Introduction

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This special issue on “the causes of and consequences of conflict” offers a selection of articles that were first presented at a conference that was hosted by the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and held on March 28–29, 2008. The aim of the conference was to promote the exchange of ideas among economists and other social scientists about the roots and effects of conflict. In addition to the two of us, Professor Kai A. Konrad, currently Director at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law in Munich, was a co-organizer of the conference. All papers went through the regular refereeing process of the journal.

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