



**International Association for Reconciliation Studies - IARS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual IARS Conference**  
**Assisi, Italy - July 1st to 4th, 2024**

**PROGRAM**

## July 1st

Time	Event	
7.30am– 9.00am	Breakfast	
8.00am– 10.00am	Registration Office Open	
10.00am– 11.30am	Welcome: Davide Tacchini and Colleen Alena O’Brien (organizers), Stefania Proietti (Mayor of Assisi), Andreas Krüger (from The Embassy of Germany in Rome), Martin Leiner (IARS President), and Karina Korostelina and Toyomi Asano (IARS Vice Presidents)	
11.30am– 12.00pm	Coffee break	
	Room 1	Room 2
12.00pm– 1.30pm	<p><b>Panel: Psychological Approaches</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Karina Korostelina</i></p> <p>Adrian Needs: “Implications for Addressing Collective Trauma of Moral Injury and Enactive, Embedded, Embodied and Extended Cognition”</p> <p>Ewelina Berdowicz: “Reconciling the past to appreciate the present. Cognitive restructuring in a religious setting”</p> <p>Rebecca Nicholson: “Moral Injury: Adapting Cross-Cultural Practices to Heal the Psycho-Spiritual Scars of War”</p>	<p><b>Panel: Reconciliation and Social Justice</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hans Vium Mikkelsen</i></p> <p>Francesco Valacchi: “The challenge of Social Justice related to migration in an area with scarce economic sources: the Afghan-Pakistani case”</p> <p>Teshome Mengesha Marra: “Unraveling the Performativity of Non-Judicial Institutions in the Pursuit of Social Justice within a Divided Society in Ethiopia”</p> <p>Philipp Kurowski: “Epistemic injustice as an ethical challenge for Social Justice and Reconciliation”</p>
1.30pm	Lunch	
3.00pm– 4.00pm	<p><b>Keynote</b></p> <p>Cesare Zucconi: “Religions and Reconciliation in a time of War”</p>	

4.00pm– 4.30pm	Coffee break	
4.30pm– 6.00pm	<p><b>Panel: Memory</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Charalampos Babis Karpouchtsis</i></p> <p>Sung Jin Park: “Politics of memory in post-conflict societies”</p> <p>Craig A. Phillips: “Strategic Remembrance and Forgetting: Navigating Memory and Amnesty on the Path toward Reconciliation and Justice</p> <p>Maumita Banerjee: “Curating for Social Justice: Discussing Small Private Museums in Japan”</p>	<p><b>Panel: Multicultural and Pluralistic Approaches to Reconciliation</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Greta Lüking</i></p> <p>Nathalie Manco Villa: “School as a Space for Cultivating Multicultural Societies: Exploring the Perceptions of Reconciliation at Institución San Francisco de Asís in Medellín”</p> <p>Julie Pelletier: “Seeking Reconciliation: Indigenous Faculty’s Lived Experiences”</p> <p>Kayla Owens: “Womanism: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Reconciliation”</p>
6.00pm– 7.00pm	<p><b>Reception</b> <b>Sponsored by the Embassy of Germany in Rome</b></p>	

## July 2nd

Time	Event	
7.30am– 9.00am	Breakfast	
9.00am– 10.00am	<b>Keynote</b> Pedro Valenzuela: “Rituals in Reconciliation Processes”	
	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Room 2</b>
10.00am– 11.30am	<b>Panel: Interstate Reconciliation</b>  <i>Moderator: Colleen Alena O’Brien</i>  Ekavi Athanassopoulou: “No reconciliation, no stable peace: the case of Greece and Turkey”  Gul M. Gur: “Insider Reconcilers in Cyprus: Navigating the Path to Peace in a State of Non-Resolution”  Moonyoung Lee: “Unification Perception of South Koreans in 2023: The Possibility of Inter-Korean Reconciliation in the Era of New Cold War”	<b>Panel: Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Justice</b>  <i>Moderator: Martin Leiner</i>  Déogratias Maruhukiro: “Yes, to forgiveness, but first Justice”  Hans Vium Mikkelsen: “Forgiveness and justice as part of the process of reconciliation”  Francesco Ferrari: “Derrida and the Advent of the Reconciliation Paradigm from the Globalization of Avowal”
11.30am– 12.00pm	Coffee break	
12.00pm– 1.30pm	<b>Panel: Approaches to Reconciliation Studies</b>  <i>Moderator: Craig Phillips</i>  Davide Tacchini: “The Hölderlin Perspective: a Critical Approach”  Colleen Alena O’Brien: “A linguistic approach to Reconciliation Studies”  Charles Davidson:	<b>Case Studies</b>  <i>Moderator: Megumi Ochi</i>  Leyla Radjai: “European efforts in reconciliation through education and developing regional identity”  Eiichi Nojiri: “Reconciliation after the 20th Century Nation-States: Japanese Case An Approach from Philosophical Psychology”

	<p>“Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Community-Based Peacemaking”</p>	<p>Pau Sian Lian: “Analyzing Myanmar's Post-Revolution Transitional Justice Policy”</p> <p>Naoyuki Umemori: “Comparative Analyses of War Responsibility Issues: Japan and Germany”</p>
1.30pm–3.00pm	Lunch	
3.00pm–4.30pm	<p><b>Panel: Law and Governance</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Félicité Mugombozi</i></p> <p>Noah Vardi: “Civil Litigation and private law remedies within the paradigm of Reconciliation: the role of restorative justice”</p> <p>Gloria Yayra A. Ayee: “Reconciling Divided Societies: Leveraging Good Governance for Healing and Institutional Transformation”</p> <p>Greta Lüking: “Reconciliation between the police and a pluralistic society: Historical-political education as a contribution to a police force of social justice?”</p>	<p><b>Panel: Religion, Spirituality, and Reconciliation</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ralf Häussler</i></p> <p>Shimo Sraman and Sunil Yadav: “Mindfulness and Its Relation to Self-Transformation and Evolving Inspiration in Society”</p> <p>Josh Underwood, Ryan Goeckner, and Korie Little Edwards: “Race and Diversity Talk of Racially Diverse Congregations and The Implications for Reconciliation”</p> <p>Claudio Lasperanza: “Decolonization, Reconciliation and Justice. On the Correspondence between Louis Massignon and Martin Buber”</p>
4.30pm–5.00pm	Coffee break	
5.00pm–6.00pm	<p><b>Discussion Group 1</b></p> <p>Reconciliation and identity-based conflicts. (Discussant: Karina Korostelina)</p>	<p><b>Discussion Group 2</b></p> <p>What is Reconciliation? (Discussants: Colleen Alena O’Brien and Davide Tacchini)</p>

<p>6.00pm– 7.30pm</p>	<p><b>Waseda Panel 1</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Leyla Radjai</i></p> <p>Upalat Korwatanasakul: “Towards a Future of Reconciliation: Understanding Conflict and Injustice in Shaping Collaborative Problem Solving among 15-Year-Olds”</p> <p>Rita Z. Nazeer-Ikeda: “Reconciling fragments of a nation’s past through education: Examining policies in Singapore”</p> <p>JungHyun Jasmine Ryu: “Conceptualization of Reconciliation within Peace Studies: Narratives and Perspectives in the ASEAN Context”</p>	<p><b>Panel: Dissemination for the AARMENA Project (with online streaming)</b></p> <p>Led by Iyad Muhsen Al Dajani and Martin Leiner</p>
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## July 3rd

Time	Event	
7.30am– 9.00am	Breakfast	
9.00am– 10.00am	<b>Keynote</b> Karina Korostelina: “Just peace and reconciliation: bridging framework”	
	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Room 2</b>
10.00am– 11.30am	<b>Panel: Great Lakes Region</b>  <i>Moderator: Gloria Ayee</i>  Félicité Mugombozi: “The status of foreigners and the need for reconciliation in the Great Lakes region of Africa”  Dawid Stelmach: “Analogy between Rwanda and Poland- countries in the Reconciliation process”  Concilie Nduwimana and Ishimwe Ange Rosine: “New Media Education Strategies: action research between Burundi and Rwanda”	<b>Applied Approaches to Reconciliation</b>  <i>Moderator: Pedro Valenzuela</i>  Jennifer Van de Pol: “Social Justice: Reconciling through the body”  Johanna Amaya-Panche & Malte Jauch: “Building Bridges: Satisfaction with Bottom-Up and Top-Down Approaches in Foreign Aid for Peacebuilding”  Zeina Barakat and Ralf Wüstenberg: “Reconciliation and justice in South Africa: Comparative aspects from the country cases of Germany and Palestine”
11.30am– 12.00pm	Coffee break	
12.00pm– 1.30pm	<b>Panel: Reconciliation and Victims</b>  <i>Moderator: Pedro Valenzuela</i>  Shahira Fakher: “Advancing Reconciliation: Unraveling Collective Trauma, Masculinity, and Violence Against Women in Jaffa”  Charalampos “Babis” Karpouchtsis: “Sexualized Violence during Conflict:	<b>Panel: Transitional Justice, Reparation, and Reconciliation</b>  <i>Moderator: Toyomi Asano</i>  Megumi Ochi: “The Temporal Scope of Harm in the International Criminal Court’s Reparation Orders: Trans- and Inter-Generational Justice Perspectives”  Hiroko Kawaguchi: “Reparative Design for Creating the

	<p>Between Local, National, and International Identities”</p> <p>Kijeong Nam: “The realm of reconciliation: between victim-centered approach and political realism”</p>	<p>Future from the Present of Post-war Society: Towards Transformative Justice Linking the Global and the Local”</p> <p>Yukiko Kondo: “Bringing the Female Peasants Back In: Experiences of Violence during the Rwandan Genocide and Thereafter from a Gender Perspective”</p> <p>Natsuki Katayama: “Transitional Justice after Rwandan genocide: Dialogue between victims and perpetrators for compensation ordered by the Gacaca Courts”</p>
<p>1.30pm– 3.00pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>3.00pm– 4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Film screening:</b> <i>Strangers to Peace</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Davide Tacchini</i></p> <p>After a lifetime of war, three former guerrilla fighters abandon the FARC, Colombia's largest guerrilla group. They now face anxiety and danger as they attempt to rebuild their lives in a homeland that sees them as terrorists.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://strangerstopeace.com/">https://strangerstopeace.com/</a></p> <p>Discussion with Producer Colleen Alena O’Brien</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation in East Asia</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hiroko Kawaguchi</i></p> <p>Hajime Onozaka: “Reconstruction and Resistance: China YWCA during the Sino-Japanese War and Wartime Assemblies of International Organizations”</p> <p>Qu Yang: “Propaganda, Literature and Nostalgia during the Sino-Japanese War”</p> <p>Kazuo Kuroda: “Theoretical Considerations of International Cooperation in Education for Peace and Reconciliation”</p> <p>Minjeong Lee: “How Colonial Context Shapes Discrepancies in Justice and Reconciliation? The Korean Scholarship as “Responsibility Studies” and Korean Leaderships’ Diverging Approaches to Internationalism”</p>
<p>4.30pm– 5.00pm</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	



5.00pm– 6.00pm	<p><b>Discussion Group 3</b></p> <p>Reconciliation and Justice (Discussant: Colleen Alena O’Brien)</p>	<p><b>Discussion Group 4</b></p> <p>The Role of Religion in Reconciliation (Discussant: Davide Tacchini)</p>
6.00pm– 6.30pm	<p><b>Discussion groups report</b></p> <p>Led by: Karina Korostelina, Colleen Alena O’Brien, and Davide Tacchini</p>	
6.30pm– 7.30pm		<p><b>Workshop: Training and teaching for the AARMENA project</b></p> <p>Led by: Iyad Muhsen Al Dajani and Martin Leiner</p> <p>Speaker: Iyad Muhsen Al Dajani “Digital Peace-building studies from theory to practice”</p>
8.00pm	<p><b>Conference Dinner (optional)</b></p>	

## July 4th

Time	Event
7.30am – 9.00am	Breakfast
9.30am – 9.45am	Closing words by organizers
9.45am – 12.00pm	IARS General Assembly Meeting
12.00pm – 12.15pm	Introduction to 2025 IARS Conference (KJ Nam)
12.15pm – 12.30pm	Closing Speech (New IARS President)
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch