

# SMOOTHING THE WAY OR STIRRING THE POTS:

EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF FOREIGN AID ON  
POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES – AN  
INSTRUMENTAL VARIABLE APPROACH



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**ABSTRACT** | The conventional wisdom that violence in poor countries is rooted in the lack of prosperity is repeated to the point of monotony. The presentation focuses on the impact of foreign aid as a choice of weapon to combat violence. More precisely, after identifying some mechanisms linking together aid and violence, this research resolves part of the confusion over how foreign aid shocks affects political violence in aid recipient countries.

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