Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement Seminar

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Luce Hall, Room 203

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Professor Chris Blattman will be presenting some of his recent work at the Fall 2020 Program on Refugees, Forced Displacement and Humanitarian Responses Seminar Series. Chris Blattman is the Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies at the University of Chicago’s Pearson Institute and Harris Public Policy. His research focuses on why some people and societies are poor, unequal and violent, and how to tackle these issues. Some of his ongoing work investigates:

• How are street gangs and other criminal groups organized in Colombia? Working with the government and civil society, Blattman tests ways to reduce the power of gangs to govern and extort civilians.
• What causes street violence and shootings in cities ranging from Chicago to Monrovia? Can we predict what young men are likely to be violent and help them avoid this path? Blattman is studying how employment and cognitive behavior therapy programs can reduce killings.
• Why do hostile groups hold onto false beliefs about one another? From India to America, what are the psychological drivers of persistent prejudice?

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