 30, 2016. Papers and presentations are invited from all areas of international politics, conflict and development, from both academics and practitioners. Proposals for workshops and poster presentations are also welcome.

Abstracts should be no more than 400 words in length excluding references and title and should include a description of the research design and/or the data, key findings, and implications for the theoretical debate or practice of the discipline. In addition to the abstract, applicants are required to submit a short biography (no CVs, please). Submit proposals at the following website: http://cpcd.viu.edu.