Centre for Transitional Justice & Post-Conflict Reconstruction

The Centre for Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction brings together experts whose research and teaching activities focus on issues that include reconciliation, criminal accountability, post-colonial legacies, legal reconstruction, the environment, human rights, economic justice, healing circles, democratization and others.

About the Centre

- Collaborative, interdisciplinary and international scholarship in the areas of transitional justice and post-conflict reconstruction
- Complements existing research strengths at Western in international and intercultural relations, government and public policy, the role of courts in society, societal change and social justice and equity
- Our scholars are interested in issues related to the social aspects of rebuilding – including establishment or re-establishment of democratic institutions, the rule of law, civil society and increased levels of social trust and social cohesion that allow residents to begin to live together again in a transformed society – and the complexity of implementing programs and institutions in such societies
- Comprised of more than 30 faculty members from the faculties of Social Science, Information & Media Studies, Arts & Humanities and Law, and from King’s University College

What We Do

- Innovative Collaborative Graduate Program in Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Resolution, which allows for interdisciplinary specialization by graduate students from traditional disciplines, including: English, French, History, Law, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theology, Women’s Studies and Feminist Research
- Undergraduate minor in Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Resolution
- Houses two journals that showcase the University’s world-class, international scholarship in transitional justice: the Transitional Justice Review and the Undergraduate TJ Review
- Hosts a Visiting Fellow Program for distinguished researchers engaged in research related to the Centre’s core themes – generally for one semester or one academic year
- Maintains a regular schedule of interdisciplinary, international conferences and a monthly speaker’s series
- Encourages faculty and student collaboration for research projects related to issues of transitional justice, peacebuilding, democratization and social transformation
- Moderates a national listserv that provides a forum through which scholars around the world can share their work and expertise related to these issues
- Innovative new courses, including Collective Responsibility (Philosophy) and Law in the Aftermath of War (Law)

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