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Call for Papers “Diasporas and Transitional Justice: Local, National, and Global Dimensions”

Academic Workshop organized by the *European Research Council* Starting Grant
“Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty”

prior to the *International Studies Association* Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD
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Transitional justice is an expanding field, yet the role of diasporas as non-state actors in transitional justice processes is still under-researched and under-theorized. Existing studies are primarily focused on single case studies, or feature illustrative comparative research, but have not developed systematic generalizations about the conditions and mechanisms, which drive such diaspora mobilizations. Especially conflict-generated diasporas have been formed on the basis of traumatic experiences, and so remain connected to their homelands by seeking to redress the harm inflicted on them or earlier generations. How to engage productively conflict-generated diasporas from abroad becomes a scholarly and policy-relevant imperative.

Some of the questions we seek to address are: Why do some diasporas cooperate, are in conflict or ambivalent about international criminal tribunals and local courts? Why do some diasporas participate in truth commissions while others do not? How do diasporas seek to memorialize their traumatic experiences and mobilize for genocide recognition? How do they connect their activism transnationally, by which means, and to what ends? Why do some original homelands reach out to their diasporas to aid their transitional justice endeavors, while others do not? How do different host-states influence diaspora participation and interaction with their homelands? What is the role of international organizations in such processes?

This workshop has two major scholarly aims: to explore in depth the *comparative* dimension of diaspora mobilizations for a wide range of transitional justice processes; and to analyze how diasporas’ *embeddedness in different global locations* impacts on such mobilizations in local, national, and global politics. We are looking for papers from different world regions, featuring interdisciplinary perspectives, and addressing issues of domestic and international politics.



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This workshop will be reading intensive, with participants expected to discuss papers of other workshop participants. A small follow-up workshop will be organized at Warwick University on 3 April 2017. We are seeking quality papers from established and early-career researchers, which we seek to publish in a special edited issue or a book edited volume.

Please submit a paper abstract (max. 500 words) and a short biography (up to 1 page) featuring previous publications by November 20, 2016 to m.koinova@warwick.ac.uk and d.karabegovic@warwick.ac.uk.

In your paper abstract, please indicate whether you are interested to attend the ISA workshop in February 2017 or the Warwick workshop in April 2017. Partial financial support will be available for the Warwick workshop. Participants will be notified by December 1, 2016. The deadline for paper submissions for the ISA workshop will be February 10, 2017. Scholars who are interested in participating as paper discussants at ISA in Baltimore are welcome to contact the workshop organizers.