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New Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Joins Yale Center for International and Area Studies

March 26, 2004. New Haven, CT ♦ The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence is a new interdisciplinary research program headquartered at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) and supported by YCIAS, the Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), and the department of Political Science. Established in 2004, its mission is to promote innovative research on questions related to the rise and collapse of order, including the material and non-material origins and consequences of polarization; the causes of the breakdown, emergence, and consolidation of local, national, or transnational political order; the determinants of strategies, types, and consequences of group conflict; and the likelihood of their violent escalation. The Program will offer residential research fellowships and will organize various activities, including lectures, speaker series, workshops, and conferences.

"The Yale Center for International and Area Studies is pleased to welcome the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence and we are enthusiastic about the research that will emerge," said Gustav Ranis, Henry R. Luce Director of YCIAS. "In today's world, it is more important than ever to study the myriad issues pertaining to order, and particularly, conflict and violence."

Stathis N. Kalyvas, the Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science, has been appointed the Director of the Program. He has previously taught at the University of Chicago (2000-2003), New York University (1994-2000) and Ohio State University (1993). His current research includes the dynamics and consequences of violence in the context of civil war. He has also researched party politics and political institutions in Europe and has published in several languages. He is the recipient of the Gregory Luebbert Award for the best article in comparative politics (1998-1999) and the author of *The Rise of Christian Democracy in Europe* (Cornell University Press, 1996) which received the J. David Greenstone Prize of the American Political Science Association. He is presently completing a book on *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*.

"Studies of state formation, state collapse, political and social polarization, nationalism, interstate and intrastate war and peace, ethnic strife and violence, class conflict, genocide, revolution, terrorism, and various forms of criminal activity are usually undertaken in disciplinary isolation," said Professor Kalyvas. "The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence seeks to straddle existing boundaries by fostering pioneering and rigorous theoretical and empirical research on human conflict in all its dimensions; its goal is to make Yale the preeminent institution for cutting-edge research on these issues."

In addition to launching a web site at www.yale.edu/ycias/ocvprogram, the Program will host its inaugural conference on April 30 through May 1, 2004, focusing on several dimensions of human conflict that are studied in isolation. Participants will offer original contributions that

address the fundamental questions of order, conflict, and violence, ranging over the social sciences, history, law, and philosophy.

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