Changes that Have Been Made for the ICB Version 12 Release

In addition to adding new cases for the 2014-2015 time period, we have made the following updates from version 11:

1. We will no longer code the POWDIS variable, given that the methodology to calculate it has been surpassed by other methods and data sources. We have updated the coding of earlier crises that involved coalition action, to make sure that the score reflects the aggregate sum of the power of the coalition actors.
2. In the actor-level codebook, we updated the Turkey example of direct military rule to include the end-date of the military-led government (1983).
3. In the codebooks, TRIGGR (actor-level) and BREAK (system) were updated so that indirect violent acts (category 8) can include a violent act by an ally directed at an adversary.
4. The AGE codes for Germany in crises 430 and 442 were changed to “5.”
5. The DURREG coding for Germany in crisis 442 was changed to "3."
6. The POWSTA coding for Germany in crises 430 and 442 was changed from "2" to "3."
7. The ROFAVR coding in crisis 462 for South Korea and North Korea was changed to "0."
8. For crises 284, 298, 352, 371 and 388, the POWSTA coding for Vietnam was changed from “3” to “2.”
9. For crisis 284, the SOUTHPOW coding for Cambodia was changed from “3” to “2.”
10. For crises 352 and 371, the SOUTHPOW coding for China was changed from “3” to “2.”
11. For the crisis summary of #456, a typo that mixed up Ethiopia and Eritrea was adjusted in the fourth sentence.
12. For the crisis summary of #457, we added a phrase to the second sentence in the "Background" section noting that the dispute over the temple was one of the issues at play in crisis 167 (referencing that crisis).
13. For the summary of #463, we changed the first sentence in the “Background” section of the summary to read: “Another crisis for Thailand and Cambodia over the long-disputed ancient Preah Vihear temple took place from 4 February to 21 December 2011.” We also added a new second sentence: “Tensions over the temple played a role in a crisis between the two countries in 1958 (see case #167).” And we changed what is now the third sentence to read: “The dispute over the temple was also central to a subsequent crisis that occurred in 2008 when the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) approved Cambodia’s unilateral application to list the temple as a World Heritage site.”
14. For crisis 463 MEDFORM was changed to “3.”
15. We updated the missing data for some of the economic performance and domestic instability indicators for the crises since 2008.
16. We updated the OUTESR coding for the crises that occurred prior to 2011 that had been coded as “recent cases” in V11.
17. We updated the CHACTS, CHALL, POWCH, and RUGACH coding for all cases that ended prior to 2011 that had been coded as “recent cases” in V11.

18. The TERRIT coding for the UK in crisis 393 has been changed to “2.”

19. The TRIGDATE for Sudan in crisis 427 has been changed to 19980820.

20. In the system-level codebook, we have clarified that TRIGENT should be coded as “997” when there is a simultaneous trigger and an inability to assess responsibility for the start of hostilities. As a result, crises 424, 454, 463 and 473 (new crisis) are now coded as such.

21. MEDENDCO for crisis 466 was changed to “20151014.”