**Climate Change and Political Violence**

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This presentation will cover a working design of a quantitative study exploring the effects of weather/climate change on a type of political violence, such as electoral violence, based on inferential statistical analysis of publicly available secondary datasets. After defining each variable, a brief background of relevant empirical literature and theory will be provided to establish justification for the proposed study. Attention will be given to discuss several datasets under consideration, and issues relating to the preparation and analyses of selected datasets. Discussions will also focus on how to address various empirical and ethics challenges involved in the proposed study. Some implications of the proposed study’s findings will be covered.

Mike Puniskis has a background in social sciences, using quantitative and qualitative methods to analyse primary and secondary sources of data in criminology and psychology. Having completed bachelor’s and master’s degrees in these fields, Mike also has a postgraduate diploma in research methods. Mike is interested in how the environment affects human behaviour and society, particularly in terms of crime and violence. Having written his first master’s dissertation on the effects of weather on crime, Mike plans to explore this topic from a new angle for his MRes Politics dissertation, researching the effects of climate change on political violence, using quantitative methods.