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MPOD Podcast Launch

The Mitchell Institute's student-produced podcast, MPOD, is now available online!

The MPOD is a podcast about conflict, peace and justice. This is produced by Master students in the MA Conflict Transformation & Social Justice programme, made possible through the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute.

Each month we examine different topics related to social justice, peace and conflict studies, and the ways they impact the world around us. We invite audiences to explore these concepts with us.

Episodes: Available via Spotify, Stitcher, and iTunes.

<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/qub-mitchell-institute/mpod>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2o2wtjh0XU4qDOUtcEiIYv?si=GBfaQjyBRkynHsKuBGq5SA>

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FIRESIDE CHAT

Missing the Fireside Chat series? This month we will host a virtual session! Grab your favourite wine and cheese (or whatever snacks you have at home) and join us for a presentation on **Wednesday, 29 April, at 5.00pm** by **Dr Rosie Burrows** (GRI Visiting Research Fellow). This pertinent event, titled 'Not Business as Usual: Leadership, Conflict Transformation and Resilience for Times Like These', will be hosted via **Zoom**.

The talk will engage participants in break out discussions as we explore relational learning, drawing on thirty years of practice based experience and research from both local and international instances that pertain to the present COVID-19 crisis. Collectively, we will investigate how we can build everyday processes, structures and practices of compassion, integrity, guidance and limits with one another and our environment. We will focus on the question 'how do we each consciously experience the choices we face individually and collectively?' We hope you can join us!

The event will be hosted through Zoom, and you will need a Zoom account to participate. You can sign up for free here: <https://zoom.us/>.

Email Dr Rosie Burrows at mitchell.institute@qub.ac.uk to register and receive the link for the Zoom meeting.

Sensing Divisions

Exploring Affective Dynamics across Disciplines

A Two-Day Conference

Monday 11 May - Tuesday 12 May 2020

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics

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The conference seeks to investigate the nature of troubling and persistent divisions in human societies, divisions that perpetuate internal strife and often keep societies from cohering as polities that might produce stable governance. Examples are contemporary Bosnia, Kashmir and Northern Ireland, or historical Bohemia, Transylvania and Lebanon. In these places, a special kind of 'affective relatedness' (Jan Slaby) connects people on one side of these divides, while dramatically separating them from those on the outside.

The perspective of affective relatedness refers to interactions in concrete relational settings, between people and between people and aspects of their material environments. Historically one might investigate the ways in which differing senses of self emerge in single communities over time through affective politics. How, for example, have engagements with specific material legacies (borders, monuments, ruins, documents, works of art, musical scores) reinforced or challenged divisive understandings of the past? What is the possible role of vision, sound, touch, taste, or smell in this process? How do people who aim to revive, or critically reengage with, previous social tensions, use material objects or sounds to reach their goals? And how are these senses transmitted through popular and less popular culture: film, literature, and perhaps even scholarship.

This conference will be delivered by Zoom. For further details please contact Dr Maruska Svasek at m.svasek@gub.ac.uk

Mitchell Institute Postgraduate Student Conference 2020

True Stories: Contesting Narratives of Violence

Date: Monday 25 May 2020

Location: Virtual Conference

Call for Papers

The Annual Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice Postgraduate Student Conference, brings together academics, activists, and practitioners to explore how, why, and whose stories of experiences of violence are told in deeply divided societies. The conference is organised by our Postgraduate Students.

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?

Abstracts are invited 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

See the full details [here](#).

This year's conference will be held online. Details on how to access and participate will be provided in April.

Send your submissions to: pgr20@qub.ac.uk

Deadline for submissions: Friday 17 April

This conference will be delivered by Zoom.

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