

報告タイトル

スリランカ内戦がメンタルヘルスと職業選択に与える長期的影響

“Start off on a bad note:

The long-term effect of Sri Lankan Civil War on mental health and occupational choice”

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This paper examines the long-term effects of early-life exposure to war on adult mental health and occupational choice in Sri Lanka. Using individual-level data collected in conflict-affected regions, we distinguish between two types of war exposure, namely property damage and the death or disappearance of family members and friends. We find that experiencing property damage before age five is associated with worse mental health in adulthood, whereas the loss of family members or friends shows no such association. In particular, each additional incident of property damage is associated with a 1.4-point increase in the depression subscale of the Hopkins Symptom Checklist, where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms. We find no evidence that early-childhood war exposure is associated with labor force participation. However, each additional incident of property damage experienced before age five is associated with a 7-percentage-point increase in the likelihood of part-time employment, a form of work often characterized by lower and less stable earnings that may therefore hinder the economic recovery of war-affected households.