



SYRIA WORKSHOP

**ESRC GCRF NETWORK ON CONFLICT,
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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

29 April-4 May 2018

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Sunday 29th April

18.00-19.30 Film showing: 'The White Helmets', a documentary about the civil defence in Syria, followed by a discussion with the founder of the White Helmets. Meeting room Galata 1, Hotel Novotel Istanbul Bosphorus.

Monday 30th April

Aydın Doğan Auditorium, GalataSaray University, Istanbul

09.00-09.30 Workshop agenda and objectives

09.30-11.00 **Panel 1: 'Attempts to Build Peace in Syria: From Geneva to Sochi to Astana'**

Moderator: Dr Kirsten Ainley, London School of Economics (LSE)

Mr Osama Abu-Zaid, Former spokesperson of the High Negotiation Committee

Mr Yaser Tabbara, Syrian Forum

Mr Karam Nachar, al-Jomhooreyah

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel 2: 'Security Sector Reform and the Future of the Armed Groups in Syria'**

Moderator: Ms Dareen Khalifa, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Mr Munir al Fakir, Omran Centre

Mr Manhal Bareesh, al Quds al Araby

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Panel 3: 'Civil Society's Struggle for Peace in a War Zone'

Moderator: Dr Beyza Tekin, GalataSaray University

Mr Shant Kerbabian, The Day After

Ms Bissane El Cheikh, journalist, Mapping of Violations Project

Mr Bahjat Hajjar, Local Administrative Councils Unit

Ms Razan Saffour, TRT World

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 Panel 4: 'The Pursuit of Transitional Justice and Accountability without a Transition'

Moderator: Dr Mark Kersten, Wayamo and University of Toronto

Mr Bassam Alahmad, Syrians for Truth and Justice

Ms Reem Salahi, former Chief of Party of Public International Law & Policy Group

Mr Diab Serreyah, League of Former Prisoners of Sednayah

Tuesday 1st May

Transfer to Beirut

18.15-19.45 Panel 5: 'The Lebanese Civil War and its Aftermath'

Bayview Hotel restaurant

Moderator: Dr Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Mr Marwan Maalouf, human rights lawyer and lecturer at Holy Spirit University

Mr Maher Btaiche, independent development consultant

Ms Joanna Nassar, UN Development Programme

Wednesday 2nd May

Camp visit

09.00-10.00 Visit the office of Basmeh and Zaytouneh (a Syrian NGO working with refugees)

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Travel to Community Centre at Shateela refugee camp. Eat lunch at the camp



Thursday 3rd May

American University of Beirut (AUB)

09.30-11.00 **Panel 6:** 'Gender Justice: a Forgotten Agenda?'
Moderator: Dr Rebekka Friedman, Kings College London

Ms Sabah al-Hallak, Syrian League for Citizenship
Ms Anna Fleischer, Women Now

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel 7:** 'Conflict and Identity: How the Civil War has Shaped Ethnicity and Religiosity'
Moderator: Professor Chandra Sriram, University of East London

Dr Karim al-Mufti, al Hekma University
Mr Zaidoun al-Zoubi, Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM)
Mr Wissam Sade, researcher and journalist

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 **Panel 8: 'The Issue of Minorities in Syria'**
Moderator: Dr Elizabeth Matta Saleh, AUB

Dr Patrick Haenni, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
Dr Hassan Abbas, Asfari Institute, AUB

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.30 **Public Roundtable: Comparative Justice and Development Challenges**
Moderator: Dr Khawaja, AUB

Dr Camilo Sanchez, Dejusticia and Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Dr Mario Gomez, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka

Dr Josephine Ahikire, Makerere University, Uganda

Dr Mohamed Sesay, McGill University, Canada

Friday 4th May

American University of Beirut

09.30-11.00 **Panel 9:** 'Local Reconciliation Agreements and Demographic Changes in Syria'

Moderator: Dr Ammar Bajboj, Kings College London

Dr Sami Khiyami, former Syrian Ambassador in London

Ms Emma Beals, investigative journalist and producer

Dr Agnes Favier, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel 10:** 'Reconstruction in Syria: Post-agreement Planning or Pre-agreement condition? Who Will Pay the Bill for Reconstruction?'

Moderator: Ms Rana Mitri

Mr Bassel Kaghadou, National Agenda for the Future of Syria

Mr Rabie Nasser, Syrian Centre for Policy Research

Dr Ahmad Sukkar, Centre for Arts and Humanities, AUB

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 **Panel 11:** 'Development Challenges in Syria'

Moderator: Mr Stephen Oola, Amani Institute Uganda

Mr Abou Firas Dahi, Citizenship Movement

Dr Rouba Mhaissen, Sawa for Development & Aid

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.30

Panel 12: 'The Path to Accountability in Syria'

Moderator: Dr Kirsten Ainley, LSE

Ms Diana Samee, Amnesty International

Ms Nousha Kabawat, International Center for Transitional Justice

READING FOR SYRIA WORKSHOP



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