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# Protecting Women Amidst Conflict

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Armed actors often use gender-based violence as a strategic tool in conflict zones. How can local authorities mitigate the incidence of gender-based violence? Focused on Colombia between 1998 and 2017, this study finds that female mayors help to protect women by reducing female regulation and the use of sexual violence by paramilitaries, insurgents, and criminals. Female mayors seem to rely on ideology, territorial control, and policies to protect women.

**Javier Osorio** is an Assistant Professor in the School of Government and Public Policy. His research analyzes the micro-foundations and dynamics of political and criminal violence with particular focus in Latin America. To address this agenda, Dr. Osorio uses a broad range of quantitative methods including natural language processing, quasi-experimental and experimental techniques, geographic information systems, and big data analytics.



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1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
coffee & snacks at 12:30 pm



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