

# Problematizing Reconciliation in Local Contexts and the Role of the International Community

Centre of Global Affairs, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs | MSc in International Relations and Diplomacy | CegeSoma

## Workshop Aims

This workshop attempts to deepen the meaning of reconciliation in local contexts and trace the influence of the international community on reconciliation. The latter includes states represented through Embassies, IOs, NGOs, humanitarian organizations, universities, religious organizations and other groups in the respective case studies.

## Organisers

This workshop is organized by the Centre for Global Affairs, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (Leiden University in the Hague), MSc in International Relations and Diplomacy, and CegeSoma (Brussels).

## Introduction

- 10.45 Registration
- 11.00 Opening statement by Prof. Madeleine Hosli, Programme Director of MIRD, Leiden University
- 11.05 "Problematizing Reconciliation in Local Contexts and the Role of the International Community" By Keynote Speaker Prof. Valérie Rosoux, Université Catholique de Louvain

## Session I: Western Balkans

- 11.35 "Framing Reconciliation in the case of Serbia" by Dr. Heleen Touquet, Researcher and Lecturer at KU Leuven, and Co-authors Drs. Ana Milosevic PhD student at Ku Leuven, and Dr. Julianne Funk, Lecturer at University of Zürich.
- 11.55 "Reconciliation as Practice and Promise in the Post-Yugoslav Context" by Jacqueline Nießer, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg
- 12.15 "The Meaning of Reconciliation in the case of Kosovo: A comparison between Local and International Perspectives" by Ph.Dc. Arlinda Rrustemi, Center for Global Affairs, Leiden University
- 12.35 Discussion led by Assistant Professors Maja Vodopovic, Leiden University College, Leiden University

## Practical information

### Conference Venue:

Leiden Univeristy  
Faculty of Governance and  
Global Affairs  
Schouwburgstraat 2  
2511 VA The Hague

**Date:** 18 May 2016

**Time Frame:** 10.45-18.00

### Registration:

Participants should register  
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## Lunch 13.00-14.30

### Session II: Africa

- 14.30 “Whom to what? ‘Reconciliation’ in the Democratic Republic of Congo” Dr. Laura Davis, Independent Consultant
- 14.50 “Transitional justice and national reconciliation in Côte d’Ivoire: diverging directions and therapies of a crisis” by Dr. Adou Djané Dit Fatogoma, Swisspeace/University of Basel
- 15.10 Discussion led by Prof. Rob de Wijk, Center for Global Affairs, Leiden University

### Session III: Middle East and Asia

- 15.35 “Is there a Role for International Criminal Courts in Promoting Reconciliation in Israel/Palestine?” by Yael Vias Gvirsman, Director, ICL/IHL Clinic, Radzyner Law School (via Skype)
- 15.55 “The Role of Indigenous/Traditional Institutions in Peace Building” by Assistant Professor Jeroen Adam, Ghent University
- 16.15 “Localising Reconciliation: An exploration of the language and practice of reconciliation in local communities recovering from genocide and other mass violence in East Timor” by Dr. Wendy Lambourne, University of Sydney (via Skype)
- 16.35 Discussion led by Prof. Madeleine Hosli, Programme Director of MIRD, Leiden University
- 17.00 Concluding remarks by Dr. Nico Wouters (Cegesoma/Ghent University)