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NEWS

Applications open for the DFG Research Training Group 3125, 'Reconciliation and its Equivalents in a Transcultural Comparison'

The Research Training Group aims to investigate concepts, strategies and practices of conflict transformation from an interdisciplinary and transcultural perspective, employing both synchronic and diachronic comparative analysis.

You can apply for the PhD positions until **September 17, 2026**. See the full job posting [here](#).

For more information see the Research Training Group's [website](#).



New Member

We are happy to announce that Prof. Dr. Claudia Jarzebowski is joining the Bonn Center for Reconciliation Studies as of this summer. Prof. Jarzebowski is a Professor for Early Modern History and Dependency Studies, as well as a Principal Investigator and Cluster Professor of the BCDSS (Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies).



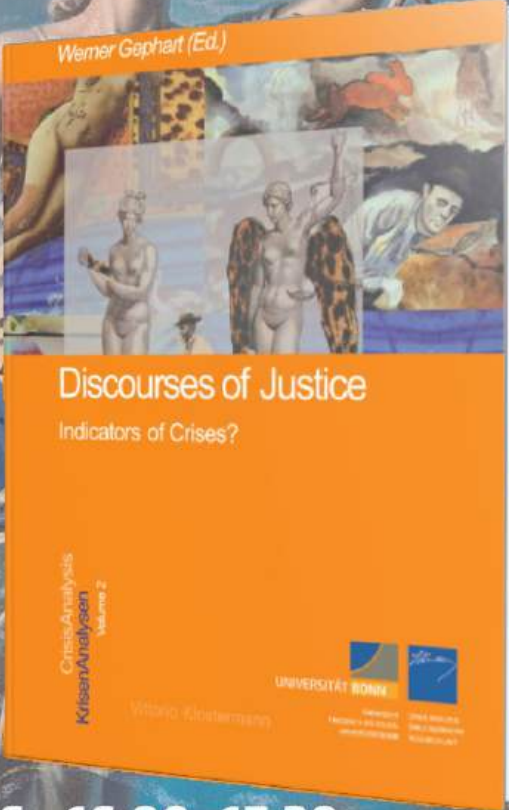
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Launch

10 September 2026

Discourses of Justice. Indicators of Crisis?



Book Launch

Speakers
Werner Gephart
Rosario Figari Layus
Manuel Knoll
Ryszard Bobrowicz
Pierre Brunet

**Thurs. 10.09.26 - 16:00- 17:30
via Zoom**

 Vittorio Klostermann

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Find out more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Conference of the NRW Network for Peace and Conflict Research 14 September 2026

NRW: Between Rearmament and Internal Peace

On 14 September, the annual network conference is taking place at the University of Bonn. The BCRS is joining our partners bicc and INEF (University of Duisburg-Essen) in hosting experts from all of Germany to discuss current issues in peace and conflict studies.

Find out more and register for the conference [here](#). Event held in German. Registration is open until 8 September.



**Jahreskonferenz des
Netzwerks Friedens- und
Konfliktforschung NRW**



**NRW:
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UND INNEREM FRIEDEN**

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Colombian Peace Agreement 10 Years on

15 September 2026 | 6–9pm | Zentrum für
Entwicklungsforschung (ZEF), Genscherallee 3



10 years after the Colombian government and FARC-EP guerillas groups came to a peace agreement, this event aims to analyze the treaty's shortcomings and successes in the past decade. The panelists will discuss possible future scenarios and connect the issue to German politics.

This event is jointly organized by **BCRS, ZEF, CAPAZ and COLPAZ**.

Find out more [here](#) and register for the event via: colpaznrw@riseup.net.

Hybrid event in **German and Spanish** (translations provided).

CALLS

Call for Papers: The Far-Right Challenge to Transitional Justice

XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology
Gwangju, Republic of Korea
4–10 July 2027



As a member of ISA Thematic Group 02: Conflict Transformations and Peacebuilding, Prof. Dr. Rosario Figari Layús invites abstracts for the panel “The Far-Right Challenge to Transitional Justice: Impacts, Resistance, and Democratic Resilience.”

Over the past decade, transitional justice (TJ) processes in different regions of the world have faced growing challenges related to far-right mobilisation, democratic backsliding, polarisation, and shrinking civic and human rights spaces. This panel explores how far-right politics and processes of radicalisation affect TJ institutions, grassroots initiatives, human rights actors, and broader struggles over truth, justice, memory, and accountability.

We welcome contributions examining how far-right movements and governments affect transitional justice processes in different contexts, how relevant actors respond to these developments, and what role transitional justice institutions and practices may play in fostering democratic resilience. Contributions may address, among others, challenges to accountability mechanisms, reinterpretations or denial of histories of state violence, attacks on victims and human rights organisations, restrictions on civic participation, and changes in institutional or funding environments.

See the full Call for Papers [here](#).

Deadline: **14 October 2026**



PAST EVENTS

Workshop: Restoration, Reparations and Reconciliation

In June, BCRS and the Zentrum für Historische Friedensforschung (ZHF) co-organised the interdisciplinary workshop "Restoration, Reparations and Reconciliation" as part of the Heritage Week, organised by the Global Heritage Lab.



Academics from the fields of cultural studies, history and American studies presented their research on various cases of compensation decisions in peace and reconciliation processes, ranging from ancient Roman treaties and early modern peace settlements to colonial contexts and the handling of crimes against humanity.



PAST EVENTS

Quo Vadis Middle East?

In June, the sixth iteration of Quo Vadis Middle East took place, a conference that brings together scientists, civil society actors, representatives of business and political decision-makers from the Palestinian territories, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Germany to discuss possible paths to a peaceful future.

The BCRS hosted a panel on “Societal Responses to Inter-State Conflicts: A Transnational Perspective” with panelists from Combatants for Peace, an Palestinian-Israeli organisation.

Read more about the project [here](#).



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PAST EVENTS

Event with Theater Bonn: Reconciliation – a Utopia?

In June, two events concluded our series with the Theater Bonn. Prof. Grit Straßenberger discussed her book *Die Denkerin Hannah Arendt und ihr Jahrhundert*, about Hannah Arendt's life and work.



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THEATER BONN

For the final event journalist and author Gilda Sahebi and political scientist and publicist Ali Fathollah-Nejad joined us to discuss the future of Iran.

“Reconciliation – a Utopia?” will be back in 2027 with new events. Stay tuned!



PAST EVENTS

Symposium: Reconciliation – Reclamation – Resurgence

In July, the symposium “Reconciliation – Reclamation – Resurgence”, organised by the DGF research network “The Cultural Politics of Reconciliation” around Katharina Fackler, took place.

The symposium included presentations by Rosario Figari Layus, Katharina Fackler and Ann-Sophie Vornholz, and was a great opportunity to discuss the negotiation of reconciliation in North American culture.

The event concluded with a public panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Crystal Fraser, Prof. Dr. Kinitra Brooks and Yohannes Mulat Mekonnen, organized by the network, the BCDSS and BCRS. The panelists discussed the realities, challenges and limitations of reconciliation efforts in the context of colonialism and slavery, reflecting on activism and alliances.



PUBLICATIONS

By Michael Rohrschneider:

“Die Qual der Auswahl. Das Ringen um die Festlegung des Verhandlungsorts im Vorfeld der europäischen Friedenskongresse des 17. Jahrhunderts.” *Verhandeln und Repräsentieren in der Frühen Neuzeit. Europa, Reich, Region. Festschrift für Christoph Kampmann zum 65. Geburtstag*, edited by Ulrich Niggemann, Anuschka Tischer and Christian Wenzel, de Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2026, pp. 267–81.



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“‘Er wollte die glegenheit in acht nehmen.’ Opportunität(en) im Kontext der Verhandlungen des Westfälischen Friedenskongresses.” *Occasio in der Frühen Neuzeit. Situationen – Praktiken – Medien*, edited by Karin Peters, Marc Laureys and Irina Tautschnig, VR unipress, 2026, pp. 103–26.

PUBLICATIONS

In August, Michael Rohrschneider gave an interview to WDR for their podcast *WDR Zeitzeichen*, discussing peace in Northern Ireland.

Listen to the interview [here](#) (German).

Interview



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Encyclopedia of Global Justice

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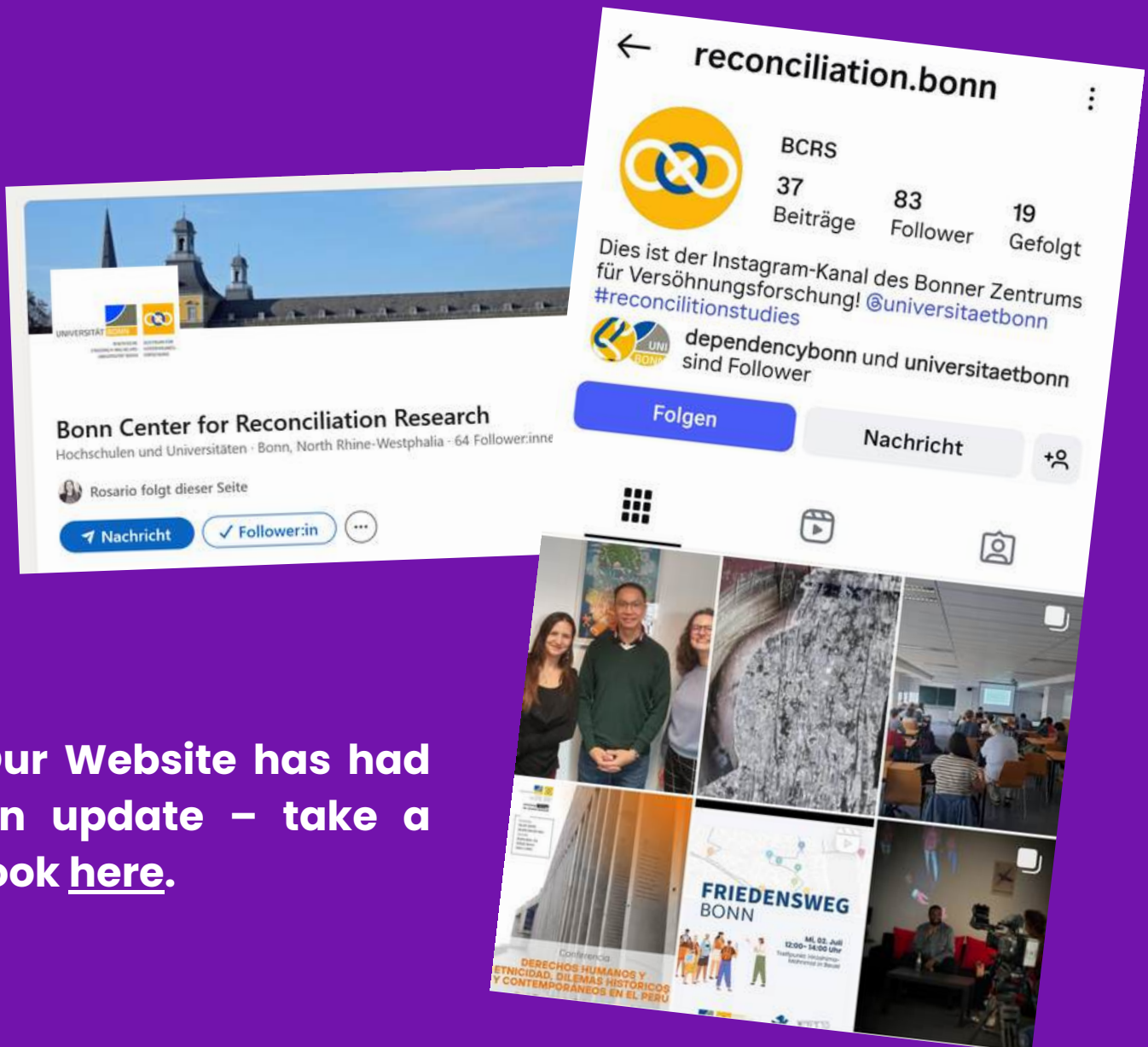
By Rosario Figari Layús:

Figari Layús, Rosario, and Gretel Mejía Bonifazi. **"Transitional Justice in Latin America."** *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, edited by J.J. Kassner and D.K. Chatterjee, Springer, 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS

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