Our newsletter focuses on issues relating to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory. More details about items in our newsletter (and more!) can be found on our website.

Both our website and newsletter provide information and resources to encourage innovative interdisciplinary, transnational and comparative research. They are housed at the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University, New York City.

While our newsletter will recommence in September, do not forget the approaching deadline of the Network conference! Details below—we look forward to welcoming you to New York City for this wonderful event.

PREVENTION ACTIVISM: ADVANCING HISTORICAL DIALOGUE IN POST-CONFLICT SETTINGS

Historical Justice and Memory Network Conference
Deadline for submissions: June 20, 2019

Prevention activism—that is, the effort to record, acknowledge, address and redress the violent past—seeks to counter nationalist myths and identities that are central ingredients of ethnic and political violence. Its goal is to deny the propensities for the future escalation of violence by acknowledging the role that the misuse of history has played in dividing societies. In other words, by enhancing public discussions about the past, prevention activism has become a central part of the efforts in post-conflict societies, as well as in democratic societies, to come to terms with their violent past. This conference seeks to explore activities that can be defined as “prevention activism”, and their academic analysis. Click here for further details.

We look forward to seeing you in New York!
We are delighted to share the latest contribution to our working paper series, Angela Bermudez's essay, "The Normalization of Political Violence in History Textbooks: Ten Narrative Keys". Angela Bermudez is a researcher at the Center for Applied Ethics in the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain).

Read Katherine Smit's review of S. Elizabeth Bird and Fraser M. Ottanelli, eds. (2015), The Performance of Memory as Transitional Justice, which she describes as a useful first reference for exploring the complexities and challenges involved in transitional justice and historical memory.

Interested in reviewing a book? Below are a list of books currently available for review. Interested in proposing a book for review? E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!

- Drulolle, Vincent & Brett, Roddy (Eds.) The Politics of Victimhood in Post-conflict Societies: Comparative and Analytical Perspectives (Palgrave, 2018).
- Lazzara, Michael. Civil Obedience: Complicity and Complacency in Chile since Pinochet (University of Wisconsin Press, 2018).
June 2019

Leitner Center for International Law and JusticeSummer Human Rights Institute
Location: New York City
Dates: June 17-June 28

8th Annual Conference of the Historical Dialogues, Justice & Memory NetworkPREVENTION ACTIVISM: ADVANCING HISTORICAL DIALOGUE IN POST-CONFLICT SETTINGS
Location: Columbia University, New York City
Conference dates: December 12-14, 2019
Submission deadline: June 20, 2019

Two Doctoral Researcher’s Positions on Informal Communication during World War II (IfZ Munich)
Application deadline: June 21, 2019

CFP: Conflict & Identity: confronting the past through education
Location: University of Oxford, UK
Conference dates: October 17-18, 2019
Submission deadline: June 22, 2019

Civilian Peacebuilding Essentials, Swisspeace
Location: Basel, Switzerland
Application Deadline: June 30, 2019

CAS Religion, Peace & Conflict Workshop
Location: Basel, Switzerland
Application deadline: June 30, 2019

CfA: Program Officer (National Academic Programs)
Location: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

July 2019

Humanities NY Reading & Discussion Series
Deadline: July 1, 2019

Museum Curator (LatinX Political History), Smithsonian Institution
Location: Washington, DC
Deadline: July 5, 2019
12th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI)  
Location: Seville, Spain  
Conference Dates: November 11-13, 2019  
Application Date: July 11, 2019  

Scientia PhD Scholarship: Designing reparations: arts-led, psychosocial approaches to redressing human rights violations  
Location: UNSW, Sydney, Australia  
Deadline: July 12, 2019  

Dealing with the Past & Conflict Transformation Course  
Location: Basel, Switzerland  
Application deadline: July 15, 2019  

CfP: 2019 Annual International Conference on Ethnic and Religious Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding  
Location: New York City, USA  
Deadline: July 18, 2019  

CfA: GEOP Interdisciplinary Research Workshops 2020, POLIN Museum  
Location: Warsaw, Poland  
Deadline: July 31, 2019  

August 2019  
New Directions in the Humanities: Transcultural Humanities in a Global World  
Location: Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy  
Conference Dates: July 1-3, 2020  
Submission Deadline: August 1, 2019  

Op-Ed writers needed for “Global Fragility Act” (applicable to undergrad/grad/recent grad students)  
Deadline: August 15, 2019  

Wallace Johnson Fellowship for first-time authors in legal history  
Deadline: TBD  

Select activities related to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory  

UPCOMING EVENTS
Human Rights Watch Film Festival
Location: New York City
Dates: June 13-19, 2019

Robert Bosch Stiftung
Berlin Seminar: Truth, Justice & Remembrance
Seminar dates: June 16 – 29, 2019

Memory Studies Association, Third Annual Conference
Location: Complutense University Madrid, Spain
Conference dates: June 25-28, 2019

Seminar on Human Rights and Mass Atrocities
Location: Griffith College, Dublin, Ireland
Seminar dates: June 19-21, 2019

2019 Mellon Conference
Traversing the Gap: Relevance as a Transformative Force at Sites of Public Memory
Location: 9/11 Memorial Museum, New York City
Conference Dates: June 19–21, 2019

Justice for Transnational Human Rights Violations: At the Crossroads of Litigation, Policy and Scholarship
Location: Oxford University
Conference Dates: June 19-20, 2019

Location: Naples, Italy
Dates: June 20-21, 2019

CfP: Italian Association of Public History (AIPH), 3rd National Public History Conference
Location: University of Campania Vanvitelli, Italy
Conference Dates: June 24-28, 2019

Third Annual Conference of the Memory Studies Association
Location: Madrid, Spain
Date: June 25-28

CfA: Borderlands Studies in East Central Europe and the Black Sea Region
Location: Hub Rozvytok, Kharkiv, Ukraine.
Center for Interethnic Relations Research in Eastern Europe, Kharkiv, Ukraine;
Center for Governance and Culture in Europe at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland;
Center for Urban History in East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine.
Date: June 24 – July 5, 2019.

July 2019
USHMM CFP: 2019 Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust Faculty Seminar
Seminar dates: July 15-19, 2019
Tell us about events, opportunities and initiatives you are working on! E-mail dialogues@columbia.edu.