



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.

Historical Acknowledgment as an Early Conflict Negotiation Strategy: A Feasibility Study of Israel/Palestine

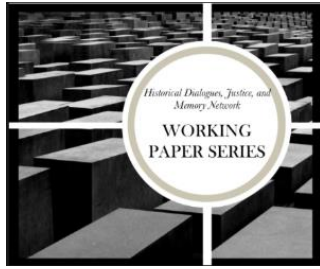
In her recently published article on historical acknowledgment as an early conflict negotiation strategies in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch argues that historical acknowledgment strategies are not only useful if and when they lead to coexistence and reconciliation in post-conflict stages, but also as an early conflict negotiation strategy. To develop this proposition the article integrates literature on conflict resolution and conflict transformation with models of negotiation and underscores the potential utility of historical acknowledgment strategies in early stages of official negotiations. Specifically, the article focuses on the potential role of historical acknowledgment strategies in signaling commitment and building trust. Such strategies signal a commitment to changing the public space as well as the education of future generations in ways that acknowledge the adversary's history and identity. Furthermore, the article proposes that the current international normative environment—that is, existing human rights norms and strengthening international norms of “dealing with the past”—places expectations and demands on states' leadership. These expectations and demands are part of the constraints and pressures within which a conflict operates and within which any peace process is negotiated. Therefore, the current international normative environment makes the positive effects of incorporating historical acknowledgment strategies into early peace negotiations more likely.

To illustrate the feasibility of the rationale developed here and its practical implications, the article considers the application of historical acknowledgment strategies to the case of Israel/Palestine and specifically to the 1948 Palestinian refugees' issue. The empirical data is drawn from previous rounds of official negotiations, Track-Two workshops and initiatives, and civil-society projects. It highlights the extent to which historical acknowledgments have been tried in the past and the extent to which they might be feasible and acceptable by the leadership and the public. The case illustrates that even in the “hard” case of Israel/Palestine issues of historical justice and acknowledgment are highly-valued and therefore hold the potential to facilitate negotiations. Read the full essay [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIP

Select book reviews, books for review and the latest contribution to our working paper series.

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The [Historical Dialogue, Justice, and Memory Network](#) is seeking submissions for its [Working Paper Series](#).

New thematic focus:

Memory, Mourning, and Historical Justice in Crisis Times

How is the experience of the contemporary moment of ecological, economic, and political crisis imbued with memory, mourning, and historical justice? Contributors are encouraged to consider what the past offers up to a present that is perceived to be at once singular, impossible, or extreme yet also accelerating, collective, and accumulating daily. Submissions may attempt to answer the following questions: How are mourning, trauma, tragedy, and loss articulated in relation to urgency? How might compounding events impact our ideas about the role of memorialization or the nature of resiliency? What becomes of historical justice and reparation alongside the demand for immediate redress? Submissions may consider (but are not limited to) the following topics: (un)natural disasters, environmental justice, or ecological mourning, pandemics and public health, anti-Black state violence and racial politics, political regimes (populist, authoritarian, (neo)colonial, (post)imperial)), displacement(s), legal disenfranchisement, and monuments and public memory/history.

The **Working Paper Series** provides a platform for emerging scholars, practitioners and other interested individuals to workshop unpublished texts with our vibrant intellectual community. We welcome opinion pieces, policy memos/briefs, program proposals, scholarly contributions from all disciplines, or other genres of written work. While we are excited to receive submissions related to the current thematic focus, we will consider work on any topic related to historical dialogue, transitional justice, and public and social memory at any time.

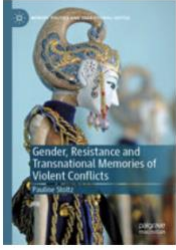
Working Papers are circulated through multiple channels in order to broaden discussion around both the work submitted and the topic addressed. Authors will receive editorial feedback and be featured on the Network's website, bimonthly newsletter, and social media platforms. From 2020 onward, we will also be initiating online conversations between scholars to enliven each thematic focus.

There are no restrictions as to the affiliation or experience of the author, and all submissions will receive a reply from the Series editors. Submissions should be no longer than 25 pages. Copyright will remain with the author; inclusion in the WPS will not prevent authors from pursuing publication of the paper at a later date.

If you have any questions about the series or would like to submit your work, please contact the editors, Isaac Jean-François, Brittany Lauren Wheeler, and Tim Wyman-McCarthy at historicaldialogues@gmail.com.

Read Guy Lancaster's [review](#) of *Historical Dialogue and the Prevention of Mass Atrocities* (Elazar Barkan, Constantin Goschler and James E. Waller, eds), in which he considers the question of whether open dialogue regarding historical injustice help heal rifts and prevent future conflict.

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!



- [Agency in Transnational Memory Politics.](#) Eds. Jenny Wüstenberg and Aline Sierp. (Berghahn Books, 2020) (ebook in English).
- [Gender, resistance and transnational memories of violent conflicts.](#) Stoltz, Pauline (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020) (e-book).

OPPORTUNITIES

Select postings for career and academic advancement.

[ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Please note that COVID-19 is leading to frequent changes and/or cancellations of events. Check details carefully for updated information.

January 2021

CfA: [Atlantic Fellows for Racial Equity Fellowship](#)

Location: New York, NY
Deadline: January 20, 2021

CfA: [Workshop Series “Exploring Social Innovation and Development in Africa”](#)

Location: Bosch Stiftung (online)
Deadline: January 20, 2021

CfA: [Human Rights Intern, Artistic Freedom Initiative](#)

Location: New York, NY
Deadline: January 21, 2021

CfA: [Holocaust, Genocide and Memory Studies, Post-Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Location: Northern Arizona University
Deadline: January 22, 2021

CfA: [The Hillary Rodham Clinton Award for Peace and Reconciliation Fellowship](#)

Location: Queens University Belfast
Deadline: January 22, 2021

[CfA: Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics in Law](#)

Deadline: January 26, 2021

Program dates: May 21-June 4, 2021

CfA: [2021 JDC Archives Fellowship Program](#)

Location: New York or Jerusalem

Deadline: January 26, 2021

CfA: [Working with Data in the Human Rights and Humanitarian Contexts](#)

Location: Columbia University (online)

Deadline: January 27, 2021

CfA: [Social Divisions and Questions of Identity in Germany and the United States](#)

Location: New York and Germany

Deadline: January 31, 2021

Program dates: varied

CfP: Remembrance of Things Cast: Monuments and Memorials in the Age of #TakeItDown
Contact editor, [Juilee Decker](#), Associate Professor of History, Rochester Institute of Technology for more information.

Initial Interest Deadline: January 31, 2021

[CfA: Education for Sustainable Peace – Georg Arnholt Senior Fellow](#)

Location: The Georg Eckert Institute – Leibniz Institute for International Textbook Research (GEI), Braunschweig, Germany

Deadline: January 31, 2021

[CfA: Columbia University Scholarship for Displaced Students](#)

Location: Columbia University, New York

Deadline: Varies (depending on degree application)

February 2021

CfA: [Assistant Professor, Twentieth-Century United States History – Human Rights and Social Justice focus](#)

Location: Mercy College, New York

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfP: [Migrating Archives of Reality: Programming, Curating, and Appropriation of Non-fiction Film](#)

Location: Institute for Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences (online)

Conference Dates: May 6-7, 2021

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfP: [Justice and Equity: Challenging Hate and Inspiring Hope](#)

Location: Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

Conference Dates: November 4-6, 2021

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [Camps, \(In\)Justice, and Solidarity in the Americas: Commemoration of the 29th Anniversary of the Guantánamo Bay Detention Camps](#)

Location: University of Graz, Austria

Conference Dates: January 28-31, 2022

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [PhD and MA Scholarships in Comparative History](#)

Location: CEU, Vienna, Austria

Deadline: February 1, 2021

[ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius History Fellowship](#)

Location: CEU, Vienna, Austria

Deadline: February 1, 2021

[Leo Baeck Fellowship Programme](#)

Location: Bonn, Germany

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [Decentering Holocaust Studies: Comparative Perspectives from the Global South](#)

Location: USHMM, Washington, DC

Workshop Dates: July 26–August 6, 2021

Application deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [The Holocaust and Asia: Refugees, Memory, and Material Culture](#)

Location: USHMM, Washington, DC

Workshop Dates: March 28–Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Application deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [Postdoctoral Fellowship, Holocaust and Genocide Studies: history and memory in the Balkans](#)

Location: Uppsala, Sweden

Deadline: February 1, 2021

CfA: [Obama Foundation Scholars Program](#)

Location: Columbia University, New York

Deadline: February 5, 2021

CfP: [Emotions and Close Encounters in War, Close Encounters in War Journal](#)

Deadline: February 10, 2021

CfA: [Postgraduate summer course “Disruptive Narratives: Re-Constructing the Truth in the Age of Multimodal Propaganda”](#)

Location: Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary

Deadline: February 14, 2021

Course dates: July 26 – July 30, 2021

CfA: [Humanity in Action](#)

Location: varied

Deadline: February 14, 2021

[CfA: Doctoral Fellowships in Genocide Studies](#)

Location: The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research

Deadline: February 15, 2021

[CfP: Digital Holocaust Memory from the Margins: Practices, Places, and Narratives](#)

Location: Esther and Sidney Rabb Center for Holocaust and Revival Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Conference Dates: June 1-3, 2021

Deadline: February 15, 2021

[CfA: Postdoc Academy for Transformational Leadership](#)

Location: Germany, Sweden, The Netherlands (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, the Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Dutch Research Institute for Transitions)

Deadline: February 15, 2021

[CfA: Mellon Fellowship for Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral Scholars](#)

Location: James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University

Deadline: February 25, 2021

[CfA: Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability Fellowship](#)

Location: Columbia University

Deadline: February 28, 2021

March 2021

CfA: [The Search for Humanity After Atrocity](#)

Kean University

Deadline: March 1, 2021

[CfA: Post-Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Location: Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University

Deadline: March 1, 2021

[CfA: Assistant Professor, History of the Holocaust](#)

Location: Middle Tennessee State University

Deadline: March 7, 2021

CfP: [Graduate History Conference, Confronting Crisis: Writing History in Uncertain Times](#)

Location: York University-University of Toronto (online)

Conference Dates: April 28-30, 2021

Deadline: March 15, 2021

CfP: [Voices from the Edge: Negotiating the Local in the Global](#)

Location: The University of Western Australia, Perth Australia (hybrid/online)

Deadline: March 16, 2021

Conference Dates: June 16-18, 2021

RESOURCES

Online resources related to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory that may be of particular interest during this period of institutional closures and social distancing.

ARCHIVES

- [Online Wiener Archive for the Study of the Nazi Era and the Holocaust](#)
- [Archival Resources for COVID Response: Society of American Archivists](#)
- [Archives Are Accessible Map](#), International Council of Archives
- [Association of Research Libraries, COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 and the Global Library Field](#)
- [COVID-19 News & Resource Pages](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Libraries and Museums, Institute of Museum and Library services](#)
- [Libraries Are Making](#)
- [Mitigating COVID-19: The Contribution Research](#)

ARTS

- [Art in the Time of Corona](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Artists](#)
- [Museums and Covid-19](#), Association of Art Museum Directors
- [National Endowment for the Arts: COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [The Vanguard: Contemporary Arts in Africa](#), 2020
- [Once upon a time and never again: In memory of 1133 children killed as a result of the war in Kosovo 1998-2000. A virtual exhibit.](#)
- [23.5 Online Workshop – A Look at Armenian Culture and History Through Hrant Dink's Office](#)

COLONIALISM

- [Conversations from the Leading Edge: Ep 61 – Colonialism and COVID-19: A Global Pandemic in Need of a Local Response](#)

- [Madeleine Shield, *How should we respond to shame?*](#) Podcast

DIGITAL HUMANITIES/MEDIA

- [Resources for Photographers and Creative Freelancers](#)
- [WITNESS Video Lab COVID-19 Response Hub](#)

HISTORY EDUCATION (in and out of the classroom)

- [Facing History and Ourselves: Resources during COVID-19](#)
- [Memory Sites Workshop](#), Hrant Dink Foundation
- Podcasts '[On Being](#)'

HATE SPEECH

- [Hate Speech and Discriminatory Discourse in Media 2019 Report](#), Hrant Dink Foundation
- [Hate Speech Explained](#), Southern Poverty Law Center
- [Hate Speech Tool Kit](#), Article 19
- Madeleine Shield, [How should we respond to shame?](#) (a podcast)
- [SPLC Hate Map](#)
- [United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech](#)

HOLOCAUST

- [Anne Frank House worldwide activities](#)
- [Contemporary Jewish Museum](#)
- Summary of the Conference, [International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS

- [Civil Rights and Social Justice COVID-19 Series](#)
- [COVID and Human Rights Resources from the American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)
- [COVID-19: Human Rights and Health Information and Resources – Staying Healthy Together](#) (UNSW, Sydney)
- [Human Rights Library Collections](#), Columbia University
- [Supporting Human Rights Online in Times of Crisis: A Collection of Useful Resources](#)
- [The Network of Concerned Historians \(NCH\)](#)

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

- [Activity Guide](#), Field Trip Monument Lab
- [Contested Legacies: Public Monuments in Global Perspective](#), Columbia Global Thought
- Podcast: [My Body is a Confederate Monument](#) by Caroline Randall Williams (Common Ground)
- [Timeline of the Monuments in the U.S.](#), The Southern Poverty Law Center
- [Whose Heritage: Public Symbols of the Confederacy](#) Map, The Southern Poverty Law Center

- [Yale Committee to Establish Principles on Renaming](#)

MUSEUMS

- [12 World Class Museums You Can Visit Online](#)
- Covid-19 Impact: [MuseumNext](#): “Reorganize, Reuse, Rethink, Relaunch.”
- COVID-19 Resources for Libraries and Museums, [Institute of Museum and Library services](#)
- [COVID-19 updates](#), Association of Academic Museums and Galleries
- [Database of Confederate Symbols](#), The Southern Poverty Law Center
- [Museums and Covid-19](#), Association of Art Museum Directors
- [Objects of Comfort: New Digital Collection Gallery!](#), Tenement Museum
- [The 75 Best Virtual Museum Tours Around the World](#)
- [The Ultimate Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections](#)
- [Virtual Tour of the POLIN Museum in Poland](#)

ORAL HISTORY

- [COVID Story Project](#)
- [Documenting and Interpreting Conflict Through Oral History](#)
- [Storytelling in the Time of COVID-19 Webinar \(free\)](#), Story Center
- [Your Story, Our Story](#), Tenement Museum

PEACEBUILDING

- [Conflict, Development, and Covid-19 Resources \(compilation of resources\)](#)
- [Rule-of-Law Tools for Post-Conflict States Archives UNOHCHR](#)

RACE

- [1619 America Slavery Project](#), NYT
- [Black Lives Matter: Race & Power in Philanthropy & Development](#), Future Summit 2020
- [Project Home, Anti-Racism Resources](#)
- [Talking About Race: National Museum of African American History & Culture](#)
- [U.S. African American Redress Project](#)

SLAVERY

- [Anti-Slavery International: Covid and Slavery](#)
- [COVID-19 and Modern Slavery: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future of the Fight](#)
- [The Impact of COVID on Modern Slavery, Explained](#)

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

- [ICTJ Special Report on COVID](#)
- [Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence](#), UN
- [Transitional Justice and Social Cohesion \(Re\)Construction in African Countries during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Report](#)

- [UN Truth and Reconciliation Commission Archives](#)

GENOCIDE / MASS ATROCITY PREVENTION

- [Mapping Inclusive Memory initiatives in the Western Balkans](#)
- [Assessing COVID-19's effects on mass atrocities and atrocity prevention](#), USHMM
- [Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Digital Resource Library](#)
- [New AIPR Policy Brief on Implications of COVID-19 for Atrocity Prevention](#), AIPR
- Online exhibition [Burma's Path to Genocide](#) (USHMM)
- [Responsibility to Protect Resources](#), Global Center for the R2P
- [The Role of Civilians and Civil Society in Preventing Mass Atrocities](#), USHMM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[ALL EVENTS](#)

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January 2021

[Museum Exhibit: Barring Freedom](#)

Location: San Jose Museum of Art

Dates: October 30, 2020-March 21, 2021

[Seminar: Mediated Memories of Responsibility](#)

Location: University College Cork_(online)

Date: January 20, 2021

[Reconstructing Black Worlds: Counternarrative Creation as Preservation Practice](#)

Location: Columbia University (online)

Date: January 22, 2021

February 2021

A conversation on *Gulag Literature and the Literature of Nazi Camps: An Intercontextual Reading* (Indiana University Press, 2019), by Leona Toker

Location: online (UMass Amherst)

Date: February 9, 2021

[International Graduate Student Conference: Literature and Human Rights](#)

Location: The American University in Cairo (online)

Date: February 27, 2021

March 2021

A conversation on *The Last Ghetto: An Everyday History of Theresienstadt* (Oxford UP, 2020), by Anna Hájková

Location: online (Umass Amherst)

Date: March 9, 2021

[Seminar: Mediated Memories of Responsibility](#)

Location: University College Cork_(online)

Date: March 10, 2021

[Narrating Violence: Making Race, Making Difference](#)

Location: University of Turku (Finland) and The George and Irina Schaeffer Center for the Study of Genocide, Human Rights, and Conflict Prevention at the American University of Paris (France)

Conference Dates: 15–17 March 2021 in Turku; 29–31 March 2021 in Paris

Tell us about events, opportunities, resources, and initiatives you are working on! E-mail dialogues@columbia.edu.

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