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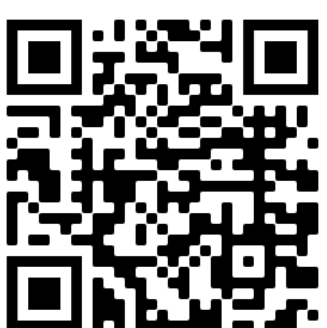
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A Senator George J. Mitchell Institute  
Postgraduate Conference

# 'TRUE' STORIES: CONTESTING NARRATIVES OF VIOLENCE

Monday 25 May 2020  
Queen's University Belfast  
The Lanyon Building 0G/074



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## CALL FOR PAPERS!

This year's postgraduate student-led conference, hosted by the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, seeks to bring together academics, activists, and practitioners to explore how, why, and whose stories of experiences of violence are told in deeply divided societies. The conference aims to address questions such as: What is a 'true' account of experiences of violence? Why are certain accounts privileged, while others are marginalised? What are the implications for peacebuilding and transformation?

**We invite abstracts on topics relating to (but not limited to):**

- Storytelling/narratives of violence
- Post-conflict memories
- The politics of language
- The roles of media in conflict-affected societies
- The ethics of researching violent experiences

While we aim to draw lessons from the experience of Northern Ireland, we gladly welcome narratives that relate to our main themes from around the world.

**Guidelines for authors:**

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words. Oral presentations should be no longer than 15-20 minutes. Abstracts should clearly spell out the main argument put forward, the structure of the paper, and its links to the topics outlined. Poster submissions should include the poster's title, author(s), description, and how this will be presented. A short biography of no more than five lines should accompany submissions.

**Submission information:**

Send to: [pgr20@qub.ac.uk](mailto:pgr20@qub.ac.uk)

Deadline for submissions: **17th April 2020**

Notification of acceptance: **30th April 2020**

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