

PUBLIC EVENT: **REFUGEES AND DIASPORAS IN CONFLICT AND POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION**



November 26, Thursday, 18:00 pm – 20:00, S0.19, Social Sciences

There will be refreshments available between 18:00 and 18:20.

The current refugee crisis in the Mediterranean has been of unprecedented proportions since the Second World War. It brings to the fore the difficult faith experienced by many refugees and conflict-generated diasporas at different times and in different places. This roundtable seeks to shed light on diaspora activism related to the conflicts of Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, Lebanon, Nagorno-Karabakh, Palestine, Sri Lanka, and Rwanda, among others, and to draw parallels with the current refugee crisis. It also aims to discuss how diasporas support their home countries during post-conflict reconstruction.

Please join us for lively presentations from the panelists and a discussion to follow. This roundtable discussion will be composed of:

DR. MARIA KOINOVA, is a Reader in International Relations at the University of Warwick and Principal Investigator of the European Research Council Starting Grant 'Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty.' She will chair the roundtable discussion, and present a synopsis of own research conducted among conflict-generated diasporas, most notably the Armenian, Kosovar, and Palestinian. Koinova is the author of *Ethnonationalist Conflict in Postcommunist States* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013). Her articles have been published in *International Political Science Review*, *the European Journal of International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Political Sociology*, *Review of International Studies*, and *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, among others.

DR. CAMILLA ORJUELLA is Associate Professor at the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Her research has focused on civil society and peacebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, diaspora politics, identity formation as well as corruption. She has carried out research over a long time in and on Sri Lanka, and focused on Rwanda more recently. Orjuella is the author of *The Identity Politics of Peacebuilding: Civil Society in War-torn Sri Lanka* (Sage, 2008), co-editor of *Corruption in the Aftermath of War* (Routledge 2016), and author of

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