

How to Repair Historical Injustice?

Dialogics of Justice (NWO-VICI)

Programme Final Conference



April 15 – **Kick Off Night** @ BAK Basecamp

April 16 – **Day 1** @ UvH

April 17 – **Day 2** @ UvH

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About the *Dialogics of Justice*

We are so excited to welcome you all, speakers and participants, of the final conference of the *Dialogics of Justice* research project! Below you can find some information about the project, its findings, and the conference.

The last decade has witnessed an increase in civil proceedings brought before Dutch district courts by people adversely affected by colonial violence, military missions, sexual abuse, and environmental harm. Does legal action against institutions such as the Dutch state, the military, the church, and multinationals bring about the recognition and justice that people long for? What are chances and limitations of civil law to do justice? How do these cases resonate with large scale society-wide scandals regarding the massive human rights violations in the child benefit affair ('Toeslagen') and the gas extraction in Groningen; and the massive deficits of those reparation programs? Which conditions are conducive, and which less favourable for people to feel recognized? And what is the role played by state- and non-state institutions in enabling recognition procedures to become transformative?

In the five-year research project *Dialogics of Justice* – funded by a VICI-grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO) – we examined at the University of Humanistic Studies in an interdisciplinary team these questions to contribute to making future recognition and reparation procedures more effective and transformative. Our cross-case study aimed to broaden the classic Transitional Justice focus on mass human rights violations towards social, economic, and ecological violence. We advocate for a *Transformative Justice* approach; for us this means to see and reveal the logics of systemic/institutional injustice and identify the coloniality in all our cases; also in the repair instruments.

This is our final conference, presenting the research findings and reflecting on them with (inter)national scholars, stakeholders and representatives of injured parties; the gains and losses of such legal processes (in a wider sense); the merits of a related approach (when being productive or unproductive), the role of the imagination (art), and looking for lessons learned in bringing the local/global into a conversation. Our conference seeks multiple dialogues, between law/humanities, academia/activism, North/South, facts/imagination.

To highlight some of the key findings and results of the project, we have displayed several publications, reports, and objects in the [**UvH library**](#). During the breaks, feel free to take a look at these milestones!

Opening Night – April 15

@ BAK Basecamp, Utrecht, Pauwstraat 13a

17.00 **Walk-in**

17.30 **Welcome**

BAK Basecamp & Joke van Saane (*Rector, University of Humanistic Studies*)

How to repair historical injustice?

Introduction 'Dialogics of Justice'

Nicole Immler (*Prof. Historical Memory and Transformative Justice, University of Humanistic Studies*)

On the momentum of fighting historical violence & injustice with civil law

Liesbeth Zegveld (*Prof. War Reparations, University of Amsterdam*)

'My Justice Journey' Introduction

Hope Rikkelman (*Director, Nuhanovic Foundation*)

On their justice journey: an intergenerational dialogue

Hasan Nuhanović (*Former Translator for United Nations in Srebrenica*)
& his daughter Nasiha Nuhanović (*Legal Professional*)

Q & A

Wouter Veraart (*Prof. Legal Theory and Legal History, Free University Amsterdam*)

20.00 **Drinks & food**

Conference Day 1 – April 16

@ UvH, Utrecht, Kromme Nieuwegracht 29, room 1.40

- 9.30-10.00 **Walk-in**
- 10.00-10.30 **Introduction in 'Dialogics of Justice'**
Nicole Immler (Prof. Historical Memory and Transformative Justice, University of Humanistic Studies)
- 10.30-12.00 **Panel: War violence by the State – Genocide in Srebrenica & Responsibility**
- Sabina Tanović (*Architect and commemoration-expert, Delft University of Technology*)
 - Samra Čardaković (*Legal advisor, TRIAL International, Bosnia*)
 - Alma Mustafić (*Lecturer-researcher and genocide-expert, Utrecht University of Applied Sciences*)
 - Moderator: Niké Wentholt (*Assist. Prof. Transitional Justice, University of Humanistic Studies*)
- 12.00-13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.00-14.30 **Panel: Institutional abuse by the Church: Redressing Ripple Effects**
- James Gallen (*Assoc. Prof., School of Law and Government, Dublin City University*)
 - Annemie Knibbe (*Co-founder, Woman's Platform for Church Child Abuse, VPKK*)
 - Naomi Ormskerk (*PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
 - Moderator: Maarten Kunst (*Prof. Criminology, Leiden University*)
- 14.30-15.00 **Break**
- 15.00-16.30 **Panel: Environmental & human rights violations by Multinationals**
- Chima Williams (*Barrister, Executive Director of Environmental Defenders Network*)
 - Victoria Bera (*Claimant, court case against Shell*)
 - Obiozo Ukpabi (*PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
 - Moderator: Paul Gready (*Prof., Director Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York*)
- 16.30-17.00 **Break**
- 17.00-17.30 **Performing Relationality**
Lily Abichahine (Artist and lawyer, Beirut/Paris)
- 17.30 **Drinks**

Conference Day 2 – April 17

@ UvH, Utrecht, Kromme Nieuwegracht 29, room 1.40

9.00-9.30 **Walk-in**

9.30-11.00 **Panel: Archiving as Transitional Justice?**

- Julia Viebach (*Lecturer Criminology, Queen's University Belfast*)
- Fady Asleh (*Director, Khazaaen, Palestine Community Archive, East-Jerusalem*)
- Leah Niederhausen (*PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Siri Driessen (*Assist. Prof., Historical Memory & Moral Imagination, University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Moderator: Sandra Rios Oyola (*Assist. Prof., Sociology, University College Roosevelt*)

11.00-11.30 **Break**

11.30-12.30 **Workshop: Bridging Academia and Activism: From Assumptions to Alliances**

- Nour Aabu-Assab (*Co-founder/director Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration CTDC, London/Jerusalem*)
- Carla Boulos (*Gender justice activist and PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Rosa Mul (*Emotion Networking facilitator and Project Assistant, University of Humanistic Studies*)

12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.00 **Panel: Dialogics of Justice Findings & Translation into Practices: On the Logics of Harm and of Repair**

- Niké Wentholt (*Assist. Prof., University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Elvira Loibl (*Endowed Prof. Recognition, Dialogue, and Recovery After Intercountry Adoption, University of Humanistic Studies/Maastricht University*)
- Joandi Hartendorp (*L & L Sensitive History Education Advice*)
- Nienke Busscher (*Director Knowledge Platform, University of Groningen*)
- Moderator: Stefan Leliveld (*Head of Recovery Policy and Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Finance*)

15.00-15.30 **Break**

15.30-17.00 **Round table: Transformative justice – where to? Co-creating a research agenda**

- Paul Gready (*Prof. University of York*) & our (inter)national guest speakers
- Moderator: Nanci Adler (*Prof. Memory, History and Transitional Justice, The NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies*)

17.00 **Drinks**

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Panel: War violence by the State – Genocide in Srebrenica & Responsibility

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In July 1995, the Bosnian-Serb army committed a genocide on the Bosniak (Bosnian Muslim) community in Srebrenica, part of a wider genocidal campaign targeted at the whole Bosniak population of Bosnia. In Srebrenica, Dutch troops were present as part of the United Nations peacekeeping mission. Relatives of the killed have since tried and succeeded in holding the Dutch state and military accountable. Three major civil court cases by Hasan Nuhanović, the family Mustafić, and the Mothers of Srebrenica against the Dutch state have challenged the Dutch official narrative. In the Dialogics of Justice-project we started from these court cases to ask bigger questions about responsibility and (experiences of) repair. How did the court cases contribute to or interfere with the process of reparations for the genocide? How did it confront the Dutch state and society with questions of political responsibility? How does the compensation enforced by the court for individual claimants and sharply delineated groups relate to the experienced collective nature of the harm? In this panel, we also look at the wider legal and societal context by including at the role of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), both internationally and within the Dutch reality and imaginary of responsibility and repair. We will explore how the ICTY building can function as a monument. We also zoom out, taking a transnational perspective, and ask how the ICTY-trials can impact repair in Bosnia.

Panel: Institutional abuse by the Church: Redressing Ripple Effects

- James Gallen (*Assoc. Prof., School of Law and Government, Dublin City University*)
- Annemie Knibbe (*Co-founder, Woman's Platform for Church Child Abuse, VPKK*)
- Naomi Ormskerk (*PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
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In 2010, widespread abuse in Dutch Catholic institutions sparked public outrage and led to redress mechanisms focused on individual complaints and compensation. While important for acknowledging victim-survivors, these measures also raise questions about justice for the broader impact of historical institutional abuse by Catholic clergy; on families, communities, social relationships and society at large. This panel reviews legal, social, and empirical aspects of recognition, redress, and accountability, discussing the role of civil litigation, and the ripple-effects of clerical abuse and redress on individuals and communities. It explores how justice claims are pursued, negotiated and contested at individual and institutional levels. Comparing lessons learned from different forms of abuse, including forced labor of former pupils of the Congregation of the Good Shepherd. How can responses to historical institutional abuse by clergy be understood through a transitional justice lens, and what would it mean to move towards transformative justice? How can legal processes address collective, relational and long-term harms; and what are their limits in doing so? When does redress lead to meaningful recognition and when does it fall short?

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Panel: Environmental & human rights violations by Multinationals

- Chima Williams (*Barrister, Executive Director of Environmental Defenders Network*)
- Victoria Bera (*Claimant, court case against Shell*)
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Residents of the Niger Delta have sued multinational oil and gas company Shell for environmental harm and human rights violations. Netherlands-based advocacy organisations supported the affected residents in their endeavour, together with local civil society. Within this transnational justice alliance multiple ideas and narratives of the harm experienced and what should be done about it interact, through dynamic processes which have been conceptualised in social movement and human rights scholarship as travel, translation and transformation. The Dialogics of Justice project investigated how resulting strategies of (un)making distance were used by both claimants and defendants. It too presented an analysis of practices of assemblage as a way for claimants to seek redress. What implications do these processes have for the environmental justice agenda of different stakeholders and their chances of achieving meaningful redress? And how can strategic transnational litigation contribute to, or hinder the kinds of conversations that are needed to transform the complex legacy of oil in the Niger Delta? What is the impact of such a court case, both on the lived experiences of those directly involved in it, and in terms of achieving sustainable change and justice?

Performing Relationality

Lily Abichahine (*Artist and lawyer, Beirut/Paris*)

An artist monologue, reflecting on the Dialogics of Justice research, performing relationality between the different forms of historical injustices, tracing how narratives shift, how historical injustices are named, denied, and redefined within Dutch civil courts. Blending fact and fiction, the personal and the political, the work moves between testimony and imagination, where legal records fracture and embodied voices emerge. A monologue on institutionalized violence, memory, and the politics of recognition. How does language shape justice and what remains unresolved?

Conference Day 2 - Panel descriptions

Panel: Archiving as Transitional Justice?

- Julia Viebach (*Lecturer Criminology, Queen's University Belfast*)
- Fady Asleh (*Director, Khazaaen, Palestine Community Archive, East-Jerusalem*)
- Leah Niederhausen (*PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Siri Driessen (*Assist. Prof., Historical Memory & Moral Imagination, University of Humanistic Studies*)
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What is the role of the archive in transitional justice? To what extent can archives be transformative? How can we move from static academic archival practices to a more dynamic approach that ensures that narrations are listened to and acted upon? And what can we learn from community archives on archiving practices as (re)forms of resistance and repair? In this panel, we reflect on the notions of Transitional and Community Archives. We explore how connecting (oral) histories of different groups and recognition claims through the lens of the archive could contribute to a more structural approach to repair and justice. In thinking along rather than against the archive, we discuss whose voices are included in the archive, whose stories can be told, and our responsibility as researchers to imagine and enable just archiving processes.

Workshop: Bridging Academia and Activism: From Assumptions to Alliances

- Nour Aabu-Assab (*Co-founder/director Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration CTDC, London/Jerusalem*)
- Carla Boulos (*Gender justice activist and PhD candidate, University of Humanistic Studies*)
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Academia and activism are often framed as opposing worlds: one “objective but distant,” the other “engaged but biased.” These assumptions shape collaboration, funding, knowledge production, and impact, yet they are rarely unpacked collectively. This workshop invites participants to surface, challenge, and rewrite these assumptions based on lived experience, with the aim of co-creating more ethical, grounded, and transformative forms of activist–academic engagement. To map the lived experience of the participants we will use emotion networking.

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Panel: Dialogics of Justice Findings & Translation into Practices: On the Logics of Harm and of Repair

- Niké Wentholt (*Assist. Prof., University of Humanistic Studies*)
- Elvira Loibl (*Endowed Prof. Recognition, Dialogue, and Recovery After Intercountry Adoption, University of Humanistic Studies/Maastricht University*)
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In this panel we reflect first on the patterns we identified between the Dialogics of Justice cases (discussed the previous day), presenting our developed framework, before we link this to other cases of Dutch institutional injustice, we engaged with during the project through commissioned evaluation/research, which broadened our understanding of relationality and the systemic nature of logics of harm and repair. These cases include the child benefits scandal, violence in youth care, intercountry adoption, and reparation for slavery. Additional speakers, representing these wider cases of Dutch institutional injustice will be invited to share which similarities they recognize from the discussion on the first day. We want to also discuss whether we do see continuities of the Dutch colonial past in those present-day institutional injustices. We will wrap by asking which concepts or practices the panellists find most promising in going forward in the process of transformative justice.

Round table: Transformative justice – where to? Co-creating a research agenda

- Paul Gready (*Prof. University of York*) & our (*inter*)national guest speakers
- Moderator: Nanci Adler (*Prof. Memory, History and Transitional Justice, The NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies*)

The concluding roundtable is led by Paul Gready, who will summarize key points to push the field and practice of Transformative Justice forward. Then we invite our international speakers to share their insights and to collaboratively develop a research agenda.

About the Speakers

In order of appearance

Liesbeth Zegveld is a Dutch lawyer specialising in international humanitarian law and the legal redress of war victims. She is a professor of War Reparations at the University of Amsterdam. In 2011, she co-founded the Nuhanovic Foundation with Frederiek de Vlaming to support victims of international crimes in their pursuit of justice, accountability, and reparations through legal assistance, advocacy, and strategic litigation. As a partner at Prakken d'Oliveira, she has represented victims in landmark cases on state and corporate accountability, including Srebrenica and colonial violence. More recently, she was involved in proceedings leading to a 2024 ruling halting Dutch exports of F-35 parts to Israel over their use in airstrikes in Gaza.

Hope Rikkelman is Director of the Nuhanovic Foundation and co-founder of the Yazidi Legal Network. In this role, she focuses on improving access to justice and securing reparations for victims of international crimes, while overseeing the organisation's strategy, development, and growth. She previously led the Foundation's Iraq and Syria projects. Her work includes developing legal and human rights programmes, supporting strategic litigation, and connecting NGOs with legal assistance through pro bono initiatives. She has been recognised for her advocacy for victims' rights and access to justice.

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Hasan Nuhanović is a survivor of the Srebrenica genocide, a former UN translator in Srebrenica, and co-founder of the Nuhanovic Foundation. He is an author and public speaker, known for his book *Under the UN Flag: The International Community and the Srebrenica Genocide* (2007), in which he reflects on his personal experiences and the role of the international community. He played a significant role in legal proceedings against the Dutch State concerning the fall of Srebrenica. As a survivor-witness, he is widely engaged in public debates on genocide, accountability, and international responsibility, and continues to advocate for justice and recognition for victims and survivors.

Nasiha Nuhanović is a lawyer and the daughter of Hasan Nuhanović. She works in the field of international law and human rights, with a focus on justice for victims of international crimes and broader questions of accountability and justice. She has been involved in initiatives connected to the Nuhanovic Foundation's work on access to justice and reparations, where she contributes to legal and advocacy efforts addressing the legacy of the Srebrenica genocide. Inspired by her family's history, she builds on this legacy in her professional work by promoting recognition of victims, legal accountability, and the prevention of future violations, while engaging with intergenerational perspectives on justice and memory.

Wouter Veraart is a professor of Legal Philosophy at the Faculty of Law at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His research focuses on questions about law and injustice, including the rule of law, legal wrongs, the role of victims in legal systems, and how legal institutions address historical injustice. He has contributed to debates on law, memory, and responsibility in relation to past violence and systemic harm. He is currently the leader of the NWO project *Compensation as Punishment* (2023-2027), and was one of the investigators of the NWA project *Pressing Matter: Ownership, Value and the Question of Colonial Heritage in Museums* (2021-2025).

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Sabina Tanović is an architect and researcher specialising in memorial architecture and projects engaging with traumatic pasts. Her work focuses on the design and meaning of contemporary memorials, drawing on participatory and grassroots approaches, environmental psychology, and processes of bereavement and collective memory. She co-authored the research report *The Former Yugoslavia Tribunal as "Monument of Justice"* and has served as an advisor on commemorative practices related to the Srebrenica genocide. She is also a creator of the placemaker for the planned Srebrenica genocide monument in The Hague, contributing to how justice and remembrance are expressed in public space.

Samra Čardaković is a legal advisor at TRIAL International in Bosnia. She provides legal support to victims of human rights violations and international crimes, focusing on strategic litigation and access to justice. Her work includes supporting survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and contributing to cases brought before international mechanisms such as the UN Committee against Torture. She is actively involved in efforts to secure justice and reparations for survivors, strengthening legal accountability and improving access to remedies for victims of serious human rights violations.

Alma Mustafić is an educational scientist, lecturer-researcher, and genocide expert at Utrecht University of Applied Sciences. She survived the 1995 Srebrenica genocide, in which her father, who worked with Dutchbat, was killed, and later successfully held the Dutch State legally responsible for its failure to protect her family. Her work focuses on genocide education, human rights, and the role of institutions in preventing mass atrocities. She also serves as Human Rights Ambassador for the municipality of Utrecht, where she promotes awareness, education, and dialogue on human rights and (historical) injustice.

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James Gallen is an associate professor in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University, where he also chairs the PhD programme. He specialises in transitional justice and legal responses to historical institutional abuses, particularly in church and state contexts. His research focuses on how legal systems address past harm and accountability for systemic violence, including institutional abuse cases. His research and publications address a transitional justice approach to non-recent abuses in Western democracies and in Christian churches, including the monograph *Transitional Justice and the Historical Abuses of Church and State* (2023).

Annemie Knibbe is co-founder and chair of Vrouwenplatform Kerkelijk Kindermisbruik (VPKK), a Dutch victims' organisation representing women who experienced sexual and other forms of abuse within the Catholic Church. As a spokesperson and advocate, she has played a central role in bringing forward survivors' testimonies and challenging institutional responses to church-related abuse. Her work is closely connected to the aftermath of the Dutch Catholic Church abuse investigations, including the *Deetman Commission* (2011), and she has been critical of how official reports and compensation processes have represented victims' experiences.

Maarten Kunst is Professor of Criminology at Leiden University. His research focuses on the psychosocial impact of crime victimisation, victims' experiences in legal procedures, and the history and effectiveness of legal provisions for victims of crime. In 2020, he and colleagues in the field founded the knowledge network *Victimology in the Netherlands* (ViNe). Along with members of the Dialogics of Justice team Naomi Ormskerk and Nicole Immler, he co-authored *Catholic clergy abuse in the Netherlands: the role of social relations in redress procedures* (2026), an article which explored the social element of redress procedures and how these relationships shape the experience of victim-survivors.

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Chima Williams is a Nigerian barrister, environmental lawyer, and activist, and the Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoEN), the Nigerian chapter of the global environmental justice network. With over two decades of experience in environmental and human rights litigation, he is best known for securing a landmark ruling holding Royal Dutch Shell accountable for long-term oil spills in the Niger Delta. For this, he was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize.

Victoria Bera is one of the four claimants who brought a civil case against Shell in the Netherlands. The claim centred around the alleged complicity of Shell in the unlawful arrest, detention and execution of Bera's husband, and others who are known as the 'Ogoni Nine', a group of environmental activists who fought against widespread pollution in the Niger Delta. One of the nine was Victoria Bera's husband, Baribor Bera. She now lives in Canada with her son.

Paul Gready is the Director of the Centre for Applied Human Rights at the University of York, and holds a UNESCO Chair on Protecting Human Rights Defenders and the Expansion of Political Space. His research specialisms include universities as sites of activism and protection; human rights practice; human rights cities; transitional and transformative justice; and the arts and human rights. In 2019 he co-edited the book *From Transitional to Transformative Justice*, a central work detailing this concept for both academia and in practice.

Lily Abichahine is an artist, lawyer, and PhD candidate, between Beirut and Paris, currently based in Athens. In combining scholarship and art, her lecture-performances and artistic interventions bridge the personal, geopolitical and legal. She was artist-in-residence across Europe, most recent Solitude fellow in Stuttgart and the villa Medici in Rome. Earlier this year, she performed *Bodies on Trial*, a participatory tribunal performance in Stuttgart which invited the audience to reflect on and discuss the tensions between law, autonomy and the body surrounding German abortion law.

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Julia Viebach is a lecturer in Criminology at Queen's University Belfast. Her research explores transitional justice, mass violence, memorialization, and human rights documentation, driven by the fundamental question: how do societies live together after such a rupture of social bonds and communal life? In 2022 she co-authored *Beyond Evidence: The Use of Archives in Transitional Justice*, a book which brings critical archival studies into dialogue with transitional justice discourses to highlight how archives and archival practice have both activist and emancipatory potential, but also the inherent possibility of injustices.

Fady Asleh is the founder and director of Khazaaen, a Palestinian community archive based in East Jerusalem. Khazaaen—meaning “cabinets” in Arabic—is a living, evolving network of memory dedicated to preserving Palestinian social history. The archive collects, digitises, and shares fragments of everyday life that are often absent from official historical records, including photographs, love letters, diplomas, protest leaflets, family stories, and even poetry smuggled out of British prisons. Through this work, Khazaaen creates a collective space for memory and storytelling, connecting personal histories to a broader cultural narrative and ensuring that everyday Palestinian experiences are preserved and accessible for future generations.

Sandra Rios Oyola is an assistant professor of sociology at University College Roosevelt in the Netherlands. Her research interests cover the study of human dignity, memory, religion, peace processes, and transitional justice from an interdisciplinary perspective. She is the co-creator of the *Reimagining Victims' Reparation Global Network*, an international and interdisciplinary initiative that brings together scholars and activists to engage in new ways to address participatory and grassroots approaches to reparation. Her recently published article, *Restoring Sexual Dignity: Sexual Violence, Human Dignity and Transitional Justice in Colombia* (2025), explores the role of human dignity in shaping policies and advocacy efforts.

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Nour Abu-Assab (PhD) is co-founder and co-director of the *Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration* (CTDC). Her research focuses on identities, sexualities, migration, post-colonialism, and decolonial methodologies. She has published widely on these themes, particularly in relation to the Middle East and diaspora studies. Her forthcoming book is *Ethnic Minorities and Nationalism in the Middle East: the Kurds of Syria and the Circassians of Jordan*, which examines questions of minority identity and nationalism in the region. Through her academic and applied work, she contributes to decolonial approaches in research, activism, and transnational collaboration.

Elvira Loibl is assistant professor at Maastricht University and endowed professor of Recognition, Dialogue and Redress after Intercountry Adoption at the University of Humanistic Studies in Utrecht. Her research focuses on illegal intercountry adoptions, transnational organized crime, illegal markets, and crimes against children. In 2024, she co-edited the book *Facing the Past: Policies and Practices for Responses to Illegal Intercountry Adoptions* together with David Smolin, which addresses how the practice of intercountry adoption is shrouded by a metaphorical 'fog' of humanitarian and white saviour narratives which conceal the practice's neocolonial nature and obscure paths to meaningful repair and reform.

Joandi Hartendorp is a senior researcher at INEA, the expertise centre for intercountry adoption, where she works on recognition, support, and healing for internationally adopted people. Prior to this, she served as a policy advisor on inclusion and anti-discrimination at the City of Amsterdam, focusing on inequality, racism, and social justice policy. Her PhD research examined how the histories of the Holocaust and slavery are connected in educational contexts. She has also taught (post-)colonial history and gender studies at the University of Amsterdam. Her work combines academic research with experiential and relational approaches, focusing on the links between historical and contemporary forms of violence, discrimination, and marginalisation.

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Nienke Busscher is the director of the Knowledge Platform at the University of Groningen, which gathers and shares knowledge and research that is relevant for social policy in the Groningen gas extraction area. She is also a part of the team for *Ooggetuigen van de gaswinning* (eyewitnesses to gas extraction), a project which aims to conduct 100 interviews of people affected by the gas extraction in Groningen based on the oral history method. She recently published a co-authored book chapter entitled *Justice and New Beginnings in Groningen? Truth, Reconciliation, and the Parliamentary Inquiry on Gas Extraction* (2026).

Stefan Leliveld is the head of Herstelbeleid en Parlementaire Zaken (Recovery Policy and Parliamentary Affairs) at the Dutch Ministry of Finance. The government initiative aims to facilitate recovery for victims who have suffered injustice due to the actions of the Dutch government. By bringing together victims, implementation partners, and civil society organisations, the operation seeks to acknowledge the suffering of victims and expedite their recovery so that they can regain control of their lives and shape their futures.

Nanci Adler is a Professor of Memory, History and Transitional Justice, a chair established by the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the University of Amsterdam, and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her research focuses on transitional justice, the Gulag, the legacy of Communism, oral history, and memory. She has published widely on post-Soviet memory politics and justice, including *Keeping Faith with the Party: Communist Believers Return from the Gulag* (2012), which examines how former political prisoners reconstructed meaning and loyalty after incarceration. Her work contributes to international debates on memory, historical injustice, and processes of transitional justice.

About the *Dialogics of Justice* team

Nicole Immler is the principal investigator of the *Dialogics of Justice* project funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO-VICI) and professor of Historical Memory and Transformative Justice at the University of Humanistic Studies. She is an historian, working on the afterlife of historical injustice (World War II, colonialism, slavery), exploring the intergenerational dimensions as well as the relations between different forms of injustices. In her work, she links History, Transitional Justice, Memory Studies and Oral History. For the Palgrave Encyclopedia of Cultural Heritage and Conflict, she authored *The Multivoiced Archive: Connecting Oral Histories of Historical Injustices* (2025).

Niké Wentholt works as assistant professor at UvH. In the *Dialogics of Justice* project, she studies how people seek justice and recognition across four cases of Dutch institutional injustice. In addition, she has a specific focus on Dutch responsibility for misconduct during the Srebrenica genocide. She works together with societal partners to explore how our insights on recognition and transformative justice can help improve repair processes. Along with Nicole Immler she published the *Framework for Social Repair in the Childcare Benefits Scandal* (2023), on how we can think recognition and reparation of past injustice broader than individual recognition and financial compensation.

Siri Driessen is an assistant professor in *Historical Memory and Moral Imagination* at the University of Humanistic Studies. Working at the intersection of Social Sciences and Humanities, she studies how individuals and societies engage with memories of war and violence. In the *Dialogics of Justice* project, her research focuses on encounters between groups affected by conflict, examining how these interactions can foster mutual recognition of wartime experiences. She has contributed to projects on women genocide survivors in Bosnia, multivoicedness, the legacy of archives, and the interdisciplinary project *Back with a Mission*.

About the *Dialogics of Justice* team

Naomi Ormskerk is a PhD candidate at the University of Humanistic Studies. In the *Dialogics of Justice* project she focuses on the Catholic Church and the pursuit of recognition and redress for victims of institutional abuse. Her research pays particular attention to the case of the Goede Herder, a Dutch institution where girls experienced systemic abuse and neglect during the mid-20th century. She examines how survivors' experiences are acknowledged, the ways accountability can be pursued, and how both individual and systemic forms of justice can be achieved.

Obiozo Ukpabi is a PhD candidate at the University of Humanistic Studies. She holds an MA in Economic and Social History, including Oral History, and an MPhil (with distinction), in which she examined theories of greed versus grievance in relation to militant groups and petro-politics in the Niger Delta. In the *Dialogics of Justice* project she studies justice claims against Shell by (former) residents affected by environmental damage and human rights violations. Her research explores how legal action in Dutch civil courts, supported by transnational advocacy networks, can both enable and constrain meaningful redress, and how recognition and repair are experienced across judicial and non-judicial processes.

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