

ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES

19, 24, 26 September | 1 October | 2024,
Western Europe: 8.30
Central Europe: 09.30
Eastern Australia: 17.30

Online

Breaking Cycles, Empowering Communities: From Roots To Redress In Displacement And Victimisation

Victims are displaced, and the displaced become victims in situations as diverse as family relations and interpersonal violence, colonisation and migration, environmental disasters, and technological failures.

By pooling a variety of academics and professionals from different academic backgrounds and geographical origins, the workshop will cover three clusters: 1) Changing Displacement Storytelling; 2) Social Disruption and Institutional Failure; and 3) Contemporary Drivers of Victimisation and Displacement: Climate and Algorithms.

This entails a dual goal. From a theoretical angle, it endeavours to bridge a variety of cases that will fuel a joint interdisciplinary inquiry, unveiling common roots and dynamics while capturing peculiarities. Practically, leveraging this understanding aims to identify ways to comprehend and ultimately break these vicious cycles, guiding more effective approaches focused on people's empowerment and identity reappropriation through processes of resistance, healing, reconciliation, and adaptation.

Registration is free but mandatory. A link to join the meetings will be provided upon registration. Please send an email to:

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Seminars Series Programme

Seminar 1 - Displacement storytelling

Date: 19.09.2024

This session addresses displacement as a result of force exercised by the dominant power, which can also be an expression of colonial hegemony. The key is the narrative from the point of view of the 'victims' deprived of their identity, their voice, their land and culture. Central to these discussions is also the need for a paradigm shift in the narration of the phenomenon. This session will also suggest strategies and means of redress by reappropriating and re-establishing a collective identity alongside a redefined narrative of displacement and dispossession.

Chair: Francesco Contini (IGSG CNR)

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| Richard Mohr (Social Research, Policy and Planning) | Displacement as Punishment |
| Luis Gómez Romero (University of Wollongong) | The Lives Lost to the Drug Wars and the Ethics of Grieving in Mexico: 'Vivos se los llevaron, vivos los queremos' |
| Thalia Anthony (University of Technology Sydney) | Displacement, Erasure and Empowerment: Stories of Imprisoned First Nations Women |
| Bryan Vargas Reyes (CES-UC) | What does it mean to "determine the law"? Legal pluralism and transitional justice in Colombia |

Seminar 2 - Social disruption and institutional failures I

Date: 24.09.2024

This session introduces the concept of goal displacement within the justice system, where the procedural focus on obtaining a formally correct decision can overlook the substantial restoration of individual rights, leading to harmful effects on victims. Special focus is on domestic abuse, offering an analysis of both the victims' experiences and the systemic responses to these challenges. Overall, this session advocates for a more inclusive framework that aims to give victims a more prominent voice and agency in the criminal justice process and underscores the importance of systemic transformation through emerging good practices at national and local levels.

Chair: Patrícia Branco (CES-UC)

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| Charley-Anne Gordon (Buckingham University) | Displacement as Re-Victimisation: A Postcolonial Analysis of the Link Between Domestic Abuse and Displacement and the Effect on Marginalised |
| Davide Carnevali (IGSG-CNR) | The ineffectiveness of a justice system with watertight compartments. Goals displacement for victims in criminal proceedings |
| Rosanna Amato (IGSG-CNR) | "If I go, there will be trouble... And if I stay, it will be double". The Intimate Partner Violence Victims' Dilemma between Danger and Displacement |
| Kerly Pontes Moura (University of Coimbra) | The Representation of Victims' Rights and Expectations in the Brazilian Criminal Justice System Communities |

Seminar 3 - Social disruption and institutional failures II

Date: 26.09.2024

This session highlights the complexities of protecting those—directly and indirectly—affected by domestic abuse and children's rights within the evolving contexts of migration crises and changing family dynamics. Central to this issue is the struggle of legal and social systems to adapt to old and modern realities. The need for a nuanced understanding of individuals' experiences in the justice system and the critical examination of current legal and institutional frameworks stand out as key themes.

Chair: Rosanna Amato (IGSG-CNR)

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| Madalena Duarte Ana Oliveira (University of Coimbra) | Victimization on homicide in intimate relationships: challenges to the law |
| Maribel Fernández Agudelo & Patrícia Branco (CES-UC) | Dialogues between the Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian normativity regimes for the elimination of violence in the experiences of unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents |
| Paula Casaleiro, Patrícia Branco & Luciana Sotero (CES-UC) | Parental Responsibilities and Health: are children's health rights being held hostage to parental rights and court rulings? |
| Fabrício Castagna Lunardi (Judge and Professor at Enfam, Brazil) | Support for Victims of Domestic Violence in Brazil: evaluating the performance of programs |

Seminar 4 - Contemporary drivers of victimisation and displacement

Date: 01.10.2024

Recent anthropogenic climate change and digital transformation developments present multifaceted societal structures and individual rights challenges. Climate-induced disasters are forcing migrations, leading to community loss and increasing vulnerabilities. Concurrently, digital platforms' rise in dispute resolution and decision-making has created autonomous systems that may compress rights and perpetuate discrimination. This session aims to foster a dialogue on how to empower communities and individuals to resist and combat these issues through awareness, reverse engineering, collective action, and the establishment of new institutional frameworks.

Chair: Richard Mohr (Social Research, Policy and Planning)

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| Margot Rawsthorne, Pam Joseph & Amanda Howard (University of Sydney) | Dis-PLACE ment: communities affected by climate-change disasters |
| Jocelynne A. Scutt (Buckingham University) | Displacement by Loss of Home and Country. Global Warming, Climate Change and Environmental Degradation as Drivers of Trafficking |
| Alina Ontanu (Tilburg University) | The remnants of users' rights and access to justice in very large online platforms: are embedded ODR mechanisms becoming neo-feudal courts? |
| Marco Velicogna (IGSG-CNR) | Technologies of Victimization: Unravelling the Horizon Software and the Post Office Scandal in the UK |
| Francesco Contini (IGSG-CNR) & Anne Wallace (La Trobe University) | Algorithmic victimisation: Toeslagenaffaire, Robodebt and their implications for ICT-based judicial decision making |

