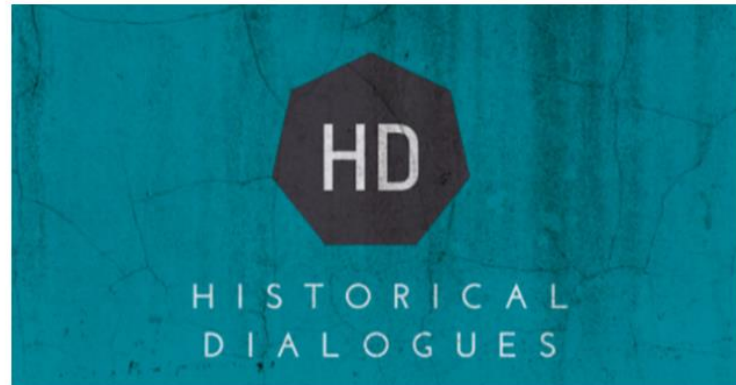


May 11, 2020



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.

How is COVID-19 affecting conflict and post-conflict societies? In our newsletter we will highlight the ways in which the pandemic is affecting historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory work.

Rwandan genocide commemorations dampened by COVID-19 lockdown. For more, click [here](#).



AHDA Conference 2019 (Photo courtesy of C. de Ycaza)

The Historical Dialogues, Justice, and Memory Network coordinated by a Steering Committee and the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability at the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, held its annual conference at Columbia University in New York City on December 12-14, 2019. The title of the conference was “Prevention Activism: Advancing Historical Dialogue in Post-Conflict Settings.” The conference hosted over 100 panelists, held 26 panels, 3 roundtables and was attended by over 400 participants. The keynote speaker of the conference was Mr. Pablo de Greiff, who is a Chair of the Advisory Board of the Open Society’s Justice Initiative, and a member of the advisory board of the International Center for Transitional Justice, of Universal Rights Group, of the International Center for the Study, Prevention and Treatment of Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma, and of the Archives and Dealing with the Past Project. In 2012, Mr. Greiff was appointed as the first UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of non-recurrence, a position he held until May 2018.

The conference focused on prevention activism—the effort to record, acknowledge, address and redress the violent past—which seeks to counter nationalist myths and identities that are central ingredients of ethnic and political violence. The goal of prevention activism is to deny the propensity 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. The conference explored activities that can be defined as “prevention activism” and included their academic analysis. The conference raised the question: What forms do projects and initiatives take to address past violence, and what impact have they had? These projects often range from civil society initiatives, to government-instituted commissions, to the work of international bodies. The conference particularly examined how specific body has worked to address past violence. Other topics evaluated the successes and failures of such initiatives; exploring the challenges faced by prevention activism and understanding the ways in which pressures, from funding resources to political developments, affect, suppress, or inform activism. The presentations ranged from country-specific, such as “The Future of the Soviet Past: Can ‘Doing History’ Further Reconciliation in Russia?,” to thematic ones, such as “Memorial Museums and Their Educational Programs: The Struggle to Confront and Reconcile Difficult Historical Pasts.” This was the 8th conference of the network. The interest in the conference shows a growing captivation with the past as a tool for activism in prevention. The link to the conference materials is [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIP

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

MORE ON SCHOLARSHIP

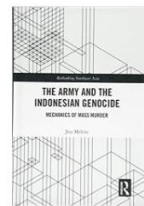


We are delighted to share the latest contribution to our working paper series, Angela Bermudez's essay, "[The Normalization of Political Violence in History Textbooks: Ten Narrative Keys](#)". Angela Bermudez is a researcher at the Center for Applied Ethics in the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain).

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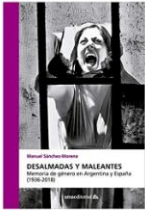
Interested in submitting a paper for possible publication on our Network?

E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!



Read Bernd Schaefer's [review](#) of *The Army and the Indonesian Genocide: Mechanics of Mass Murder* (Jessica Melvin). Based on archives and many witness interviews, this study is a breakthrough for establishing the case for the Indonesian military's orchestration and implementation of the 1965/66 mass killings.

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!



Brants, Chrisje & Karstedt, Susanne. [Transitional Justice and the Public Sphere](#) (Bloomsbury, 2020).

Sánchez-Moreno, Manuel. [Desalmadas y maleantes. Memoria de genero en Argentina y España \(1936-2018\)](#) (Atenea, 2019) (UMA Editorial, 2020).

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.

May 2020

CfA: [Persecution at Home: Eviction and Resettlement of Jews Within the City Space, 1938-1942](#)

Location: Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance and Renner Institute, Vienna, Austria

Conference: September 21-22, 2020

Application deadline: May 15, 2020

CfA: [Terence MacSwiney, Cork Men's Gaol, and the Political Hunger Strike, 1920-2020](#)

Location: University College Cork, Ireland

Conference Dates: October 9-10, 2020

Deadline: May 15, 2020

CfA: [Regional Representative for Asia, Artists at Risk Connection: PEN America](#)

Location: New York

Deadline: May 15, 2020

CfA: [2020 International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies](#)

Location: online

Course Dates: June 22-27, 2020

Application Deadline: May 18, 2002

[CfP: Research Workshop Program, USHMM](#)

Location: Washington, DC

Dates: variable

Deadline: May 22, 2020

[CfA: Civic Europe: Call for Ideas on Civic Cohesion and Democracy](#)

Deadline: May 27, 2020

CfA: [Virtual Conflict Sensitivity Course](#)

Location: online (Swisspeace)

Course dates: 12, 19 & 26 June 2020

Application deadline: May 30, 2020

[CfA: Researcher, Americas](#)

Location: Human Rights Watch

Deadline: May 30, 2020

[CfP: Genealogies of Memory: The Holocaust between Global and Local](#)

Perspectives

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Conference dates: November 25-27, 2020

Deadline: May 31, 2020

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

Location: Buffalo, NY and Dortmund, Germany

Deadline: May 31, 2020

[CfA: Helmut Schmidt Fellowship](#)

Location: Berlin, Germany

Deadline: May 31, 2020

[CfA: Rotary Peace Fellowships](#)

Location: Variable

Deadline: May 31, 2020

[CfA: Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival: Displacement](#)

Exhibit dates: November – December 2020

Deadline: May 31, 2020

June 2020

[CfA: The Photography of Persecution. Pictures of the Holocaust](#)

Location: The American University of Paris

Conference Dates: January 6-8, 2021

Application Deadline: June 1, 2020

[Summer Human Rights Institute](#)

Location: Fordham University, New York City

Dates: June 15-26, 2020

Application Deadline: June 1, 2020

[CfP: Studies in Modern Italy](#)

Seminar proposals for 2020-2021

Submission Deadline: June 10, 2020

[CfA: MA in Transcultural Studies](#)

Location: Heidelberg University

Application Deadline: June 15, 2020

[CfA: Bergen-Belsen International Summer School 2020](#)

Location: Online

Dates: August 2-7, 2020

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

[CfP: Alps and Resistance: Conflicts, Violences and Political Reflections \(1943-1945\)](#)

Deadline: June 30, 2020

CfP: [Civitates grants for public interest journalism](#)

Location: Europe

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

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.

[Anne Frank Video Diary](#) - NEW

[Story Center - Storytelling in the Time of COVID-19 Webinar \(free\)](#) - NEW

[WITNESS Video Lab COVID-19 Response Hub](#) - NEW

[24-hour Global Vigil Online to Conclude Genocide Awareness Month](#) - NEW

[European Center of Solidarity virtual exhibits](#)

[Experience the Tenement Museum from Home](#)

[Objects of Comfort: New Digital Collection Gallery!](#)
[The Census Reading Between the Lines](#)
[Virtual Tour of the POLIN Museum in Poland](#)
[Your Story, Our Story](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ALL EVENTS

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April 2020

[Restorative Justice Trainings](#)

Location: Columbia University, New York City

Dates: April 2020 (multiple)

[COVID-19 in Conflict: What to Expect? And What Can be Done?](#)

Location: online (Human Rights Institute, Columbia University)

Date: April 21, 2020

[COVID-19 and its Response: Risks to Refugees, Migrants, and Asylum-Seekers](#)

Location: online (Human Rights Institute, Columbia University)

Date: April 22, 2020

[Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights: A Continuing Emergency](#)

Location: online (Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University)

Date: April 22, 2020

[Understanding Genocides: The Genocide of the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire](#)

Location: American University in Paris, France

Dates: April 24-25, 2020

May 2020

[Racial Justice, Inclusion and Restoration](#)

Location: online (Columbia Law School)

Date: May 1, 2020

[Gather: A Virtual, Interactive, Oral History Exhibit](#)

Location: online (Oral History Program, Columbia University)

Date: May 1, 2020

[European Remembrance Symposium](#)

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

Date: May 4-6, 2020

[RELEVANCE: 60th Annual Conference of the Estonian National Museum](#)

Location: Estonian National Museum, Tartu, Estonia

Date: 5-7 May 2020

[Young Scholars Workshop Germans and Jews in Eastern Europe](#)

Location: Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany

Conference Dates: May 6-May 7, 2020

[\(Re-\)Making Citizenship: Explorations of Belonging and Participation in the Arts](#)

Location: University of Warwick, UK

Conference Date: May 7, 2020

[On the Possibility and the Impossibility of Reparations](#)

Location: Columbia University, New York City

Date: May 7-8, 2020

[One Day Oral History Training Workshops](#)

Location: online (OHMA, Columbia University)

Date: May 9, 2020

[In the Wake of Red Power Movements: New Perspectives on Indigenous Intellectual and Narrative Traditions](#)

Location: University of Warwick, UK

Dates: May 15-16, 2020

[2020 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities Gendered Environments: Exploring Histories of Women, Genders, and Sexualities in Social, Political and "Natural" Worlds](#)

Location: Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Date: May 21-23, 2020

[Post-War Memory, Holocaust Memorialization, and the Implications for the Present](#)

Location: Durham, North Carolina

Dates: May 22-24, 2020

June 2020

[Summer Institute for Genocide Studies and Prevention](#)

Location: Keene State College, New Hampshire

Dates: June 1-5

[Globalization and Social Movements: Familiar Patterns, New Constellations?](#)

Location: Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

Dates: 4-5 June 2020

[The 12th Annual Summer Institute: Teaching Peace in the 21st Century](#)

Location: University of Notre Dame

Dates: June 8-12, 2020

[Jews and Whiteness in Colonial Spaces](#)

Location: SOAS, London, UK

Conference Dates: June 10-11, 2020

[CfP: Literature and International Law Conference](#)

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Dates: June 15-16, 2020

[War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change: The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939-1958](#)

Location: École Française and the German Historical Institute in Rome, Italy

Dates: June 17-19, 2020

[Memory Studies Association: Fourth Annual Conference](#)

Location: University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Dates: June 18-21, 2020

[Summer Human Rights Institute](#)

Location: Fordham Law School, New York City

Course Dates: 15-26 June 2020

[Europe's Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias](#)

Location: University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Conference Dates: June 22-24, 2020

[Overcoming the Darkness? – Holocaust Survivors' Emotional and Social Journeys in the Early Postwar Period](#)

Location: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Conference Dates: 29-30 June, 2020

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

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