

# ***SHUR: Human Rights in Conflict: The Role of Civil Society***

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## **Final Conference**



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**Opening session 9-13** (aula Toti)

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THURSDAY SESSION IS IN VIA ROMANIA**

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SESSIONS ARE IN VIA POLA**

**Thursday 4 (LUISS branch: Via Romania 32)**

**Opening session 9-13 (aula Toti)**

**Welcome address:** Massimo Egidi, Rector, LUISS

**Welcome Address:** Angela Liberatore, Project Officer, European Commission DG Research

**Inaugural address:** *Human Rights in Theory and Practice*, Sebastiano Maffettone, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, LUISS

**Reports on the main results of the SHUR projects**

*Conflict Society and Human Rights* by Raffaele Marchetti and Nathalie Tocci

*Analysing Human Rights Articulation in Ethno-Political Conflicts – A Discursive study* by Thomas Diez and Emily Pia

*Analysing the Impact of Human Rights Articulation in Ethno-Political Conflicts – A QCA study* by Thorsten Bonacker, Christian Braun, and Jana Groth

*Pursuing Peace Through the Strengthening of Civil Society: The EU Approach to Peace-Building* by Raffaele Marchetti and Nathalie Tocci

**Thursday 4 (LUISS branch: Via Romania 32)**

**First session 15-16:45**

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 304A**

**Chair: Aakash Singh**

Nayan Barua	Human rights	Buddist monk, Bangkok	Thailand
Peter Halewood	Torture, Dignity, and Human Rights	Albany Law School	USA

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 304B**

**Chair: Daniele Santoro**

Donna Young	The Spread of HIV/AIDS Among Women Through Domestic Violence and Armed Conflict	Albany Law School	USA
Ihediwa Nkemjika Chimee	Ethnic Consciousness and conflict production in a plural state: The case of Nigeria	University of Nigeria	Nigeria
Peter Munce	Civil society vs. the people: the uneasy relationship between human rights Non Governmental Organisations and the DUP & UUP in the drafting of a bill of rights for Northern Ireland	The University of Ulster	Norther Ireland

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 305A**

**Chair: Christian Blasberger**

Kenneth Brown, Laure Fourest, and Are Hovdenak	Human Rights, Civil Society and Conflict in Israel/Palestine	SHUR (FMSH, PRIO)	
Brigitte Beauzamy	The challenges of transnational non-violent direct action in community conflicts: the case of peace French NGOs in Israel/Palestine	University of Paris 13- Villetaneuse	France
Massimo Alone	A society under siege: Palestinian civil society from 1967	Activist	Italy

**Thursday 4 (LUISS branch: Via Romania 32)**

**Second session 17:15-19**

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 304A**

**Chair: Aakash Singh**

Rekha A. Kumar and Patrice Cailleba	Gender issues in conflict with culture: some concerns and constraints – the case of Botswana	University of Botswana, Groupe ESC Pau	Botswana and France
Diana Copper	Conflict and Human Rights: A Gender Analysis	SHUR (LUISS)	
Evelyne Schmid	Gender and Conflict: Potential Gains of Civil Society Efforts to Include Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Transitional Justice Strategies	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva	Switzerland

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 304B**

**Chair: Tania Haddad**

Eyene Okpanachi	Building Peace in a Divided Society: The Role of Civil Society in Muslim-Christian Relations in Nigeria	University of Ibadan	Nigeria
Lindsay Newman	The Role of Neighbouring Ethnic Brethren in Ethnic Conflict Onset	New York University	USA

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 305A**

**Chair: Christian Blasberger**

Giulio Marcon, Sergio Andreis, Thorsten Bonacker, Christian Braun, Francesca Nicora, Valentina Pellizzer, and Inger Skjelsbaer	Conflict Society and the Transformation of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Question	SHUR (Lunaria, University of Marburg, PRIO)	
Véronique Dudouet	Surviving the peace? Impact of war-to-democracy transitions on human rights organisations in South Africa and Guatemala	Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management, Berlin	Germany
Miguel Barreto Henriques	"Peacebuilding from below" in Colombia: the Peace Laboratories' case-study	University of Coimbra	Portugal

**Friday 5** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

**Third session 9-10:45**

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 213**

**Chair: Marzia Basili**

Avinash Chennamadhav and Kumar Pankaj	Extension of human rights responsibilities to MNCs	Universite de Rouen	France
Yasir Ali	The role of NGOs in the democratization process, particularly the struggle against growing extremism	Pakistan International Human Rights Organization (PIHRO) Islamabad	Pakistan
Jessica Giandomenico	Human rights as the cause for conflict: The case of Macedonia and the difficult road to normality	Uppsala University	Sweden

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 214**

**Chair: Anar Khamzayeva**

Daniela Irrera	NGO'S roles in humanitarian interventions and peace support operations	University Catania	Italy
Kateryna Pishchikova and Valeria Izzi	Engaging civil society in Peacebuilding : Taking stock of past practices	Sant'Anna, Pisa	Italy
Silvia Colombo	Civil Society in Post Conflict Iraq	IAI	Italy

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 215**

**Chair: Lucy Cheah**

Guido Lenzi	Human Rights and National Sovereignty in "Humanitarian Interventions"	Ambassador (ret.)	Italy
Emanuela C. Del Re	Innovative negotiation strategies in conflict scenarios, and the protection of human rights	University of Roma Sapienza	Italy

**Friday 5** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

**Fourth session 11:15-13**

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 213**

**Chair: Marzia Basili**

Dhruv Pande	Cultural Rights and the Dynamics of Identity Formation	LUISS	Italy
Kumar Suresh	Nation, the Other, and the Outsider: Situating the Concept Of Hindu Rastra and Identity Conflicts in India	Hamdard University	India
Ayesha Ray	The Politics and Identity of Kashmiri Women	King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA	USA

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 214**

**Chair: Giuliana Urso**

Krisztina Arató	Human rights and civil society in Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest	Hungary
Michal Nowosielski	Civil Society as representation of immigrants' interests – the case of Polish ethnic organizations in Germany	Institute for Western Affairs, Poland	Poland
Michael Kilburn	A spectre is haunting Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: Human Rights, Civil Society and the Legacy of Charter 77	Endicott College	USA

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 215**

**Chair: Tania Haddad**

Natascha Zupan and Sylvia Servaes	Looking back and moving forward: Civil society and State Engagement in Transitional justice and Conflict Transformation	Working Group on Development & Peace/ FriEnt, Bonn/	Germany
Smiljana Knez	Human rights in conflicts – how to better synergize the efforts of official actors and of civil society	Ljubljana University	Slovenia
Laura Zanotti	Protecting humans, governing international disorder: Integrated UN Peacekeeping and NGOs	Virginia Tech	USA

**Friday 5** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

**Fifth session 15-16:45**

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 213**

**Chair: Valentina Gentile**

Maria Teresa Bia	Human Rights Implications of Ethno-Religious Conflicts and the Limits of the European Refugee Policy in addressing these Issues: the Case of Nigeria	Lawyer, EUI	Italy
Radwan Ziadeh	The impact of The European Neighborhood Policy on the situation of Human rights in the southern Mediterranean countries	Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies	Syria
Luis Cabrera	Is there a Human Right to Accession? The Turkish Case	University of Birmingham	UK

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 214**

**Chair: Veronica Raccah**

José G. Vargas-Hernández	Historical social and indigenous ecology approach to social movements in Mexico and Latin America	Universidad de Guadalajara	Mexico
Léa Tosold	Theorizing the Practice of Social Movements: ‘Changing the Paradigm of Politics’ or How Common Grounds Are Only Possible Through Diversity’	University of Vienna	Austria
Ryan Hammack	Biafra and the Niger Delta: International Perceptions of Conflict in Postcolonial Nigeria	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Israel

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 215**

**Chair: Giuliana Urso**

Celina Inés Ozán	The Challenges after Conflicts	Universidad Nacional de San Juan	Argentina
Olga Demetriou and Ayla Gurel	Human Rights, Civil Society and Conflict in Cyprus: Exploring the Relationship	SHUR (PRIO)	
Johanna Söderström	Demos conceptions – The Limits of Citizenship among Ex-Combatants in Liberia	Uppsala University	Sweden

**Friday 5** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

Sixth session 17:15-19

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 213**

**Chair: Lucy Cheah**

Kostas Kokogiannis	Human rights as part of active democratic citizenship: The prevention of conflicts	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Greece
Lea Ypi	Political Conflict and Avant-Garde Agency	Oxford University	UK

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 214**

**Chair: Veronica Raccah**

Rabea Hass	Media as Civil Society Actors in Israel and their Influence on the Israel-Palestine Conflict	SHUR (University of Marburg)	
Rakhi Poonia	The impact of service learning on building civic engagement	Rutgers University	USA
Cristina Sala	Involving Civil Society in the Transformation of Conflicts through Media Actions	Deusto University, Spain	Spain

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 215**

**Chair: Dara Salam**

Nathalie Tocci & Alper Kaliber	Conflict Society and the Transformation of the Turkey's Kurdish Question	SHUR (LUISS, PRIO, EPLC)	
Ekrem Eddy Güzeldere	Civil society, human rights and the Kurdish question	European Stability Initiative - Avrupa Istikrar Girişim Derneği, Istanbul	Turkey
Valentina Scotti	Four countries, one people: legal question on Kurdish issue	LUISS University	Italy

**Saturday 6** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

Seventh session 9:30-11: 15

**Panel (1) Human rights in conflict: theory and practice----Room 213**

**Chair: Domenico Melidoro**

Jamal Alkirkawi	Storytelling as a Tool in Working with Groups in Conflict: The Approach and the Practical Aspects in Relating to Jews and Bedouin in the Negev	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Israel
Mohammad Mobasher	Iranian intellectuals' approach to reconcile between Islam and Human Rights		Iran
Roseline Ricco	Which identity is secure?	Center for Science, Society and Citizenship	Italy

**Panel (2) Civil society in conflict----Room 214**

**Chair: Michele Bocchiola**

Khamis S. Mwinyimbegu	The Role of Non-State Actors on defending Human Rights in Conflict Areas in Africa: A Case Study of Public Communication Campaigns on Sexual Violence against Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo	CERIS, Brussels	Tanzania
Valentina Gentile	The Role of Civil Society in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Case of the Associations of Victims and Relatives of Missing Persons in Bosnia & Herzegovina	SHUR (LUISS)	
Christopher Isike	Feminizing the peace process in Africa: A comparative analysis of women, conflict and peace-building in KwaZulu-Natal and the Niger-Delta	Monash University, Johannesburg	South Africa

**Panel (3) Civil society human rights and conflicts----Room 215**

**Chair: Eszter Kollar**

Melek Saral	Civil Society and Human Rights Protection in Iraq since 2003	University of Munchen	Germany
Zainab Alkhalil	Education and Conflict in Iraq	University of Turin	Italy
Ayelet Banai	The Dialectic of Peace and Freedom: Civil Society and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Iraqi Kurdistan	Oxford University	UK

**Saturday 6** (LUISS branch: Via Pola 12)

**Closing session 11:30-13:00** (aula magna mario arcelli)

**Concluding address:** *What Are the Preconditions for Civil Society*, Neera Chandhoke, Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi

**Presentation of the INFOCON project:** Marusca Perazzi, Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

**Concluding remarks:** Raffaele Marchetti & Nathalie Tocci, LUISS