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# Political economy in conflict resolution: the Israeli-Palestinian case

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# Our challenges



Conflict resolution



Post resolution stability

# Policy-oriented research

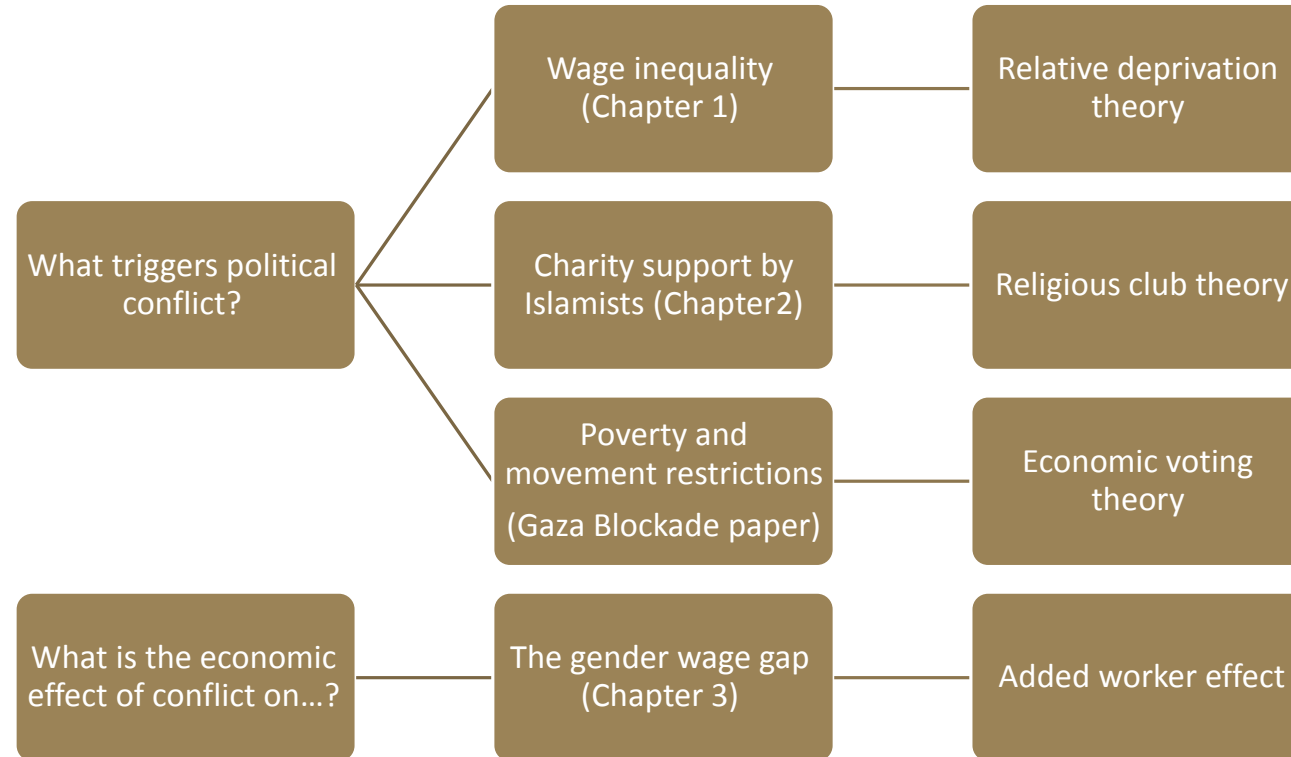
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What triggers political conflict?

- Successful conflict resolution

What are the economic consequences?

- Successful and stable rebuilding



# Political economy in service of conflict resolution – our research plan

## Contribution and importance

Better understanding of the causes and consequences of conflicts

Findings will provide insights on policies for conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and post-conflict rehabilitation

Many aspect of our research have never been studied on this level!

- Inequality and conflict (no studies on the country level)
- Conflict and gender wage gap (most studies focus on employment)

# Our case study: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

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One of the longest lasting political conflicts

Local and global importance

High quality data is available

## Data sources on the West Bank and Gaza

### Public opinion

- PCPSR public opinion surveys

### Socio-economic conditions

- PCBS Palestinian labor force and households surveys

### Political violence

- B'Tselem fatalities data
- UN OCHA mobility restrictions data

## Methodology

Advanced econometric analysis

Effects are identified using variation  
across time and regions

“Natural experiments” and pair  
matching algorithms are used to  
establish causality



## Preliminary results

Palestinians living in relatively well-off districts are likelier to support “moderate” factions (Fatah)

Evidence that the blockade moved Gazan public opinion from moderate factions towards “Radical” Factions ( Hamas)

Displacement of men due to imprisonment triggered increased employment of women

The gender wage gap contracted during the second Intifada

## Policy considerations

The importance of state-building and political reforms

Rethinking mobility restrictions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Entrance of women into the labor force – an opportunity?

Thanks for listening!

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