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ViEWS – a political Violence Early Warning System
Workshop, 25-26 September 2017
Conference room: Kungsängsliljan, 1st floor, Radisson Blu, Uppsala

25 September

Session 1: The overall structure of ViEWS

Chair: Desirée Nilsson

09:00-09:20 Welcome, overview (Håvard Hegre)

09:20-9:50 Input data: Imputation of predictors (David Randahl) and monthly aggregation of UCDP-GED (Mihai Croicu)

9:50-10:30 Dynasim (Frederick Hoyles)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Session 2: Current best forecasts and imputation

Chair: Lisa Hultman

10:45-12:30 Current best forecasts (Håvard Hegre, Kristina Petrova, Remco Jansen)

12.30-13:30 Lunch

Session 3: Projected new predictors

Chair: Håvard Hegre

13:30-14:15 Expert assessments (Gerald Schneider & Matthias Basedau)

14:15-14:45 PKOs (Hanne Fjelde, Lisa Hultman & Desirée Nilsson)

14:45-15:15 Coffee Break

Session 4: Evaluation

Chair: Michael Colaresi

15:15-15:45 Uncertainty handling of UCDP-GED (Mihai Croicu)

15:45-16:45 Cost-based evaluation metrics, model averaging, and downsampling (Håvard Hegre & Sayyed Auwn Muhammad)

17.45 Meet at Hotel Lobby to walk to the restaurant

18:00 Dinner at La Parilla for all workshop participants



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Session 1

Chair: Hanne Fjelde

09:00-09:05 Introduction to day 2 (Håvard Hegre)

09:05-09:45 **Baris Ari** and Theodora-Ismene Gizelis: Conflict Fragmentation and the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

09:45-10:30 **Nils Metternich**: Introducing Rebeltrack and Rebelcast.

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Session 2

Chair: Espen Geelmuyden Rød

10:50-11:30 **Thomas Chadeaux**: The Price is Right: Market Anticipations of the Cost of War.

11:30-12:10 **Michael Colaresi**: The Ups and Downs of Human Rights: Using Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis and Document Meta-data to Explore Information Effects in Human Rights Reports.

12.30-13:30 Lunch

Session 3

Chair: Nina von Uexkull

13:30-14:10 Jonathan D. Moyer, Drew Bowlsby, **Erica Chenoweth**, and Cullen S. Hendrix: Forecasting Failures: Temporal Variation in Drivers of Political Instability.

14:10-14:50 **Gregor Reisch**: Early Warning and Conflict Prediction at the German Federal Foreign Office -- The Pre-View Platform.

14:50-15:10 Coffee Break

Session 4

Chair: Håvard Hegre

15:10-15:50 **Nils Weidmann** and **Espen Geelmuyden Rød**: The MMAD dataset and using information on protest behavior in ViEWS.

15:50-16:30 **Måns Thulin** and **David Randahl**: Random Neighbor Ensemble Method for classification and prediction of categorical data.

16:30-16:45 Concluding remarks (Håvard Hegre)

17:30 Dinner for participants departing on Wednesday or Thursday at Jay Fu