

European Forum for Restorative Justice

International RJ Symposium

## FROM PENAL MEDIATION TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN TRANSITION

Deusto University in Bilbao, 5-6 June 2019

**Registrations** (early bird 20 April): <http://www.euforumrj.org/uncategorized/register-now-efrj-symposium/>

**Call for proposals** (until 12 April): <http://www.euforumrj.org/uncategorized/call-proposals-symposium-bilbao-2019/>

**Draft programme** – last update 08/04/2019- More info on [www.euforumrj.org](http://www.euforumrj.org)

**Language** – All sessions in the auditorium (i.e. plenary sessions and interactive sessions) have simultaneous translation in English and Spanish. The parallel sessions (i.e. parallel dialogue sessions and participants' contributions) are in English or Spanish, and informal translation will be provided.

### 4 JUNE

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17.00 Registrations (for the symposium and AGM)

18.00-20.00 AGM- Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership

### 5 JUNE

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08.30 Registrations

#### 09.15 Welcome

*Chair: Roberto Moreno - EFRJ Board, Basque Country, Spain*

- Maria Jesús San José - Minister of Labour and Justice of the Basque Government
- Gema Tomás Martínez - Deusto University, Basque country
- TBC - General Prosecutor, Basque country
- TBC - President of the High Court of Justice in the Basque country
- Edit Torzs - EFRJ Director

**10.00 Plenary I** - Restorative justice unlimited?: The application of restorative justice in all the stages of the criminal procedure and for all types of crime

*Chair: Tim Chapman – EFRJ Chair, Ulster University, Northern Ireland*

Speakers:

- Ian Marder - Maynooth University, Ireland
- Alberto Olalde & Nacho Martínez – University of Basque Country & Basque Government
- Theo de Roos – Tilburg University, The Netherlands

11.00 coffee break

**11.30 Parallel dialogue sessions** (more info on the themes below)

13.00 Lunch

**14.30 Interactive session I** – Prison talks on restorative justice: from practice to reflection

*Facilitator: Bart Claes – EFRJ Treasurer, Avans University, The Netherlands*

16.00-16.30 Coffee and end of day 1

19.00-20.15 Walking dinner at the Azkuna Zentroa, AZ cultural centre in Bilbao

20.30-22.00 Theatre play "La Mirada del otro"

22.00-22.30 Discussion

*Facilitator: Gemma Varona - Basque Institute of Criminology, Basque Country*

- Esther Pascual - Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Spain
- Maria San Miguel - Actress and playwright of "La mirada del otro"

## 6 JUNE

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09.45 Welcome day 2

**10.00 Plenary II** - Restorative justice and empowerment: focus on specific target groups (child victims, sexual violence, domestic violence, terrorism)

*Chair: Brunilda Pali – EFRJ Secretary, KU Leuven, Belgium*

Speakers:

- Karin Madsen – Independent mediator, Denmark
- Bernd Glaeser – Neustart, Austria
- Diletta Stendardi – Lawyer, Italy

11.00 Coffee break

**11.30 Participants' contributions** - Fair of organizations/ Posters/ Fringe meetings/ Presentations (call for proposals open until 12 April)

12.30 Lunch

**14.00 Interactive session II** – Access to RJ for young people

*Facilitator: Raúl Calvo Soler- University of Girona, Spain*

15.30 Coffee break

**16.00 Plenary III** – Restorative justice, prison and probation: risks and opportunities

*Chair: Aarne Kinnunen – EFRJ Board, Ministry of Justice, Finland*

Speakers:

- Jorge Ollero & Jesus Guerrero - Federación Andaluza ENLACE & Ministry of Internal Affairs, Spain
- Ursula Fernee - RJ and Victim Services and Probation Service, Ireland
- Antonio Buonatesta – Médiante, Belgium

17.00-17.30 Closing

- Roberto Moreno - EFRJ Board, Basque country
- TBC - Basque country
- Tim Chapman – EFRJ Chair

## Themes of the parallel dialogue sessions (5 June, 11.30-13.00)

1. Values and standards for restorative justice (facilitated by Tim Chapman and Aarne Kinnunen)
  - This session emphasises the importance of values and standards for assuring quality in restorative justice practices. Attention will be given to how to deal with the tendency of the system to intrude and dominate the restorative space.
2. Different practice models (facilitated by Lars Otto Justad and Patrizia Patrizi)
  - This session will focus on different practice models, i.e. mediation, conferencing and circles, with the aim to look at how to expand available services (mostly on mediation) to other restorative practices.
3. Access to restorative justice and victims' participation (facilitated by Bart Claes and Antonio Buonatesta)
  - This session will focus on the type of information given to victims and offenders to propose a restorative justice process, but also on the timing, frequency, source of the offer made. Attention is mostly given to the general offer of restorative justice and the specific participation of victims, but also to the possibility for self-referrals.
4. Restorative justice for children and adolescents (facilitated by Annemieke Wolthuis and Brunilda Pali)
  - This session will look at practices to encourage children and adolescents to engage in a restorative justice process, focusing on the type of language to be used and the safeguards to protect their vulnerabilities.
5. Cooperating with criminal justice authorities (facilitated by Nacho Martinez and Ian Marder)
  - This session will focus on the problematic of lack of awareness or understanding about restorative justice within criminal justice professionals and the importance of this for referring cases to the restorative justice services.
6. Training of restorative justice facilitators (facilitated by Alberto Olalde and Emanuela Biffi)
  - This session focuses on different training models for facilitators in victim-offender mediation, conferences and circles, looking at what exercises and practices are helpful to gain confidence and experience for the field.
7. Support and supervision of restorative justice facilitators (facilitated by Raul Calvo and Jorge Ollero)
  - This session will focus on existing models for supporting and supervising facilitators before, during and after a restorative justice encounter takes place, looking also at practices for following up cases once the process is over.
8. Databases of restorative justice services (facilitated by Gemma Varona and Katerina Soulou)
  - This session will focus on quantitative and qualitative data collection of restorative justice cases, helpful to evaluate, compare and improve services and specific programmes.

### *In Spanish:*

9. The restorative justice encounter – *in Spanish* (facilitated by Esther Pascual and Laura Hein)
  - This session will focus on the preparation phase and actual encounter between all parties engaging in a restorative justice process, looking in detail at the questions to be answered and measures to be taken to facilitate the encounter.
10. The Basque experience on restorative juvenile justice – *in Spanish* (facilitated by the head of the juvenile justice service)
  - This session wishes to create the space for sharing the experience on the use of RJ in juvenile justice settings in the Basque country and for sharing feedback and proposals for future projects.