Conference on Displacement and Reconciliation  
9-10 June 2011  
Conflict Research Centre  
Saint Paul University, Ottawa

Program

Thursday, 9 June  
Location: Guigues Hall, Room 102

9:00-10:00 AM  Registration

10:00-10:30 AM  Welcome and introductions

10:30-12:00 PM  Displacement, transitional justice and reconciliation: Conceptual links and theoretical insights (Chair: TBC)

Displacement, reconciliation and peacebuilding  
James Milner (Carleton University, Ottawa)

Displacement as the locus for deep-rooted conflict and reconciliation  
Vern Neufeld-Redekop (Saint Paul University, Ottawa)

Transitional justice and the reintegration of displaced persons  
Roger Duthie (International Center for Transitional Justice, New York)

Displacement, reconciliation and property restitution  
Anneke Smit (University of Windsor)

12:00-1:00 PM  Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM  Reconciliation, transitional justice and durable solutions to displacement (Chair: TBC)

Return in Divided Societies: Restoring Coexistence and Promoting Reintegration in Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Huma Haider (University of Birmingham)

Prospects and challenges for sustainable peace and ethnic reconciliation in Sri Lanka  
V. Ameerdeen (University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

The Timor Leste Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation (CAVR) and the 2006 Displacement Crisis: Reflections on truth-telling, reconciliation and durable solutions  
Luiz Vieira (International Organization for Migration)

Claims programs for victims of large-scale displacements: Only relief, or also reconciliation?  
Norbert Wuehler (formerly with International Organization for Migration)

2:30-3:00 PM  Coffee break
3:00-4:30 PM    Reconciliation, peacebuilding and the resolution of displacement: Insights from Africa (Chair: TBC)

Reconciling the displaced with the disaffected: The dilemma of the Great Lakes Region of Africa
Odomora Mubangizi (Arrupe College, Harare)

A review of transitional justice mechanisms and the resettlement of the survivors of Kenya’s 2008 post-election violence
Paige Morrow (Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights)

The economic dimensions of war and reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region: The post war reconstruction process in the DRC
Claude Sumata (Catholic University of Congo, Kinshasa)

The impact of returnees’ dilemmas on reconciliation: The case of Northern Uganda
Pius Ojara (Refugee Law Project, Kampala)

7:00-9:00 PM    Conference dinner (location TBC)

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Friday, 10 June
Location: Guigues Hall, Room 103

8:30-10:00 AM    Reconciliation and exile: Diaspora and host community experiences (Chair: Anna Sheftel, University of Oxford/Concordia University)

Community development for reconciliation: Experiences in Hyderabad
Andreas D’Souza (Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad)

“Mary, our beloved Vietnamese Mother”: Reconciliation, religion and reconnections among Vietnamese Catholics in three countries
Thien-Huong Ninh (University of Southern California, Los Angeles)

Reconciling past, future and place: Inter-generational dialogue in Montreal’s Rwandan-Canadian community
Lisa Ndejuru (Concordia University, Montreal)

Integration of North Korean refugees in South Korea: The persistence of divisions in identity representations
Anne-Marie Morin-Dion (University of Montreal)

10:00-10:30 AM   Coffee break

10:30-12:00 PM   Displacement, justice and reconciliation in Colombia (Chair: TBC)

IDPs and peace in Colombia: The challenges of durable solutions in an ongoing armed conflict
Roberto Vidal Lopez (Pontifica Universidad Javeriana, Bogota)
Building bridges for the resolving of displacement in the departamento of Magdalena, Colombia: A balance of reconciliation efforts
Friedarike Santner (University of Vienna) and William Renan Rodriguez (University of Magdalena)

Let there be justice, an integral justice, then we can talk of reconciliation: The agency and recognition of the displaced in Northeast Colombia
Elizabeth Kerr (University of Bradford)

Reconciliation: A step towards emplacement
Mateja Celestina (University of Manchester)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM Displacement and reconciliation in the Middle East: Insights from key cases (Chair and discussant: Roula El-Rifai, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa)

Can reconciliation mechanisms in post-conflict settings further divide communities? The case of Lebanon
Nancy Maroun (Buffalo State College)

Civil Society Initiatives in Lebanon: Towards Palestinian-Lebanese Dialogue and Reconciliation
Jaber Suleiman (Independent researcher, Beirut)

‘Do You Represent My Voice?’ Linking Non-Governmental and International Organizations to Peace and Reconciliation in Turkey’s Conflict-Induced Displacement
Ayşê Betül Çelik (Sabanci University, Istanbul)

2:30-3:00 PM Coffee break

3:00-4:30 PM Advancing peace, reconciliation and the resolution of displacement in the Middle East: Challenges posed by the Palestinian case (Chair and discussant: Rex Brynen, McGill University, Montreal)

Palestinian refugees: Displacement and reconciliation—The need for a new approach
Lama Arda (Birzeit University)

Unto the fourth generation? Refugee entitlement, obsolescence and the Palestinian search for redress
Mick Dumper (University of Exeter)

Palestinian refugee participation in the Middle East peace process: A route to reconciliation?
Terry Rempel (University of Exeter)

The Palestinian Refugee question: Intangible barriers to resolution and reconciliation
Mike Molloy (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa)

4:30-5:00 PM Concluding discussion