

Complex Data in the Study of Politics and Conflict

18-19 November 2021, Barcelona

We are soliciting interest for a hybrid workshop on complex data which will be jointly organized by the IAE (CSIC) and the CEPR RPN on Conflict Prevention.

Complex data, like images or text, are increasingly used in academic research and policy applications. Two key problems in most applications are how to extract specific features from complex data and how to integrate these features into research or the policy process. Methods for both of these aspects are often developed for specific applications and shared within narrow disciplines.

This workshop aims at bringing these experiences together and develop a network of experts working on related problems from different perspectives. The workshop will be technical in nature and therefore targeted at practitioners or researchers in fields like economics, political science, data science, computer science or remote sensing to present a specific problem they have solved/are trying to solve.

Submissions

Submissions should be sent to h.mueller.uni@gmail.com. Please send a description of the broader research question or policy problem, description of the data used and technique used for feature extraction. Paper drafts are welcome but not compulsory. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and the **final deadline is the 4th of October**.

Travel logistics

The IAE has recently been equipped with new hardware for hybrid workshops. We therefore accept submissions from participants who cannot join physically and workshop schedules will be organized accordingly.

For those who want to come to Barcelona. We can pay hotel and workshop costs for up to two nights in Barcelona for small group of participants. For the 18th of November we are planning an informal dinner – if version XYZ of the Coronavirus permits. For junior researchers we might be able to finance travel. If you would like to come to Barcelona it is crucial to apply early as we have a restricted number of places for presential presenters.

Organisers: Laura Mayoral (IAE) and Hannes Mueller (IAE)

Partners: The workshop will be organized with funding from the CSIC I+Link initiative and the Banco de España research agreement on political risk.