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GCSC Conference | 22–23 January, 2026

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

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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), & Vasja Groselj (University of Ljubljana) – *Remembering Peace? Yugoslav Miners' Accounts of the Golden 1960s and the 1970s*

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 2nd 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