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.

The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) has announced its strong support for the creation of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT). On February 25, Rep. Barbara Lee and Sen. Cory Booker reintroduced in the US Congress a resolution urging the
establishment of this congressional commission to “properly acknowledge, memorialize, and be a catalyst for progress toward jettisoning the belief in a hierarchy of human value; embracing our common humanity; and permanently eliminating persistent racial inequities.” The resolution was originally introduced in the House of Representatives on June 4, 2020, and in the Senate on December 3.

“A national commission to advance truth, racial healing, and transformation is more critical than ever for making progress toward racial equity in America and for strengthening our democracy amidst growing partisanship and polarization,” said AAC&U President Lynn Pasquerella.

In addition to endorsing the congressional resolution, AAC&U serves as one of more than 240 organizational supporters of the US Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Movement, which was formed in November 2020 to build momentum for establishing a US TRHT Commission and to advance racial equity and healing at all levels of society.

Within higher education, the TRHT effort is being led by a growing number of community integrated, campus-based centers established in partnership with AAC&U and hosted by colleges and universities across the United States. Gail Christopher, the visionary architect of TRHT, has recognized that these “TRHT Campus Centers are vital contributors to the continuum of change as colleges prepare the leaders and workforce of the future—educators, doctors, social workers, nurses, law enforcement officers, business leaders, and lawyers—as well as parents of future generations.” With the shared goal of preparing the next generation of leaders and thinkers to break down racial hierarchies and to dismantle the belief in a hierarchy of human value, each campus center uses the TRHT framework to develop its own visionary action plan to promote racial healing through campus-community engagement. (For more information, visit www.aacu.org.)
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, from all disciplines, of other genres of written work. While Copyright will remain with the author, 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.

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 Ariella Lang's review of *The Power Not to Punish: an Examination of the Togliatti Amnesty* (Paolo Caroli), in which the author, by combining historical and legal research, offers an illuminating examination of the ways in which Italy’s past continue to impact its present.

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!

**Gender, resistance and transnational memories of violent conflicts.**
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March 2021

CfA: ONLINE summer course “Disruptive Narratives: Re-Constructing the Truth in the Age of Multimodal Propaganda
Location: Central European University (online)
Course Dates: July 26 – July 30, 2021
Deadline: March 22, 2021

CfA: Post-Doctoral Fellowship in higher education research
Location: Danube University Krems, Austria
Deadline: March 28, 2021

CfP: Postdoctoral Fellowship on the social and political transmission of memory of the Holocaust
Location: Oxford University
Deadline: March 31, 2021

April 2021

CfA: Minnesota Transform Postdoctoral Associate
Location: University of Minnesota
Deadline: April 1, 2021

CfA: 2021 National Humanities Conference
Location: Detroit, Michigan
Dates: November 11-14, 2021
Deadline: April 9, 2021

CfA: CCP Fellowships: Strengthening Civil Societies
Location: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka
Deadline: April 12, 2021

2021 Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP)
Location: Columbia University
Deadline: April 16, 2021
**CfA: Call for Ideas**  
Location: Civic Europe Idea Challenge  
Deadline: April 26, 2021

**May 2021**

**CfP: Research Workshop Program**  
Location: USHMM, Washington, DC  
Deadline: May 14, 2021

CfP: [Archives, Power, and Truth Telling: Catholic Archives and Holocaust Memory](#)  
Location: USHMM, Washington, DC  
Dates: October 17-19, 2021  
Deadline: May 15, 2021

**2022 Rotary Peace Fellowship**  
Location: Varied  
Deadline: May 15, 2021

**CfP: New Books in Perpetrator Studies**  
Location: Perpetrator Studies Network  
Deadline: May 31, 2021

**CfA: Exhibition Proposal**  
Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights  
Deadline: Rolling

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**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.
Recently added online resources:

ARCHIVES

- Digital Syria Initiative – NEW!

HISTORY EDUCATION (in and out of the classroom)

- Addressing Anti-Semitism in Schools: Training Curricula – NEW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ALL EVENTS

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March 2021

Memory Activism Speaker Series
Location: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (online)
March 15-May 5, 2021

Holocaust Memory and Britain’s Religious-Secular Landscape
Location: Boston University (online)
Date: March 24, 2021
**Imagining Educational Future**  
Location: Common Ground (online)  
Date: March 25, 2021

**Narrating Violence: Making Race, Making Difference**  
Location: University of Turku and The George and Irina Schaeffer Center for the Study of Genocide, Human Rights and Conflict Prevention at The American University of Paris (online)  
Dates: March 29-31, 2021

### April 2021

**Memory Activism Speaker Series**  
Location: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (online)  
March 15-May 5, 2021

**Peace is always local: Transformation at the center of conflict**  
Location: Columbia University (online)  
Date: April 7, 2021

Holocaust and Genocide Studies: Looking Backward, Moving Forward  
Location: NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (online)  
Date: April 9, 2021

**International Observatory for Cultural Heritage**  
Symposium: The Benin Bronzes. Towards the Resolution of a Long-Standing Dispute?  
Location: Columbia University (online)  
Date: April 9, 2021

**African American Redress Network: Reparations 2021**  
Location: Columbia University (online)  
Date: April 10, 2021

A conversation on Unworthy Republic: The Dispossession of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory (Norton, 2020), by Claudio Saunt  
Location: online (Umass Amherst)  
Date: April 20, 2021

**Virtual Holocaust Memorialisation**  
Location: University of Sussex (online)  
Date: April 26, 2021

**Graduate History Conference, Confronting Crisis: Writing History in Uncertain Times**  
Location: York University-University of Toronto (online)  
Conference Dates: April 28-30, 2021

### May 2021
Memory Activism Speaker Series  
Location: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (online)  
March 15-May 5, 2021

CfP: Compromised Identities? Perpetration and Complicity, Past and Present  
Location: Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London (virtual conference)  
Conference dates: May 6-7, 2021

Migrating Archives of Reality: Programming, Curating, and Appropriation of Non-fiction Film  
Location: Institute for Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences (online)  
Dates: May 6-7, 2021

The Holocaust and Social Media  
Location: University of Sussex (online)  
Date: May 17, 2021

Seminar: Mediated Memories of Responsibility  
Location: University College Cork (online)  
Date: May 19, 2021

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