



## WORKSHOP ON THE MEANING OF **RESTORATIVE MEMORY** IN GRAVE VICTIMIZATIONS

**Statement of task:** the workshop is conceived as a 1-day open, interactive public workshop to debate research, practice and policy surrounding the concept of restorative memory. This concept tries to apply the theory of restorative justice to the field of memory studies. It is not expected that each participant prepares a formal contribution. We propose that everyone brings his own expertise or experience in the field to listen to others' expertise, experiences and vocabularies in order to question assumptions and find some basic understanding to challenge the potentialities of the concept of restorative memory. Informal group discussion will be developed from an interdisciplinary and multi-agent standpoint. At the beginning of each panel, moderators can intervene briefly to contextualize the panel questions and add others of their own. The workshop is thought as a way of constructing knowledge from a narrative group approach where participants can formulate questions to others. We ask that the use of concepts and theories are illustrated by real examples so that they can be interpreted by the others using their own theoretical and conceptual frameworks. A brief summary will be prepared after the workshop.

**Participants:** researchers and academicians, from and outside Spain and the Basque Country, coming from victimology, penal law and international studies, ritual and cultural studies, practitioners in the field of psychotherapy, as well as victims of terrorism in the Basque Country.

Travel expenses and accommodation will be covered by the Basque Institute of Criminology, thanks to the financial support of the Victims Unit of the Basque Government. The Secretary of the Institute (Terese

Aizpurua, terese.aizpurua@ehu.eus) will contact foreign participants for travelling arrangements at the beginning of September.

**Date and venue:** the workshop will be developed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October in the Basque Institute of Criminology of the University of the Basque Country (Centro Carlos Santamaría, Plaza Elhuyar 2, 20018 Donostia/San Sebastián). Room 4 (Aula 4) at the entrance floor.

**Methodology:** we will be employing the methodology of dialogue circles. Taking into account different perspectives can help to reformulate complex questions. Informal translation will be provided so that participants can use Basque, Spanish and/or English, as they wish.

## AGENDA

### **8:50 a.m. Welcome and overview of agenda**

José Luis de la Cuesta, Director of the Basque Institute of Criminology

### **9:00 a. m. A preliminary approach to the concept of restorative memory**

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### **9:45 a.m. Panel 1: The role of victimizers in restorative memory**

Moderator: Gema Varona

Senior researcher at the Basque Institute of Criminology

Discussion: What kind of role should victimizers have in memory projects and policies? What have we learned from other projects where some of them were involved? What should be the requirements for the involvement of former victimizers in these projects?

### **11:15 a.m. Panel 2: The role of the (micro and macro) community in restorative memory**

Moderator: Tim Chapman

Discussion: This panel will present examples of how to implement programs in micro and macro communities.

### **12:30 Lunch**

### **1:15 p.m. Panel 3: Restorative memory, truth and justice**

Co-moderators: Elena Maculan/Alicia Gil

Discussion: In what sense healing and restorative truth as defined by the South African Commission is to a great extent equivalent to the concept of restorative memory? Is it truth enough when there have not been sentences?

### **3:00 p.m. Panel 4: Restorative memory and cultural memorialization practices**

Moderator: Martin Hoondert

Discussion: To what extent art and cultural practices can be beyond political manipulation and antagonist identities?

### **4:15 p.m. Closing remarks and reflections for future research and policies in the Basque Country**

Gema Varona