

Conference

Transitional Justice in Europe : the historical perspective (1945-2000)

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Introduction

Transitional justice remains an important, fast growing field for interdisciplinary scientific research, applied research and policy development and –evaluation. The European case (post-1945, the 1970s and post-1989) enables us to look at the long term impact of certain transitional justice measures and -policies. During this international conference, eight European experts will present the development of transitional justice policies in their national case from a historical perspective, with specific attention for the long term development of transitional justice measures and the main issues of debate that still surface in collective remembrance and memory regarding war/conflict and transitional justice today.

This European conference is the result of an ongoing project called *Transitional Justice after war and dictatorship. Learning from European experiences (1945-2000)*. This project is a collaborative undertaking of CEGES/SOMA, the Peace Building Division of the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation and professor emeritus Luc Huyse (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven). The scientific conference wants to provide a broader platform for the European experts involved in this project.

The *European Cooperation on War Studies* (EUCOWAS) is an international partnership for the study of war and society in Europe coordinated by CEGES-SOMA. Its main focus lies with European modern and

contemporary history of armed conflict from a total and social historical perspective. Through this collaboration, we aspire to transcend the traditional national approach.

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Program

10.00-10.15h:

Welcome and opening by prof. dr. Rudi Van Doorslaer (director CEGES-SOMA)

10.15-12.00h:

Keynote introduction : Berber Bevernage (Ghent University) – *The role of historiography and historians in Transitional Justice*

Nico Wouters (SOMA-CEGES) - *Project introduction: Transitional Justice after war and dictatorship. Learning from European experiences (1945-2000)*

Annette Weinke (Historical Institute of the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena) – *The case of (West) Germany, 1945-2000*

Dirk Luyten and Chantal Kesteloot (CEGES-SOMA) – *Belgium after WW II*

12.00-13.00h: Lunch Break

13.00-14.30h:

Peter Romijn (NIOD, Amsterdam) – *The Netherlands after WW II*

António Costa Pinto (Institute of Social science University of Lisbon) and Filipa Raimundo (European University Institute, Department of Social and Political Sciences) – *The case of Portugal*

Clara Ramirez (International Center for Transitional Justice) – *The case of Spain*

14.30-14.45: coffee Break

14.45-16-15h:

Klaus Bachmann (Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities) – *The case of Poland*

Stefanos Katsikas (Department of History, Goldsmiths, University of London) – *The case of Greece*

Renata Utz (Central European University, Budapest, Legal Studies Department) – *The case of Hungary*

16.15-16.45h: Closing comments and discussion

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