

Interdisciplinary and Comparative Approaches to Ethnic Conflict: An International Symposium

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DAY 1: May 5th 2012

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 10:00 Keynote speaker: Oliver Richmond
“Failed Statebuilding versus Peace Formation”
- 10:15 – 11:45 **Panel 1: Understanding Ethnic Conflict and
Political Accommodation: Comparative
Perspectives**

Chair and Discussant: Ayşe Betül Çelik

1. Neo Loizides: Post-Ottoman Successor States: Failures and Prospects in Political Accommodation
2. Hüseyin Alptekin: Why and How do Ethnic Groups Mobilize? Institutional Causes of Ethnic Mobilization Patterns in Comparative Perspective
3. Şener Aktürk: Regimes of Ethnicity: Comparing Europe and Post-Communist Eurasia
4. Emre Hatipoğlu: Trade or Raid? Colonization, Economic Interdependence and Ethnic Conflict

11:45 – 12:00 **BREAK**

12:00 – 13:15 **Panel 2: Religion and Ethnicity I**

Chair and Discussant: Önder Çetin

1. Oscar Ubhenin: The Construction of Boko Haram Uprising in Nigeria: A Civil Society Perspective
2. Afyare Elmi: Revisiting the Tribal and Religious Conflicts in Somalia
3. Ahmet Yükleýen: Ethnicity and Muslim Radicalization in Europe: Salafism in Moroccan and Turkish Islamic Markets in the Netherlands

13:15 – 14:15 **LUNCH**

14:15 – 15:30 **Panel 3: Religion and Ethnicity II: Religion, Nationalism and Ethnicity in the Balkans**

Chair and Discussant: Tessa Diphoorn

1. Ina Merdjanova: Managing Islam in the Age of Nationalism: Muslims in the Post-Ottoman Balkan States
2. Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon: Ethnic as Ethic: An Essay on Ethnicity, Violence and Religion
3. Glavinas Ioannis: Neighbours in a Turbulent Era: Relations between Christians and Muslims in the Greek "New Lands" from the Balkan Wars to the Population Exchange (1912-1923)

15:30 – 15:45 **BREAK**

15:45 – 17:15 **Panel 4: Ethnic Identity, Race and 'the Other'**

Chair and Discussant: Ahmet Yükleýen

1. Dragana Kovacevic: Young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Norway: Migration, Identity and Ethnicity

2. Elina Marmer: The Power of Images - Portrayal of Africa in German textbooks and Symbolic violence
3. Zeynep Başer and Ayşe Betül Çelik: Imagining Peace in a Conflict Environment: the Kurdish Youth in Diyarbakır
4. Tessa Diphoorn: The “Bravo Mike Syndrome”: The Private Policing of Racialised Understandings of the Dangerous, Criminal ‘Other’ in Urban South Africa

17:15 – 17:30 **BREAK**

17:30 - 18:45 **Panel 5: Conflict Transformation**

Chair and Discussant: Victoria Araj

1. Magid Shihade: Settler-Colonialism and Conflict: The Israeli State and its Palestinian Subjects.
2. Ariel Sanchez Meertens: Acronyms of an Identity in Transition: TMVP’s Emergence and the Fluidity of Identity in Sri Lanka’s Civil War
3. Nikolas Kosmatopoulos: Lebanonizing Lebanon: Problematizations of Violence in Academic Literature (1970-2008)

19: 30 **DINNER**

DAY 2: May 6th 2012

9:15 – 11:00 **Panel 6: Role of Internal and External Actors:
Towards Peacemaking or Conflict Escalation?**

Chair and Discussant: Emre Hatipoğlu

1. Dawn Walsh: International Regulation of the Implementation of Peace Agreements: The Independent Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland
2. Mary-Alice Clancy: The Dilemmas of Internationalization: Third-party Intervention and Credible Commitment Problems in the Northern Ireland Peace Process.
3. Tonson Sango: A Conflict Analysis Model for Studying the Role of Traditional Nigerian Rulers in Internal Protracted Social Conflicts
4. Ladan Affir: The Somali Diaspora: Collapsing the State and Contributions to Conflict

11:00 – 11:15 **BREAK**

11:15 – 12:30 **Panel 7: Ethnicities: Belonging and Stability
versus Discrimination and Separation**

Chair and Discussant: Ariel Sanchez Meertens

1. Anna I. Zadrozna: The Troubles from Ohrid Agreement: Confused Ethnicity and Political Subjectivity. Case of *Torbeši* in the Republic of Macedonia
2. Cristina Pace: Avoiding Ethnocentrism's Trap: Intercultural Dialogue as an Instrument of Social Conflict Prevention
3. Lynn Tesser: Ethnic Separation versus European Integration: Conflicting Stability Strategies in Bosnia-Herzegovina

12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 – 14:45 **Panel 8: Reconciliation: Indigenous and Political Models**

Chair and Discussant: Teri Murphy

1. Lauren Gould: The Contestation of International Criminal Law. The Politics of Framing Abducted Child Soldiers who are Captured as Adult Commanders
2. Oscar Ubhenin: Spiritual Reconciliation from Devastation in Nigeria: The Interfaith Alternative
3. Önder Çetin: Commemorating Tradition, Mapping Post-War Peacebuilding: The Role of Islamic Religious Elites in the Use of Religio-National Commemorations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:45 – 15:00 **BREAK**

15:15 – 16:45 **Panel 9: Identity, Solidarity and Ethnic Politics**

Chair and Discussant: Neophytos Loizides

1. Hannes Artens: 'Ethnic Alliances' Deconstructed: The PKK Sanctuary in Iraqi Kurdistan
2. Şener Aktürk: Ten Common Misconceptions on the “Kurdish Question” of Turkey
3. Yaşar Sarı: Identity-Conflict Relations: Case of Conflicts in Ferghana Valley
4. Ali Zeynel: Post-2003 Iraq: Chosen Traumas, Competing Victimhood and the Logic of Violence

16:45 – 17:00 **BREAK**

17:00 – 18:15 **Panel 10: Gendered Approaches to
Ethnonationalist Conflict as Counter-
Hegemonic Practices: Confronting War
Violence in the Former Yugoslavia**

Chair and Discussant: Ayşe Betül Çelik

1. Ana Devic: The Serbian Orthodox Church and National Identity in the Bosnian Serb Entity: A ‘Successful’ Citizenship-Building (and its Counter-Hegemony)
2. Tijana Matijevic: Inside and Out of the Gendered Narratives in movies Snow and The Land of My Dreams or: What Do Women Do With the War?
3. Ana Ljubojevic: What’s the Story? Transitional justice and Creation of Narratives in Serbia and Croatia

18: 15 – 18:30 **CLOSING**