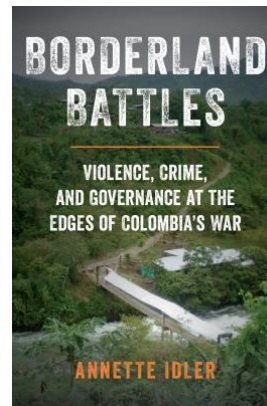




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[Book Launch: Borderland Battles](#)

1 November 2019, 1:15PM-2:30PM

Conference Room 12

United Nations Headquarters, New York

The United Nations University Centre for Policy Research is pleased to host the book launch for Dr Annette Idler's new book: [Borderland Battles: Violence, Crime, and Governance at the Edges of Colombia's War](#). Please join us on 1 November at the United Nations Headquarters for this event from 1.15-2.30pm.

The post-cold war era has seen an unmistakable trend toward the proliferation of violent non-state groups-variously labeled terrorists, rebels, paramilitaries, gangs, and criminals-near borders in unstable regions especially. In *Borderland Battles*, Annette Idler examines the micro-dynamics among violent non-state groups and finds striking patterns: borderland spaces consistently intensify the security impacts of how these groups compete for territorial control, cooperate in illicit cross-border activities, and replace the state in exerting governance functions. Drawing on extensive fieldwork with more than 600 interviews in and on the shared borderlands of Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela, where conflict is ripe and crime thriving, Idler reveals how dynamic interactions among violent non-state groups produce a complex security landscape with ramifications for order and governance, both locally and beyond. A deep examination of how violent non-state groups actually operate with and against one another on the ground, *Borderland Battles* will be essential reading for anyone involved in reducing organized crime and armed conflict-some of our era's most pressing and seemingly intractable problems.

Speakers:

- Dr Annette **Idler**, Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University and Director of Studies, Changing Character of War Centre/ Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- Dr James **Cockayne**, Director, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
- Other speakers TBA soon

The event will additionally be livestreamed through the [UN Web TV](#) platform.

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