

RECONCILIATION AT HOME AND IN EXILE: CROSS-CULTURAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

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General information:

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Although there is no set deadline for the submission of papers, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

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Reconciliation has emerged as one of the master narratives of the late 20th century as individuals and entire nations struggle to overcome the legacies of suffering ranging from rape and domestic violence to collective atrocities of state-sponsored dirty wars, genocides, and ethnic conflicts (Scheper-Hughes & Bourgois 2002). However, our knowledge of the ways in which people rebuild (if they do) their lives, communities, and societies after violent conflict is still in its infancy. Much interdisciplinary research in psychology, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, and other disciplines is needed in order to advance our understanding of post-conflict experiences. One approach to this problem is through a rigorous, detailed, and comparative ethnographic research of the micro-processes of reconciliation that would illuminate how, when, and among whom forgiveness and reconciliation emerge in the complex interactions between individuals and groups. Other possible analyses would include new ways of theorizing the role of the state, NGOs, and/or the international community in retribution, accountability, and forgiveness. In addition, more knowledge is needed about the role of youth (education) and/or women as designated agents of reconciliation.

This panel will address these and many other approaches to reconciliation. Papers from all areas of scholarship and regions of the world are welcome. We especially encourage papers based on the comparative data, as well as new ways of theorizing and defining reconciliation.

Paper proposals so far:

Hromadžić, Azra: Anthropology and Reconciliation: Case Study of the ex-Yugoslav Refugees in New York City