ECON Brown Bag Research Seminar
You are cordially invited to the following seminar
Wednesday, 27 April from 12:15hrs – 13:15hrs, HSG Main Campus RM 23-204L

Mining for peace

We model ethnic conflict on a country’s territory where ethnic groups can contend ownership of economic resources both at the local and national level. To guarantee peace everywhere, a central planner redistributes the yields of resources under uncertainty of the conflict costs. Having established the general impossibility of implementing peace everywhere, we characterize the planner’s second-best transfer scheme and predict the tendency to conflict at each location.

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