



Summer School on Transitional Justice  
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Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University  
Jordanstown campus (near Belfast)

## Gendering the Practices of Post-Conflict Resolution: Investigations, Reparations and Communal Repair

TJI Speakers:

**Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin**, Associate Director of TJI & Director of Summer School  
**Dr Catherine O'Rourke**, Senior Lecturer, TJI  
**Eilish Rooney**, Senior Lecturer, TJI  
**Dr Aisling Swaine**, George Washington University & Visiting Scholar at TJI

External Speakers:

**Professor Andrea Durbach**, Director, Australian Human Rights Centre, UNSW  
**Max Marcus**, Former Prosecutor ICTY and Special Court Sierre Leone  
**Professor Ruth Rubio Marin**, European University Institute

DAY	PROGRAMME OUTLINE (Draft)
Monday 22 June	<p><b>Introduction to International Criminal Law, Human Rights, and Laws of War</b> Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin</p> <p><i>These three introductory sessions will provide a detailed overview of the key bodies of law relevant to the study of armed conflict and transitions from conflict. The introduction will trace the evolution of legal norms for the regulation of wartime and peacetime, as well as providing a detailed overview of the regulatory content of human rights and humanitarian law norms particularly applicable to the regulation of women's lives before, during and after conflict. The developing field of international criminal law will be canvassed and an understanding of the relevant overlaps in legal regimes will be advanced.</i></p> <p>Welcome Reception, Loughview Suite</p>
Tuesday 23 June	<p><b>Session 1: Transitional Justice Introduction</b> Dr Catherine O'Rourke</p> <p><i>This session provides an overview to the development and practices of transitional justice. Through a genealogy approach the session will trace the ways in which transitional justice mechanisms have developed both universally and contextually as a response to systematic violations of human rights. The various mechanism that enable the legal and political practices of transitional justice will be explained including truth processes, lustration, trials, institutional reforms and reparations. The capacity of these mechanisms to address the experiences of women who have experienced harm will be investigated. In parallel, the agency of and capacity to</i></p>

	<p><i>advance activism by women locally, globally and trans-nationally to influence such norms will be scrutinised.</i></p> <p><b>Session 2: Global Approaches to Gender, Violence and Transitional Justice</b> Dr Aisling Swaine</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of global policies and structures established to advance the UN system's engagement with issues of transitional justice and gender post-conflict. With a particular emphasis on the issue of violence against women and sexual violence, the session will provide participants with insight into the range of structures and initiatives that have been developed to strengthen international commitments to enable justice and repair for women.</i></p> <p><b>Session 3: Addressing Gender in the context of community</b> Eilish Rooney – followed by workshop in Bridge of Hope (TJI partner based in local community)</p> <p><i>This session shares knowledge on the development of and engagement with the Transitional Justice Toolkit by the TJI in partnership and cooperation with local communities in Belfast. Local women who took part in the Grassroots Transitional Justice programme commented that this was the first time they discussed their diverse conflict experiences. The gendered nature of conflict and the diversity of women's roles is embedded in the toolkit approach. This session explains how this community based programme addresses gender in theory and practice.</i></p>
Wednesday 24 June	<p><b>Session 1 &amp; 2: Investigation: Ethics, Process, Capacity and Practice</b> Max Marcus</p> <p><i>The investigation of crimes is essential to their successful prosecution. This practically focused session will draw on the experience of a seasoned prosecutor and investigator of crimes in the ICTY and the ICC. Close attention will be directed to the elements of gendered crimes under international law, and linking these with the practical elements of investigation in fraught conflict settings. The ethics and means of best supporting vulnerable victims will also be addressed.</i></p> <p><b>Early Afternoon: Tour of Belfast Murals</b> Professor Bill Rolston</p> <p><b>Session 3: Opportunities and Challenges in Research and Understanding Conflict-Related Violence Against Women for Redress and Repair</b> Dr Aisling Swaine</p> <p><i>There is an increasing focus on the need for 'evidence', data collection and the 'counting' of conflict-related violence against women. Engaging with victims/survivors of conflict-related violence requires knowledge of context, methodologies and ethics that work to safely enable participation and to generate the data that is expected by international processes. This session will explore what it means to research and make visible conflict-related violence against women, and have it examined under post-conflict transitional justice measures.</i></p>
Thursday 25 June	<p><b>Session 1: Conceptual Overview of Gender and Reparations</b> Ruth Rubio Marin</p> <p><i>This session provides an in-depth introduction to the law and practice of reparations for gender related harms in conflicted, repressive and transitional contexts. The</i></p>

*norms related to reparations more broadly in international legal practice will be explained as well as exploring recent expansions of reparations law and practice in respect of individual, communal, and symbolic form.*

**Session 2: Reparations in the Latin American context**

Ruth Rubio Marin

*The Inter-American human rights system has championed an innovative and potentially transformative agenda with respect to the protection of women's lives and rights in conflict and post-conflict settings. The session will delve deep into the regional experience in Latin America and explore the important symbolic, doctrinal and transformative gender jurisprudence on reparations from the region.*

**Session 3: Reparations in Comparative Perspective**

Andrea Durbach

*This session will draw on the lessons of developing and applying reparations in domestic contexts (Australian and South Africa) and examine the potential for their transformative capacity in international settings post-conflict.*

Friday 26 June

**Session 1: Collective Reflective Panel on Reparations**

Fionnuala Ni Aolain, Catherine O'Rourke, Aisling Swaine, Ruth Rubio Marin, Andrea Durbach

*The collective policy and scholarly experience of the Summer School teaching faculty will be showcased in this session addressing the increased attention being paid to reparations by states and international studies. Recent developments such as the UN Secretary-General's adoption of a Guidance Note on Reparations for Conflict-related Sexual Violence (2014) will frame the debate and analysis.*

**Session 2: Communal Interface with Gender Accountability in Critical Perspective**

Catherine O'Rourke

*This session enables critical engagement with the benefits, challenges and complexities of community engagement in gendered accountability, particularly when such harms are experienced by women. The session will explore the interplay of status, marginality, cultural norms, commodification and community need with the challenges task of negotiating and enforcing accountability in fragile and divided societies.*

**Session 3: Reviewing in International Contemporary Perspective: High Level Panel, 2014 Protocol, CEDAW General Comment 30**

Fionnuala Ni Aolain

*This session address key contemporary developments in the area of Women, Peace and Security. We will explore the content of new normative developments and the ongoing review of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and subsequent WPS Resolutions. The added value of General Comment 30, new decisions from regional and international human rights bodies, as well as the ongoing augmentation of soft law norms related to the protection and advancement of women in conflict and post-conflict settings will be canvassed.*

Evening: Closing Dinner and Presentations, Belfast Castle

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