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## Programme

GCSC Conference | 22–23 January, 2026

# Nothing to Remember? Politics, Practices, and Agents of Commemorating Peace

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Conference Room (Ground Floor)

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## Thursday, 22. January

10:00 Registration & Coffee

10:45 Welcome by the Organisers (Katharina Hacker & Henning Tauche)

### 11:00-12:30 **Panel 1: Re-shaping Peace Discourse**

*Chair: Mortada Haidar*

**Archana Ravi (GCSC)** – *The Rhetorics of Pre-emptive ‘War’*

**Dr. Vedran Obućina (Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue)** – *Rethinking Golden Ages*  
(online)

**Dr. Asis Mistry (University of Calcutta)** – *Commemorating Quietude: Minoritarian Memories of Peace in South Asia*

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break (Otto-Behagel Mensa)

### 14:00-15:30 **Panel 2: Memory, Citizenship, & Peace**

*Chair: Katharina Hacker*

**Kathi Ammann (University of Melbourne)** – *On the Future of the Past - Colonial Echoes and Premature Back Death in the Wake of German Memory Culture*

**Valentina Otmačić (University of Rijeka)** – *“I wish to remind our citizens”: The Interplay Between Memory and Local Peace in the Multiethnic City of Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina*

**Ivana Dinić (GCSC) & Fatos Hoxha (University of Regensburg)** – *Remembering Peace: Yugoslav Miners’ Accounts of the 1960s’ and the 1970s’ Inter-Yugoslav Leisure Cooperation*

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

### 16:00-17:00 **Panel 3: Intersectionality & Peace**

*Chair: Henning Tauche*

**Prof. Dr. Zuhail Yeşilyurt Gündüz (TED University)** – *Rethinking Memories of Peace: Integrating Gender and Environmental Theories in International Relations*

**Vicky Panossian (University of Warwick)**– *Peace by Piece: The Function of Post-War Objects for Arabic Speakers in the UK*

- 17:00-18:00 **Coffee Break**
- 18:00-20:00 **Keynote Lecture**  
*Chair: Miguel Angel Caballero*  
**Prof. Johanna Mannergren (Södertörn University)**  
***Wild Peace, Unruly Memories***
- 20:00-21:30 **Catered Dinner - GCSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

## Friday, 23. January

- 9:00-10:30 **Panel 4: Spaciality & Peace**  
*Chair: Anna Ivanova*  
**KVJ Koshalee (University of Ruhuna) – *The Colossal Stupa of the 21st Century: Sandahiru Seya and the Memory Politics of Post-War Sri Lanka* (Online)**  
  
**David Cabrera Rueda (Leuphana Universität Lüneburg) – *An Anticipated Ruin? The Public Life of the Unfinished Memory Museum of Colombia Building***  
  
**Meral Gezici-Yalçın, Kai-Sören Falkenhain, & Esther Ruessler (Bielefeld University) – *Remembering Peace Along a Contested Border: Ethnographic Insights from the German -Polish Twin City Frankfurt (Oder) –Skubice***
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30 **Keynote Lecture**  
*Chair: Mortada Haidar*  
**Dr. Craig Larkin (King's College London)**  
***Heritage, Nostalgia, and Forgetfulness in Lebanon and Iraq***
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch Break - Otto-Behagel Mensa**

13:30 -15:00 **Panel 5: Literary Narratives & Peace**

*Chair: Mortada Haidar*

**Anna Dziuban (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)** – *Archive of Erasure: Silence and the Ghosts of Subjugation*

**Azzeddine Tajjiou (Mohammed First University)** – *Fugitive Moments of Peace: Remembering the Unyielding in Alex La Guma's A Walk in the Night and Helon Habila's Waiting for an Angel (online)*

**Soukaina Aouaki (Hassan II University )& Lahcen Ait Idir (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Mohammedia)** – *Narrating Peace through Trauma: Diasporic Memory in Abbas El-Zein's Leave to Remain*

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-1630 **Panel 6: Films & Peace**

*Chair: Reqqa Salem*

**Salma Yassine (University of Exeter)** – *In Search of a Cat: The Memory of Peace is not yet (t)here*

**Ahmed Berka (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)** – *Peace as Absence: Remembering the Unseen in Post-9/11 Hollywood Films: The |Reluctant Fundamentalist and The Mauritanian*

16:30-17:00 Closing Remarks Roundtable