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I am, with Dr. A. Catanzaro, the coordinator of the "Observatory on Conflicts". The Observatory aims to create, within the Department of Political Science (DISPO) of the University of Genoa, a centre for the study of the evolution of international security, contemporary conflicts, comparative politics, and political thinking on peace and war. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the Observatory aims to develop a wide network of lecturers, experts, journalists and practitioners (both Italian and foreign) in order to organise events (workshops, seminars, conferences, etc.), develop joint research and projects (at a local, national and European level), support the internationalisation of the Department, and promote a public debate (open to students and citizens) on issues of international security.

The Observatory will only be represented by its own web platform, whose objective will be to provide visibility to the initiatives promoted by the Observatory itself and to facilitate internal and external communication. The structure of the Observatory provides an internal coordination unit and a scientific committee (composed of Italian and foreign lecturers). The Observatory, directly connected to the "Wars, Conflicts and Peace Building" course, was born after the first two years (2015-2017) of a series of seminars entitled "War, Peace and Security at the gates of the Mediterranean" and the two international workshops "Conflicts and Institutions". Many of the initiatives promoted have widely focused on the topic of training internships, operating in contexts where students and new graduates can do an internship.

See: <http://www.dispo.unige.it/node/778>

I'm currently working within the "Parliamentary Deployment Votes Database" (PDVD), which collects and shares data on parliamentary votes on the deployment of armed forces.

Since the end of the Cold War, democracies have been participating in military missions of various kinds, ranging from peacekeeping to war. These deployments have raised questions about their democratic legitimacy and parliamentary control in particular. In many democracies, deployment decisions are the exclusive competence of the government, and parliament is only informed. In a growing number of cases, however, such decisions have been put to a vote in parliament. PDVD documents and analyzes these votes.

PDVD serves a dual purpose. As scholars of political science, we are interested in an analysis of deployment votes. By sharing the data we collected, we hope to stimulate further analyses. As citizens of countries that have participated in military missions, we consider the publication of deployment votes to be a contribution to the democratic control of security and defense policy.

See: <http://deploymentvotewatch.eu>