

**Religion  
and  
Reconciliation:  
Interdisciplinary  
Perspectives**

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Justice and Violence Research Centre

in association with the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies  
and the Department of Anthropology

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## Programme

09:00 – 09:30 Arrival/Registration

### Morning Session 1

09:30–09:40 **Dr Nigel Eltringham** Chair (University of Sussex)  
**Opening Remarks**

09:40-10:10 **Dr Tim Allen** (London School of Economics)

10:10-10:40 **Dr Ben Knighton** (Oxford Centre for Mission Studies)

10:40-11:10 **Dr Mark Leopold** (University of Sussex)  
Discussion and questions

11:10-11:30 **TEA AND COFFEE BREAK**

### Morning Session 2

11:30-12:00 **Dr Philip Broadhead** (Goldsmiths College, University of London)

12:00-12:30 **Dr Alan Hunter** (Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies,  
Coventry University)

12:30-13:00 **Professor Simon Coleman** (University of Sussex)  
Discussion and questions

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**  
(Lunch is available for purchase from a range of venues on campus)

**Afternoon Session**

- 14:00-14:45      **Andy Carl** (Conciliation Resources)
- 14:45-16:30      Panel Discussion: ***Religion and Reconciliation in Practice***  
Chair: **Dr Nigel Eltringham**(University of Sussex)
- Panelists:  
**Richard Carter** (Assistant Priest, St Martins in the Field)  
**Imam Musa Admani** (London Metropolitan University)  
**Dr Paul Oestreicher** (University of Sussex)
- Discussant: **Dr Alana Lentin** (University of Sussex)
- 16:30-16:45      **Summary and Close**
- 17:00 Drinks at **IDS Bar**  
(Please join us to continue the discussion at the IDS bar)
- 19:30              Dinner at **Thai Spice Market**, 13 Boyces Street  
(Please contact Lauren during lunch time if you wish to join for dinner).

## Justice and Violence Research Centre

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/justice/>

In the 1980s, '**rights**' and '**justice**' were generally domestic political matters; '**wars**' were predominantly inter-state; and international humanitarian law an impotent ideal. Since the 1990s, however, the predominant form of '**war**' has been intra-state; '**rights**' have become an ostensibly global language; and the experiences of the victims of political **violence** has been addressed with new developments in international justice and 'truth acknowledgement exercises'. The spread of '**rights talk**' has transformed the nature and practices of social movements as well as the political rhetoric of governments. It has profoundly affected identities, the ways selfhood is conceived and articulated (through new categories such as 'minority', 'indigenous person') and altered how less powerful, and sometimes more powerful groups, address and interact with state and transnational bodies.

Drawing on rich thematic and regional expertise across a number of disciplines, the University of Sussex has been at the forefront of responding to these changes in the global landscape. Research at Sussex has questioned whether '**violence**' is a self-evident, descriptive concept and how it needs to be approached in relation to the social, political and historical contexts in which it is embedded. The experience and meanings of violence change - but how? Similarly, research at Sussex on '**justice**' has sought to understand how different stakeholders relate to international criminal tribunals, truth commissions and human rights institutions. This is part of a broad research agenda on rights, justice and political violence based on complementary and collaborative research that crosses disciplinary boundaries.

The Centre brings together faculty and students from a number of departments at Sussex including:

- *International Relations* (and the department's War, Violence and Security research cluster in particular)
- *Anthropology*
- *Law*
- Sussex's *Science and Technology Policy Research Unit*.

### Purposes of the Centre

- fosters individual and collaborative research and publication by faculty in the area of rights, justice, violence and war;
- disseminates significant research through its Seminar Series (eight each year), annual workshop and 'Working Papers' series;
- facilitates collaboration with researchers and practitioners beyond the University of Sussex;
- supports students on the MA programmes in *Human Rights; War, Violence and Security; Anthropology of Conflict, Violence and Conciliation; and International Criminal Law*.
- encourages the recruitment and success of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral researchers in the centre's thematic areas.

The Centre hosts a number of events including a fortnightly seminar in the Autumn and Spring terms, an annual workshop in the summer term and other occasional events.

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