

ISA Workshop Grant Report

PWK05: Trials and Tribulations: Two Decades of Transitional Justice Research and Practice

Tuesday 25 March 2014, 9am-5.30pm, Linden, Sheraton Centre, Toronto

1. Budgetary accounting

	Participants	Hotel	per diem
#1	Rachel C. Kerr	187.00	75.00
#2	Joanna R. Quinn	-	75.00
#3	Kirsten Ainley	374.00	150.00
#4	Valerie Arnould	374.00	150.00
#5	Stephen Brown	187.00	75.00
#6	Beth K. Dougherty	187.00	75.00
#7	Jelena Subotic	187.00	75.00
#8	Julie Broome	374.00	150.00
#9	Anja Mihr	374.00	150.00
#10	Gearoid M. Millar	374.00	150.00
#11	Dean E Peachey	187.00	75.00
#12	Simon A. Robins	374.00	150.00
#13	Chandra Sriram	374.00	150.00
#14	James Gow	374.00	150.00
#15	David Hoogenboom	-	75.00
#16	Adam Kochanski	-	75.00
#17	Anna MacDonald	374.00	150.00
	Hotel sub-total	4,301.00	1,950.00
	per diem sub-total	1,950.00	
	Meeting Room Rental		

	200.00	
Projector setup	350.00	
Internet (1 hard-wired)	200.00	
Coffee breaks (\$8.5 x 2 x 23)	391.00	
Research Assistance (transcription)	375.00	15 hours @\$25/hour
Research Assistant (\$25/hour x 85 hours)	2,125.00	*to be invoiced when work completed
Total	9,892.00	

2. Summary:

A list of workshop participants and observers is provided below, along with the final programme. The workshop took place over the course of a full day, during which we engaged in wide-ranging discussion on aspects of transitional justice research and practice. The day was organised into four sessions, each of which introduced a different perspective. Each of the participants made a brief presentation on the theme, which was followed by questions, comments and discussion among the entire group.

Six broad questions emerged as areas for follow-up and further research, namely: 1. For whom is transitional justice conducted?; 2. What are the politics we bring to the study and practice of transitional justice, in particular, to what extent are we consciously or unconsciously bound by a liberal peacebuilding agenda or paradigm?; 3. What is the relationship of transitional justice as an area of study and practice to other fields/disciplines?; 4. How can we identify and cross-fertilise insights from different levels of analysis/methodologies and area studies; 5. Whether or not there is a need to define the boundaries of transitional justice in theory and practice and delineate from related areas; 6. and how to evaluate transitional justice beyond simplistic characterisations of 'success' and 'failure'.

Feedback from participants and observers was overwhelmingly positive and it was considered to have been an enormously successful workshop, in particular in achieving its goal of bringing together people working on similar issues from different disciplinary backgrounds and perspectives and opening avenues for future collaboration. Such collaboration will take the form of a follow-up workshop (possibly at ISA next year), and a special issue of the *Transitional Justice Review*.

3. Publication plans

Papers presented at the workshop will be collected in August 2014 and edited for a special issue of the journal *Transitional Justice Review*, scheduled for publication in late-2014 or early 2015. We are also discussing the possibility of an edited volume with Routledge in the Contemporary Security Series, edited by Rachel Kerr and James Gow.

Coordinators

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Joanna R. Quinn (The University of Western Ontario)

Participants

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James Gow (King's College London)
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Anna Macdonald (London School of Economics and Political Science)
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Gearoid M. Millar (University of Aberdeen)
Dean E. Peachey (University of Winnipeg)
Simon A. Robins (University of York)
Chandra Sriram (University of East London)
Jelena Subotic (Georgia State University)
Julie Broome (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

Observers

Rebekka Freidman (King's College London)
Rosemary Nagy (Nipissing University)
Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Jo-Marie Burt (George Mason University)
Mark Kersten (London School of Economics)
Malini Laxminarayan (Hague Institute for Global Justice)
Brigitte Wieffen (University of Konstanz)
Jack McDonald (King's College London)

Final programme:

- 9-930 Arrivals
- 930 Welcome and introductions
Rachel Kerr, Joanna Quinn
- 945-1115 Session 1: What is Transitional Justice? What do we mean by transition? Justice? Reparative/restorative/retributive justice? What/whom is it for? Who are the stakeholders? Who 'owns' transitional justice? Co-opting transitional justice. Domestic/international politics of TJ.
Anna Macdonald, Jelena Subotic, Valerie Arnould, Stephen Brown
- 1115-1130 Tea/coffee break
- 1130-1300 Session 2: Justice? Purposes and processes of retributive and restorative justice. Prosecuting war crimes. Jurisprudence, procedure, sentencing. Outreach and communication.
James Gow, Rachel Kerr, Kirsten Ainley, Adam Kochanski
- 1300-1400 Lunch break
- 1400-1530 Session 3: Peace? Transitional justice as a tool of post-conflict reconstruction/peacebuilding. Liberal and consensual democratic institution-building. Human rights. Reconciliation.
Chandra Sriram, Anja Mibr, Julie Broome, Gearoid Millar, David Hoogenboom
- 1530-1545 Tea/coffee break
- 1545-1715 Session 4: Whither transitional justice? Coherence versus diversity in a research agenda. Methodological and practical issues in research design. Constructing a future research agenda.
Joanna Quinn, Simon Robins, Beth Dougherty, Dean Peachey, James Gow
- 1715-1730 Concluding remarks
Rachel Kerr, Joanna Quinn
- 1900 Dinner