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CONFERENCE

THE DISAPPEARED: ADDRESSING THE LEGACIES AND CHALLENGES OF CONFRONTING HUMAN DISAPPEARANCE

10-11 JUNE 2024
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST



WELCOME

In this two day conference, some of the world's leading experts and practitioners will gather in Belfast to discuss the global legacies and implications of enforced disappearance. Co-hosted at the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University, **The Disappeared: Addressing the Legacies and Challenges of Confronting Human Disappearance** will bring together leading voices from the policy sector, academia and the world of arts to centre "disappearance studies" as a new core research field in politics, international relations and legal studies and in conflict, violence and peace related programmes.

With the participation of those affected by disappearance, policymakers, practitioners and scholars, the Conference will consider historical understandings and experiences alongside new ethical and conceptual frameworks, research agendas and policy responses with the objective of launching Disappearance Studies as a sub-field of policy-relevant research and practice in its own right.

To help facilitate our conversations during the conference, we will have two translators present throughout 10 - 11 June who will translate between English and Spanish. Headsets will be provided for all delegates.

The Event is Co-hosted by:

The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice,
Queen's University Belfast
The Clingen Family Center for the Study of Modern Ireland, University of Notre Dame
The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
The Global Insecurities Centre, The University of Bristol
The Centre for the Study of Violence, The University of Bath

Further details can be found at the event's official website:

<https://www.historiesofviolence.com/belfast2024>



DAY ONE

DISAPPEARANCE: TESTIMONY AND RESEARCH

10 June 2024

Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast

0830-0900	Registration
0900-0915	Opening Remarks Richard English (Queen's University Belfast) Colin Barr (Notre Dame)
0915-0930	Concerning Disappearance Roddy Brett (University of Bristol) Brad Evans (University of Bath)
0930-1100	Opening Panels: Testimony
0930-1015	Northern Ireland Sandra Peake MBE (CEO, Wave Trauma Centre, Belfast) in Conversation with Dympna Kerr
1015-1100	Colombia Josefina Echavarría Alvarez (Notre Dame) in Conversation with Elizabeth Santander
1100-1130	Coffee break
1130-1230	Panel: Seeking Redress for Enforced Disappearance: Lessons from Colombia Moderator: Valerie Rosoux (University C Louvain) Roberto Vidal (President of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Colombia) Luz Janeth Forero Martínez (General Director, Missing Persons' Unit, Colombia)
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1445	Panel: National and International Responses to Enforced Disappearance Moderator: Brad Evans (University of Bath) María Clara Galvis (Universidad Externado de Colombia) Arely Cruz-Santiago (University of Exeter)
1445-1500	Closing Remarks Roddy Brett (University of Bristol)
1500-1600	Reception

DAY TWO

REAPPEARANCE: EXCAVATING THE HUMAN

11 June 2024

Great Hall, Lanyon Building, Queen's University Belfast, University Road, Belfast

0900-1030

Panel: Enforced Disappearance and the Forensic and Archival Response

Moderator: Colin Barr (Notre Dame)

Miguel Moctezuma (University of Oxford)
Josefina Echavarría Alvarez (Notre Dame)
Leslie Wingender (Humanity United)
Ruth Murray (University of Oxford)
Eleanor Williams (University of Oxford)

1030-1100

Coffee break

1100-1230

Panel: Emerging Perspectives in the Study of Disappearance

Moderator: Elise Feron (Tampere University)

Phil Scraton (Queen's University Belfast)
Emma Murphy (Notre Dame)
Lauren Dempster (Queen's University Belfast)
Alison Ribeiro de Menezes (University of Warwick)

1230-1315

Lunch

*NOTE: Lunch will not be provided for delegates.
There are a number of vendors on campus and in the local vicinity.*

1315-1430

Panel: Artistic Responses to Disappearance

Moderator: Brad Evans (University of Bath)

Chantal Meza (Artist)
Nuala Finnegan (University College Cork)
Daniele Rugo (Brunel University)

1430-1500

Coffee break

1500-1630

Plenary Lecture: Psychosocial approach working with disappearance cases, persons and families in Latin America

Carlos Beristain (Former Truth Commissioner and member of the group of experts on Disappearance in Mexico)

Chair: Louise Mallinder (Queen's University Belfast)

1630-1700

Closing Remarks

Roddy Brett (University of Bristol)
Brad Evans (University of Bath)
Josefina Echavarría Alvarez (Notre Dame)
Richard English (Queen's University Belfast)