UCDP Activity Report 2006

In 2006, the UCDP continued to both broaden and deepen the program. Worth mentioning is the fact that we have received grants from a number of funders, that the work with the new Global Portal has commenced, that a dataset over preventive measures has been compiled, that the home page has been developed, that our international cooperation has increased and that a number of presentations have been held.

Outlined below are some of the main UCDP activities during 2006.

Applications submitted in 2006

- The Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA): funding for analysis of the prevention data
- The Bank of Sweden Tercenary Foundation: infrastructural support
- The Swedish Research Council: funding for conference
- The Swedish Research Council: funding for the prevention project “Can War be Prevented?”
- The Swedish Research Council: 1) Erik and Magnus 2) Magnus
- The Swedish Research Council: infrastructural support x 2
- Sida: application together with University of British Colombia (UBC) for the development of the Global Portal
- Sida SAREC: 1) “The Role of Resources in Non-State Conflict” 2) Erik together with Julia Jennstål, for a project on mediation in conflicts, focusing specifically on South Africa
- USIP: Prevention
- UCDP participated in the department’s tender to Sida.
- UCDP sent in an application to Uppsala University’s fundraiser, who will work full time on applying for funds for important research programs.
- The Linne
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- MacArthur Foundation
- Sasakawa Peace Foundation

By 31 December 2005, five of these applications had been granted: The Swedish Research Council for Prevention and for a conference, the Bank of Sweden Tercenary Foundation for infrastructural support, the FBA for analysis of the prevention data and Sida (together with UBC) for the Global Portal.

Media

UCDP staff and UCDP data has appeared in the media:

- Lotta Harbom was interviewed in “Kamratposten” for an article about the conflicts in the world.
- “Dagens Nyheter” published an extensive article on conflicts and trends in conflicts that was based on UCDP data.
- Peter Wallensteen and Stina Höglbladh appeared in the Uppsala University Paper “Horisont”, where they presented UCDP and the database.
- UCDP was mentioned several times in an AP article that cited “experts from Uppsala”.
- Stina Höglbladh appeared on the radio during the summer, commenting on the developments in DR Congo before the elections.
• Peter Wallensteen appeared on TV in July, commenting on developments in Israel – Lebanon (Hezbollah).

Lectures, presentations and teaching
• UCDP presented the program at the department’s research seminar on 2 March.
• Peter Wallensteen and Joakim Kreutz presented conflict trends and the database at the TOPS (Top Level Seminar on Peace and Security) course on 3 May.
• Lotta Harbom and Frida Møller met with the holders of the Dag Hammarskjöld scholarship and gave a presentation of the program.
• On 10 October, UCDP member Joakim Kreutz presented oral evidence at United Kingdom’s Select Committee on Economic Affairs for an inquiry with regards to the usefulness of economic sanctions.
• Joakim Kreutz showed the database at “Celsius skolan”.
• In September, Peter Wallensteen and Stina Högbladh presented newly compiled peace agreement data at the Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA.
• On 5 November Peter Wallensteen held a lecture on “Strategic Peacebuilding: Issues and Actors” at Kroc institute, University of Notre Dame, USA.
• Peter Wallensteen talked at SIPRI’s 40th anniversary on 13 December in Stockholm.
• Erik Melander taught a course in conflict resolution in Bangkok 16 – 26 July. He also presented the database.
• Johan Brosché was in charge of the department’s Conflict Analysis course in October.

Conferences and work shops
• Joakim Kreutz attended a Small Arms Survey work shop in Geneva on 17 February. Topics discussed were different methods for collection of data on casualties in conflicts and how the “quality” of casualty figures can be improved. The aim was to develop a better measure of how many people are killed in conflicts, by direct as well as indirect violence.
• Peter Wallensteen and Roland Kostic (PhD Candidate at the Department) presented papers at the conference “Strategic Peacebuilding: The state of the Art”, at Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA.
• On 8 – 10 November, Erik Melander presented “Expectations and reality in Conflict Prevention” at the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict management of the Austrian national Defence Academy in Reichenau/Rax, Austria.
• UCDP attended the International Studies Association’s yearly conference, this year held in San Diego, exhibiting the UCDP database and presenting papers.

International cooperation
• Peter Wallensteen spent the autumn at Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame, using UCDP data for his MA course “International Peace Research”.
• PRIO visited UCDP on1 June to discuss joint projects.
• In September, Stina Högbladh visited the Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame to discuss research cooperation on peace agreements.
Joakim Kreutz travelled to Vancouver to meet representatives of the Human Security Project. Peter Wallensteen (UCDP), Bethany Lacina, Clionadh Raleigh and Nils-Petter Gleditch from PRIO also participated at the meeting.

Lotta Harbom conducted filed research in Congo-Brazzaville in September and October.

Frida Möller visited University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand in October. She worked on a project on conflict prevention in South East Asia together with Jacob Bercovich and Karl de Rouen.

PRIO visited UCDP 16 – 17 November.

The Norwegian Foreign Ministry visited the department in December, meeting with among others UCDP’s representative Erik Melander.

An agreement was concluded with the Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame, USA, to create a collection of peace agreements, a so-called “Peace Process Archive”.

Other cooperation

“Kyrkans Hus”: in November UCDP was commissioned to write a report on the implementation of the peace agreement in Southern Sudan.

The National Board of Psychological Defence (SPF): UCDP has written conflict summaries for their web page. They can be found at www.sakerhetspolitik.se.

SIPRI: The yearly conflict list has been updated.

Other

In March, Erik Melander met with the minister for education, Leif Pagrotsky, when the latter visited the University. Mr Pagrotsky was very interested in how to make research findings available to the general public and Erik had the chance to present the database.

In June, Frida Möller and Lotta Harbom participated at the launch of the SIPRI Yearbook.

Datasets based on the database have been completed. Together with their respective code book they can be found at www.pcr.uu.se/database/dataset.php

A dataset on measures to prevent conflict has been completed and delivered to the Folke Bernadotte Academy. Work to make the dataset more user-friendly continued during the last months of the year.

The Global Portal: Maryam Ladjvardi has programmed the management interface.

The homepage has been re-structured and improved.

Publications

By UCDP staff

Books


• Wallensteen Peter. ONU em conflito armado: estudio de seus limited e poderes O Seculo 21 no Brasil e no mundo, Valladao de Carvalho, Maria Izabel; de Castro Santos, Maria Helena 2006. p. 17-43.


**Articles**


• Melander Erik, Öberg Magnus. Time to Go?: Duration Dependence in Forced Migration, *International Interactions* 2006; 32(2):129-152.


**Reports**


**Conference papers**


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Articles
• Svensson, Isak, Vad utrikesministern kan lära av Norge. Internationella Studier. 2006 : 2

Reports

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• Svensson, Isak, *Elusive Peacemakers: A Bargaining Perspective on Mediation in Internal Armed Conflicts*. - Uppsala University, Uppsala, 2006 - (Research Reports; 75)