

European Forum for Restorative Justice

# SUMMER SCHOOL

Restorative Justice & Serious Crimes

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# A brief historical note

Every two years, the EFRJ organises a Summer School in a different location in Europe and on a different theme. After the EFRJ's foundation in 2000, the EFRJ Summer School was present in:

- Pilsen, Czech Republic (2005)
- Riga, Latvia (2007)
- Barcelona, Spain (2009)
- Canterbury, United Kingdom (2011)
- Vienna, Austria (2013)
- Lisbon, Portugal (2015)

In general, the EFRJ Summer School aims at bringing together practitioners, researchers, trainers and other professionals interested in RJ from across Europe and beyond to exchange and discuss practices, ideas, challenges, projects in the field of RJ.

## EFRJ Summer School 2017

During the Summer School 2017 in Como, trainers and participants will identify good practices to use RJ in cases of serious crimes. Such good practices will be in the field of access and actual initiation of RJ processes, as well as training and supervision of RJ practitioners dealing with serious crimes.

At the end of the Summer School 2017, we expect participants to be more:

- **resourceful**, and be able to provide a coherent rationale of the benefits and risks of RJ to interested stakeholders, including in particular victims and offenders;
- **resilient**, and be able to make effective use of practice supervision so that they can support participants through the restorative process;
- **restorative**, having reviewed and revised key principles of knowledge and practice.

# Welcome

Welcome to all participants to this 7th edition of the EFRJ Summer School, or should we say *benvenuti* as we will be located all week in the beautiful city of Como, a new emerging restorative city in the North of Italy?!

The EFRJ Board and Staff chose **Como as the venue** of the Summer School 2017 to give visibility to one of the EFRJ organisational members, the Centre for Restorative Justice and Mediation Studies (CESGREM), recently established in 2014 at University of Insubria but already really active in the field to further develop RJ in Italy and beyond. The team from CESGREM, lead by Prof. Grazia Mannozi, has been extremely helpful in the co-organisation of this event. Special thanks go to the University of Insubria which is providing the venue for this event, the Melazzini Foundation on arts, culture and solidarity who is offering a welcome piano concert in the social theatre of Como, the tourist office Como Lake Experience which will share with us some information on how to enjoy the city beyond our training hours, the Cariplo Foundation which is making of Como a special city for our field, being the first restorative city in North Italy, and the Justice Programme of the European Union who is co-funding this event.

This Summer School 2017 also offers an interesting programme, bringing together 34 participants from 16 different countries in Europe and beyond. This year's theme is '**Restorative Justice in serious crime: Good quality standards and effective services**'. The emphasis will be on the use of RJ in serious cases which may be more complex and sensitive to deal with. This broad theme will focus on serious crimes which have an individual or collective dimension, such as homicides, sexual violence or political crimes. The Summer School will include frontal presentations, but it will mostly consist of practical workshops and interactive exercises focusing on:

- access to RJ for parties involved in serious crimes
- preparatory meetings for parties involved in serious crimes
- facilitation of a RJ process with parties involved in serious crimes
- training of RJ practitioners dealing with serious crimes
- dealing with values and feelings in relation to certain types of serious crimes
- supervision and support of RJ practitioners dealing with serious crimes

For this, we will work together with two new **trainers** and senior mediators, Vincent Mercer (UK) and Kristel Buntinx (Belgium). The Summer School will also include a **one-day community conference** to exchange testimonies and local restorative practices with parties involved in political crimes. For this, we will welcome some members of the 'Group of the Encounter' (Italy) and benefit from the expertise from our Basque members (Spain).

As usual, EFRJ events are also meant to encourage interpersonal exchanges within the participants. For this reason, this year we decided to opt for a residential experience, with most of us staying at the Best Western Hotel Continental: take advantage of the breakfasts together and the short walks to reach the St. Abbondio cloister at University of Insubria! Also, enjoy the social activities we organised, such as the welcome piano concert and the goodbye dinner prepared by the association '*Amici di Frontiera*'.

We wish you an inspiring week together,

**Emanuela Biffi and Grazia Mannozi**

On behalf of the EFRJ and the CESGREM, University of Insubria

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# Organisers



Founded in 2000 by a group of academics, practitioners and policy makers, the **European Forum for Restorative Justice** (EFRJ) has the aim to contribute to the further development and establishment of victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices. Every person in Europe should have the right of access to RJ services, at any time and in any case. Among other activities, the EFRJ supports its members in developing RJ across Europe and beyond by building cooperation, publishing research findings, sharing information and knowledge, and organising seminars, conferences, summer schools and events in occasion of the international RJ Weeks. The EFRJ is a membership organisation with about 240 individual and organisational members across Europe and beyond. Since 2012, the EFRJ is part of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe, a partnership of three network organizations working in the fields of detention (EuroPris), probation (Confederation of European Probation, CEP) and restorative justice (EFRJ). More info at [www.euforumrj.org](http://www.euforumrj.org).



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DELL'INSUBRIA



The **Centre for Restorative Justice and Mediation Studies** (CESGREM) was founded on 6th October 2014 within the walls of the Department of Law, Economics and Culture of the **University of Insubria**. Its main goal is to encourage research, education and spreading of knowledge about RJ, mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) systems. The research group of CESGREM teaches the class of 'Restorative justice and penal mediation' within the degree program in law, it carries out training courses for staff at a senior level in public administration within the project entitled 'Managerial Humanism', and it provides education and training for teachers and students with regard to mediation in schools. CESGREM is also partner in the 3 years project 'ConTatto: trame riparative nella comunità', recently financed by the Cariplo Foundation. The project aims at turning Como into a restorative city promoting the use of RJ practices at the community level. More info at [www.cesgrem.uninsubria.it](http://www.cesgrem.uninsubria.it).

## Monday 24 July

### Aims

- 1. Opening the Summer School*
- 2. Sharing experiences on RJ & Serious Crimes*

- 13.00      Registration (incl. sandwiches for lunch)
- 13:40      Opening of the Summer School
- 14.10      Welcome by CESGREG, University of Insubria
- 14.30      Approach of the training: issues sheets
- 14:45      RJ in serious crimes: the Belgian experience
- 15.30      Coffee break
- 16.00      RJ for Harmful Sexual Behaviour Cases (HSB): international perspectives and the UK experience
- 17.00      Game of positions: sharing of participants' experiences with RJ
- 17.30      Closing of Day 1
- 18.30      Piano concert at the social theatre in Como  
Welcome event offered by Melazzini Foundation  
Address: Teatro Sociale, Via Vincenzo Bellini 3, 22100 Como

# Tuesday 25 July

## Aims

*Sharing experiences on RJ in political crimes*

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- 09.00 RJ in cases of political crimes
- 10.00 Testimonies and community circle with the 'group of the encounter'
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Methodological workshop with the mediators of the 'group of the encounter'
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 Reflections and Q&A
- 17.00 Closing of Day 2

*The morning session will have unofficial consecutive translation (Italian/ English).*

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# Wednesday 26 July

## Aims

- 1. Experiencing how to inform the parties about RJ*
- 2. Considering eligibility vs. suitability of cases*
- 3. Experiencing how to prepare the parties before a RJ meeting*

- 09.00      Criteria and information provided to victims and offenders
- 10.30      Coffee break
- 11.00      Characteristics of HSB cases; adolescence; shame and denial
- 13.00      Lunch
- 14.00      Eligibility versus suitability: case studies, best practices, safety issues
- 15.30      Coffee break
- 16.00      Meeting with a killer (DVD): dealing with emotions and self-care
- 17.30      Closing of Day 3



# Thursday 27 July

## Aims

- 1. Facilitating a RJ meeting with role-plays*
- 2. Considering the relations between RJ and therapy*
- 3. Considering practices for training, supporting and supervising RJ practitioners*

- 09.00      Facilitation of a RJ process with parties involved in serious crimes
- 10.30      Coffee break
- 11.00      Continuing
- 11.30      RJ Process in relation to therapeutic support/interventions: working with other professionals
- 13.00      Lunch
- 14.00      Victim/Offender benefits RJ/HSB
- 14.30      Training of RJ practitioners dealing with serious crimes
15. 45      Walk to the Court
- 16.00      Meeting with two local magistrates (Carlo Cecchetti & Daniela Moroni)  
The alternatives to detention in Italian law: the recent legislation, the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Como and some practical applications  
Address: Corte d'Assise del Tribunale di Como, Largo Spallino 5, Como
- 18.25      Meeting at the pier 4 (pontile 4), Piazza Cavour, Como
- 18.40      Boat trip to Torno
- 20.00      Dinner buffet at Villa Cecchetti in Torno prepared by the association 'Amici di Frontiera' working on intercultural mediation with migrants
- 22.00      Return to Best Western Hotel Continental by bus (8 km)

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# Friday 28 July

## Aims

- 1. Considering other accessibility issues: awareness, cooperation, legislation*
- 2. Focus on the Italian experience*
- 3. Closing of the Summer School*

09.00      Raising public awareness about RJ and evaluation

10.30      Coffee break

11.00      Meet the local hosts: Italian challenges and opportunities

With Grazia Mannozi (CESGREM director) and Gianni Penzo Doria (Director of University of Insubria)

13.00      Lunch, incl. feedback forms, certificates and goodbyes

14.00      Closing of the Summer School

# Optional: reading materials

## **Best Practice Guide for Restorative practice in cases of Sexual Violence**

[http://www.euforumrj.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Doing-restorative-justice-in-cases-of-sexual-violence\\_practice-guide\\_Sept2015-1.pdf](http://www.euforumrj.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Doing-restorative-justice-in-cases-of-sexual-violence_practice-guide_Sept2015-1.pdf)

## **Restorative Justice and Political Violence in Democratic Societies** (Mario Ragazzi's book review)

<http://www.ragazziconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Libro-dellincontro-review-long-draft06.pdf>

## **Understanding Terrorism Through Restorative Justice** (John Braithwaite's blog)

<http://johnbraithwaite.com/2016/11/15/understanding-terrorism-through-restorative-justice/>

## **Los ojos del otro. Encuentros restaurativos entre víctimas y ex miembros de ETA [The eyes of the other. Restorative encounters between victims and ex-members of ETA]**

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/20504721.2015.1049884>

## **Restorative Encounters in Terrorist Victimization in Spain: Theoretical Reflections and Practical Insights from Social Work**

<http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/article/view/282/400>

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# Some speakers & organisers

**Emanuela Biffi and Roberto Moreno** are both involved in the EFRJ since few years, respectively as the Communications & Events Officer of the EFRJ Secretariat and the Board member responsible for the Training Committee. They will open and close the Summer School and facilitate the presentation of the different trainers and speakers.

**Grazia Mannozi, Elena Militello and Claudio Fontana** are all involved in the local organising committee from CESGREM at University of Insubria. As the CESGREM director, Grazia will welcome you on behalf of all the team and participate during the whole week, together with Elena (PhD candidate in comparative criminal procedure) and Claudio (philosopher and penal mediator), who will help with practicalities, notetaking and photographing.

**Roberto Moreno and Alberto Olalde** are both from the Basque Country, Spain. Roberto is the Head of Adults Justice Service at the Ministry of Labour and Justice of the Basque Government and Alberto is Lecturer of Social Work at the University of Basque Country. They will introduce the second day on political crimes, sharing their expertise as facilitators who took part in the restorative encounters between former members of ETA and some victims.

**Carlo Cecchetti and Daniela Moroni** are both working as magistrates at the Court of Como. They both have a degree in Law, respectively from the University 'La Sapienza' of Rome and the the University of Perugia. They invited us to visit them in Court to present the current alternative measures to detention present in Italian law and to discuss with us the possibility for RJ practices to take place.

**Aziz** works in the association ***Amici di Frontiera*** (Friends of Borders), composed by men and women from Senegal and other African countries (Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast). Some of them, migrating from Africa to Europe, have experienced (in addition to the drama of boat trips and successive odysseys) administrative and criminal problems with the justice system. In memory of these experiences, they offer their support to other migrants in Como, in particular with activities of intercultural mediation and information to avoid behaviors which may result in illegal activities (e.g. working in the black market). As part of probation programs, some of them engaged in community services in the local municipality. The association has an informal character, the level of schooling is elementary and material resources are just enough to survive. Aziz and his team will deliver the dinner at Villa Cecchetti.

# Trainers & Experts



## Kristel Buntinx, Belgium

Kristel works since 16 years as a mediator for the RJ organization 'Moderator' (previously known as 'Suggnomè'). She works mostly in serious crimes as homicide, armed robbery and sexual violence. Moderator is recognized and gets funding by the government as the umbrella and forum organization for victim-offender mediation for adults in the Flemish part of Belgium.



## Vince Mercer, United Kingdom

Vince is the RJ coordinator for the AIM Project UK, which developed pioneering restorative work in cases of Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB). He is a trained and experienced serious case mediator, restorative conference facilitator and family group meetings facilitator. He is the co-author of the recent EFRJ publication, 'Best Practice Guide for Restorative practice in cases of Sexual Violence'. He is also the author of AIM Best Practice Guidance for Restorative Work in HSB cases and the AIM RJ Assessment framework for HSB cases.



## The group of the encounter, Italy

The group will include Guido Bertagna, Claudia Mazzucato and other authors and protagonists of 'The book of the encounter: victims and former armed fighters facing each other' (2015), which narrates the 7-years long journey of encounters between some ex-members of the armed struggle (Red Brigades and other armed groups) and some victims of the so-called 'years of lead' in the 1970-1980s Italy.

# Venue

The Summer School 2017 will be hosted in the monastery of St. Abbondio in Como. Since it has been restored, this monastery hosts the Faculty of Law from the University of Insubria, where the Centre for Restorative Justice and Mediation Studies (CESGREM) is located.

For further information please visit [www.cesgrem.uninsubria.it](http://www.cesgrem.uninsubria.it).



# Address



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St. Abbondio cluster (aula studio 'sarcofago'), Via Regina Teodolinda 35, 22100 Como

The other entrance is in Via St Abbondio 12, where there is the university parking (for university staff only). This is easier if you walk from the Hotel Continental.

# Wifi

Individual usernames and passwords will be provided to each participant during registrations on the first day of the Summer School.

# Hotel

Best Western Hotel Continental, Via Innocenzo XI 15, 22100 Como

More info at [www.hotelcontinentalcomo.it/en](http://www.hotelcontinentalcomo.it/en)



## Social events

### Monday 24 July (18.30-19.45)

The musician Anna Maria Bordin will present her work on using music to encourage communication with vulnerable groups and she will then give a piano concert at the social theatre in Como. This welcome event has been offered by the Melazzini Foundation on arts, culture and solidarity. We are thankful to the president of the foundation, Francesco Mazza, for this initiative. Address: Teatro Sociale, Via Vincenzo Bellini 3, 22100 Como

### Thursday 27 July (18.40-22.00)

The Magistrate Carlo Cecchetti invited us for dinner in the garden of his villa in Torno. We will have a boat tour at 18.40 to arrive in Torno at 19.10. After a short walk in the village, we will enjoy a buffet dinner in the garden, starting at 20.00. Since there is no public transport after this time, we reserved a bus to return to Como (8 km). The dinner will be delivered by the association '*Amici di Frontiera*' (see p.12) as an opportunity for the association to raise funds (e.g. to provide first aid to newcomers) but also to introduce their culture and traditions originally from Africa and nowadays disseminated across Europe.

### Other activities

If you want to enjoy other activities in Como, please visit [www.visitcomo.eu](http://www.visitcomo.eu), also in English. If you want to check events and news, please click on: [www.visitcomo.eu/it/vivere/index.htmlvisioni](http://www.visitcomo.eu/it/vivere/index.htmlvisioni). Thanks to the tourism office of Como municipality (Como Lake Experience) for sharing this info with us!

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- **OCTOBER** Leuven, Belgium | Workshop on Values & Standards for RJ
- **8-9 NOVEMBER** Leuven, Belgium | Training on mediation and conferencing in peer conflicts
- **19-26 NOVEMBER** | International RJ WEEK 2017 on arts and restorative justice
- **14-16 JUNE 2018** Tirana, Albania | 10th international conference of the EFRJ

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