



Background information on the European Forum for Restorative Justice

and its

11th international conference - Sassari 23-25 June 2022

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EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ), founded in 2000, is located within the walls of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. It is a non-profit organization contributing to the **development of restorative justice in Europe**. It is a European (and international) platform with more than **400 members (individuals and organisations)** including practitioners, researchers and policy makers working in the field of restorative justice and related areas. Its **vision** is that every person in Europe has the right of access to good quality restorative justice services. The EFRJ focuses on the application of restorative justice to **criminal matters** but also to other areas, such as family, school, social and community mediation are also included.

The EFRJ contributes to the development of restorative justice with a **wide range of activities**. It conducts research and produces reports and practice guidelines, organizes biennial international conferences, summer schools and workshops, operates an information network and shares knowledge in many communication channels, publishes a quarterly newsletter. On the policy level, among others, it cooperates with other large European networks, it forms the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (together with CEP on probation and EuroPris on prisons), it has established a European Restorative Justice Policy Network with representatives of ministries, it advises the Council of Europe and it is in contact with DG Justice of the European Commission. The EFRJ also founded the **European Restorative Justice Award**, which recognises and celebrates outstanding contributions to the development of restorative justice within Europe.

EFRJ CONFERENCE – SASSARI 2022

The **11th international conference** of the EFRJ, following previous editions in Leuven, Budapest, Oostende, Verona, Barcelona, Bilbao, Helsinki, Belfast, Leiden and Tirana, will be organized in **Sassari, Italy on 23-25 June 2022** (postponed from June 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic). The title of the conference is *Justice beyond borders: Restoring connections through space and language*. The two main topics highlighted are: 1. Space and time; and 2. Language and narratives. The focus is on justice practices overcoming natural, social, relational, political, economic, cultural borders, transforming conflict and connecting people. The EFRJ conferences are unique because they bring together practitioners, researchers, academics, policy makers, students, artists, activists and others interested in restorative justice. The programme consists of plenary sessions and a wide range of parallel workshops, including presentations, panels, dialogues, training sessions, and testimonials. The EFRJ conferences are usually attended by 300-350 participants from mostly European countries but also beyond. In 2022, given the different circumstances (Covid-19, Ukrainian war) we still expect 250-300 to attend the event.



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The programme includes a series of pre-conference initiatives:

- Training “Restorative language beyond borders” (Sassari, 21-22 June) delivered by Dominic Barter, Brazil. More info here: www.euforumrj.org/en/events/pre-conference-training-sassari-2022
- Seminar “EDUPRIS” (Sassari, 22 June) presenting the board game of an Erasmus+ project dedicated to training professionals working in correctional services for minors. More info here: www.edupris.eu/events
- Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership (Sassari, 22 June). More info here: www.euforumrj.org/en/annual-general-meeting
- European Restorative Justice Award ceremony, announcing the winner of this prestigious restorative justice prize (Sassari, 22 June). More info here: www.euforumrj.org/en/european-restorative-justice-award

The conference programme (see the detailed schedule below) includes:

- 5 plenary sessions – see biographies below of our speakers.
- 12 parallel workshop sessions presenting a wide range of expertise and knowledge from the field (e.g. on juvenile justice, prisons, terrorism, political violence, serious and complex crime cases such as sexual crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, hate crime, environmental harm and institutional abuse, communities and cities, schools and education, arts and activism).
- 5 parallel field trips for showing participants local initiatives in a restorative city and prison, a transition houses for detainees, the local restorative juvenile justice system, the city’s historical places of detention and punishment and a participatory choreographic event on polarization.
- Social moments, like two receptions (in the cloister of the university and in the main square of Sassari) and the social dinner in a religious premise dedicated to solidarity and inclusion.

VENUES

The events will be hosted across the city of Sassari thanks to the cooperation of different (educational, political and religious) institutions that wish to express support in this way to the restorative justice movement. The 6 locations are:

- The Annual General Meeting and European RJ Award Ceremony as well as public event “The Polarity Party” will take place in the lecture hall of Sassari University, *Aula Magna of Sassari University* (address: Piazza Università).
- The conference will be fully hosted in the music conservatory of Sassari University, *Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Canepa* (address: Piazza Cappuccini 1).
- The pre-conference training and the EDUPRIS seminar will be in the rooms of a primary school, *Scuola San Donato* (address: Via Alessio Fontana 3).
- The plenary dedicated to gender-based violence, open to the wider public and supported by the Comune di Sassari, will be at the city theatre and opera house, *Teatro Verdi* (address: Via Politeama 8). Afterwards, for those ones who wish to stay together we organised an “apericena” (aperitive/dinner) in the main square of the city, at *Birroteca Benevè* (address: Piazza Tola 36).
- The social dinner will take place in the garden of a church, *Chiesa San Paolo* (address: Via Enrico Besta).



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The map includes also the Hotel Leonardo Da Vinci, Hotel Deledda and Hotel Vittorio Emanuele, as most participants booked their rooms in these hotels. To have an idea of distances, from the music conservatory to the church San Paolo is a 30 minutes' walk.





DRAFT SCHEDULE

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Scuola San Donato, Via Alessio Fontana 3

08.30 Registrations to the training

09.00-17.00 Training "Restorative language beyond borders" – Day 1

The detailed schedule of this training is provided only to registered participants.

Wednesday 22 June

Scuola San Donato, Via Alessio Fontana 3

09.00-13.00 Training "Restorative language beyond borders" – Day 2

Continuing from the day before.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Seminar of the Erasmus+ project EDUPRIS

Note that you can attend also morning programme starting at 10.00.

Sassari University's Aula Magna & cloister, Piazza Università

16.30-17.00 Registrations to the AGM and to the conference

17.00-19.00 Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership

19.00-19.30 European Restorative Justice Award ceremony

19.30-20.30 Reception

Thursday 23 June

Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Canepa, Piazzale Cappuccini 1

08.15 Registrations to the conference and collection of headsets for the simultaneous interpretation ENG<>ITA

09.00 Opening of the conference and welcome from the organisers [ITA-ENG]

— EFRJ – Patrizia Patrizi, Tim Chapman and Edit Torzs

— Sassari University – Rector Gavino Mariotti

— Music Conservatory Luigi Canepa - President Ivano Iai

Institutional welcome

— Representative of the European Commission - TBC

— Municipality of Sassari – Mayor Gian Vittorio Campus

— Municipality of Tempio Pausania Restorative City – Mayor Giovanni Antonio Addis

09.30 **Plenary I – Special address [ITA]**

— Italian Ministry of Justice – Minister Marta Cartabia

10.15 **Plenary II – Keynote speech "The "call to action" and the moral good" [ENG]**

— Giovanni Grandi (Chair: Brunilda Pali)

11.00 Comfort break

11.30 Parallel workshops I

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Parallel workshops II

15.30 Comfort break





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16.00-17.30 Parallel workshops III

Teatro Verdi, Via Politeama 8

18.00 *Opening of the Teatro Verdi: registrations: registrations and collection of headsets for the simultaneous interpretation*

18.30 **Plenary III – Testimonial “Changing memory, rebalancing power: sexual violence and restorative justice” [ENG]**

— Marie Keenan & Ailbhe Griffith (Chair: Brunilda Pali & Patrizia Patrizi)

Birroteca Benev , Piazza Tola 36

20.00 *Reception in the main square of Sassari – Note that this is not part of the conference package: if you registered for this social event and selected your preferred food choice, payment is to be done directly to Benev . If you forgot to register, you can still try to join us but we cannot promise that a seat is reserved.*

Friday 24 June

Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Canepa, Piazzale Cappuccini 1

08.45 *Registrations to the conference and collection of headsets for the simultaneous interpretation ENG<>ITA<>ESP*

9.00 **Plenary III – Testimonials on violent extremism “Transforming borders into bridges: roads of encounters”**

— The Encounter of the Encounters from Italy, Basque Country and Northern Ireland (Chair: Claudia Mazzucato)

11.00 *Comfort break*

11.30 Parallel workshops IV

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 Parallel workshops V

15.30 *Comfort break*

16.00-17.30 Parallel workshops VI

Chiesa San Paolo, Via Enrico Besta

20.00-23.00 *Social dinner - You can easily take a walk, or a taxi to reach the dinner’s venue. In case you wish to walk together, our volunteers proposed two meeting points: 19.30 from Piazza Italia or 19.40 from the Hotel Leonardo da Vinci. Please arrive few minutes before, they will leave sharp at this time!*

Saturday 25 June

Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Canepa, Piazzale Cappuccini 1

09.45 *Registrations to the conference and collection of headsets for the simultaneous interpretation ENG<>ITA*

10.00 **Plenary IV - Keynote speech [ENG]**

— Dominic Barter (Chair: Mara Schiff)

10.45 *Comfort break*

11.15 **Plenary V – Roundtable on restorative communities [ITA-ENG]**

— Carla Ciavarella, Bruna Dighera, Jasmyn Story (Chair: Gian Luigi Lepri)

12.30 *Closing remarks*

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00-14.30 *Departure for the 5 parallel field trips*

1. Tempio Pausania Restorative City and Nuchis prison (14.00-22.00)
2. Nuoro: restorative justice team and community building (14.00-22.00)
3. Sassari: meeting with Sardinian juvenile justice professionals (14.30-17.30)
4. Sassari: thematic visit “Rete Th mus” (14.30-17.30)
5. Sassari: public dialogue “The Polarity Party” (16.00-17.30)





EUROPEAN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AWARD CEREMONY

22 June 2022 19.00-19.30 Sassari University's Aula Magna, Piazza Università

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the EFRJ launched a biannual award recognising and celebrating outstanding contributions to the development of restorative justice within Europe. In 2020, the EFRJ membership proposed a series of individuals, groups and organisations who contributed in different ways to the restorative justice field, and finally the EFRJ Board nominated one person that will be announced before the opening the 11th international conference.

In early 2020, the EFRJ commissioned a creative and restorative practitioner, artist and designer Clair Aldington (UK), to design the awards according to the new visual identity of the organisation (the new logo, website and branding launched at the start of the pandemic) and celebrating both the 20th anniversary of the EFRJ as well as the restorative justice values and processes. During the ceremony, Clair will speak about the design concept and making process behind the awards.

The making of the restorative justice award

In this world of throw away goods, and mass produced objects and furniture, the creation of the awards challenges how we perceive and understand designed objects. In this short presentation a lost understanding of an object as connected to a particular time, rooted in a particular place, and as handmade by several different crafts people, will be shared. The awards were produced in one island location and thus interwoven within them are a notion of island-ness, and the specific relationality that brings into a designing and making process. In addition, Clair will share the co-creative design process that was undertaken with the awards which involved members of EFRJ staff and board collaboratively participating in the design process. This was from writing the design brief, through designing the initial concepts, to decisions around the construction of the awards and materials used. Additionally, an understanding that a design and making process is a dialogue that is never static but always changing as new information comes to light and new things are discovered and learned along the way. Clair posits that this is a restorative way of designing that shares values and practices with the restorative process.



Clair recently completed her PhD in Restorative Justice and Design at Northumbria University, England, which investigated the meaning of making, gifting and solidarity in restorative justice processes. Clair is also the Director-Practitioner of Space2face creative restorative practices organisation in Shetland, Scotland.





PLENARY SPEAKERS

For the EFRJ Conference in Sassari, we invited some internationally renowned speakers as well as witnesses of restorative justice experiences in different cases. New in 2022 is to include among the plenaries few keynote speeches and more roundtable and dialogues bringing together more experts (including witnesses) from the field.

In order of appearance:

1. Giovanni Grandi

Associate Professor at the University of Trieste, Italy

Giovanni Grandi is Associate Professor of Moral Philosophy at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Trieste, where he teaches Public Ethics and Conflicts, Justice and Restorative Practices and is coordinator of the Advanced Training Course in Public Ethics, Non-Hostile Communication and Conflict Management. He has been President of the Jacques Maritain Study Center (Portogruaro, VE) and of the Jacques Maritain Institute (Trieste). He is a member of the Scientific Council of the International Jacques Maritain Institute and of the Scientific Council of the Study Center on Urban Suffering - SOUQ of Milan. He directs the School of Applied Anthropology of the Jacques Maritain Institute. He is director, with Luca Grion, of the yearbook of philosophy "Anthropologica" (Ed. Meudon). He is one of the founders of the initiative "Parole O_Stili" for the promotion of non-violent communication styles online (paroleostili.it). He is the author of numerous scientific studies and popular essays in anthropology and moral philosophy. On YouTube it is possible to follow his reflections based on his academic studies. Since 1996 Giovanni takes part in the national alpine and speleological rescue corps in the region Friuli-Venezia Giulia.



The "call to action" and the moral good:

Some remarks about the words that try to cross the border between exteriority and interiority

Human experience is very familiar with "borders". Ancient philosophers were fascinated by a particular border that characterizes everyday life: the frontier between interiority and exteriority. On the one hand, the events generate feelings and thoughts within us. And on the other hand, our intimate dialogues evolve into decisions and then into actions that change the reality around us. So, there is a boundary that we all continuously cross: from external actions and events to internal words and vice versa. For the ancients these two crossings are not specular: we are passive in the first direction (from events to thoughts) and active in the second one (from thoughts to actions). We do not have the power to decide what will make us think, but we have the power to decide what we will keep inside us. Also, we have the power to decide which of our intimate thoughts (ideas, projects, purposes) will cross the border of our inner dimension and will become actions. Within these dynamics, we also find the words that other people use to address us: words that build relationships, words that offend, words that try to change our mind or to induce us to do something. Why do some of these words touch us and others fail to do so? Why do some speeches and words so easily cross the border between exteriority and interiority and others find it as an impenetrable wall? Ancient philosophers have something interesting to suggest to us about the "call to action", and particularly about the words that may support us in choosing something good but tiring. My claim is that these kinds of speeches are crucial in every restorative process.



2. Ailbhe Griffith & Marie Keenan

Advocates for restorative justice in cases of gender-based violence, Ireland

Ailbhe Griffith is an advocate for restorative justice in cases of serious violence, including sexual violence, following her own experience of a restorative meeting with the man who offended against her in 2014. Marie Keenan is one of the main leading international scholars researching on restorative justice and sexual violence; she is also an accredited psychotherapist, a restorative justice practitioner and a registered social worker, making her work multidisciplinary in terms of social, therapeutic and legal responses to sexual crime. Marie assisted Ailbhe through her own restorative journey and, since then, they have worked closely together in promoting restorative justice as an additional justice mechanism for victims of violence.

Ailbhe has spoken publicly about her experience, travelling domestically and internationally, accompanying Marie to various restorative conferences and criminal justice events. Her drive to promote restorative justice as a beneficial option for victims of violence culminated in her participation in a film depiction of her real-life restorative encounter, entitled "The Meeting", directed by Irish Director Alan Gilson. Her belief in the transformative nature of restorative justice is something she will hold forever and feels it should be made available for all victims of crime, regardless of the type of crime, should they choose it.

Ailbhe is currently working full time in the FinTech sector, while Marie is Associate Professor at the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at the University College Dublin and a member of the Advisory Board of UCD's Criminology Institute.



Changing Memory, Rebalancing Power: Sexual Violence and Restorative Justice

Much has been articulated and written about the justice needs and interests of victim / survivors of sexual violence and of their experience of criminal justice. Less is known about their experience of participating in restorative justice and the outcomes they achieve. In this presentation we focus on the experience of seven survivors of sexual violence and their experience of restorative justice. We focus in particular on two outcomes: change in the memory of the crime and the rebalancing of power. The presentation begins with the reflections of Ailbhe Griffith on her experience of sexual crime and her restorative justice meeting with the man who had offended against her. She examines how the memory of the crime changed through restorative justice and what this has meant for her life. She also discusses her experience of power in relation to the crime before, during and after restorative justice. Marie Keenan picks up these themes drawing on the reflections of six other women harmed by sexual crime, whose reflections on their participation in restorative justice form the second part of the presentation. The presentation concludes by highlighting the implications of these accounts for restorative justice theory and practice.



3. The Encounter of the Encounters

Witnesses and facilitators from the Basque Country, Italy and Northern Ireland



The Encounter of the Encounters is an informal group of participants in restorative dialogues coming from the Basque Country/Spain, Belgium, Israel and Palestine, Germany, Italy, Northern Ireland and England. The members of this group have in common the participation in restorative justice programmes in their respective countries of origin. They share the harmful effects of violence and the commitment to prevent reoccurrence from very different perspectives: the perspective of those who resorted to violence, those who were subject to it, those who were 'in between' the parties during restorative encounters, those who represent the next generation, those who study and practice restorative justice. The group is born from a spontaneous idea in front of a coffee during an inspiring dialogue in 2018 and has met for the first time in Donostia/San Sebastian a year later. The group is born from a common need to exchange the many similarities of very different stories and to build on the many different situations resulting in the same human experience of sorrow, loss, longing for peace and reconciliation. The group is open to new participants and is determined to take further steps along the paths of dialogue and encounters.

Current participants are, among others: Ivo Aertsen, Clair Aldington, Ernesto Balducci, Guido Bertagna, Emanuela Biffi, Tim Chapman, Robi Damelin, Barbara Dürkhop, Gabrio Forti, Robert Girvan, Colin Halliday, Carolin Hillemanns, Idoia Igartua, Maixabel Lasa, Katrien Lauwaert, Leire Padilla, Claudia Mazzucato, Roberto Moreno Álvarez, Agnese Moro, Alberto Olalde, Francesco Semeria, Gema Varona Martínez, Sam White, Pili Zabala Artano.

This plenary session and the participation of The Encounter of Encounters in the Conference are sponsored and financially supported by the "Federico Stella" Graduate School of Criminal Justice, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy), under the coordination of Claudia Mazzucato (Italy) in close collaboration with Clair Aldington (United Kingdom), Guido Bertagna (Italy), Emanuela Biffi (Belgium), Tim Chapman (Northern Ireland), Robi Damelin (Israel and Palestine), Idoia Igartua, Roberto Moreno Álvarez, Alberto Olalde and Gema Varona Martínez (Basque Country, Spain).

Transforming borders into bridges:

Roads of encounters

In the past years, in the Basque Country, in Italy and Northern Ireland restorative encounters have taken place in cases of political violence that had deeply affected all communities involved. Some of those responsible for harming people and some of those harmed during armed struggles have met within the free boundaries of restorative justice. To do so, each one of them had to overcome unimaginable borders, frontiers and obstacles - physical, mental, spiritual, cultural ones -, starting an unthinkable walk along an unpredictable, unprecedented, and risky path, under a mysterious urge to go precisely towards the most difficult "other". What resulted from this journey are encounters: very diverse for historical, political and cultural contexts, very similar in what they brought about. This plenary session gives the floor to some of the direct protagonists of these "European" restorative encounters and their mediators/facilitators. Together, they witness that is possible for people to change, that it is possible to live together again and respect one another, despite violent collective events. That it is possible to walk together restoratively to sites where violence occurred to compose a polyphonic memory, embracing many different, and even opposed, singular memories. Together, they witness the fruitful crossroads of restorative trajectories, that are including also participants from Israel and Palestine. The audience will be involved, first hand, in a true, challenging, restorative dialogue, whose conclusion will be nothing but, possibly, the opening of other roads for new encounters to occur worldwide. To ease the involvement of the participants in the Conference in a direct dialogue with The Encounter of The Encounters, the plenary session is followed by an additional parallel workshop.



4. Dominic Barter

International consultant on Dialogical System Design and restorative systems, Brazil

Dominic Barter collaborates in promoting sustainable, inclusive, adaptable responses to community needs. Over the last 25 years he has worked with marginalised communities, organisations, local and national governments, the UN and international agencies promoting cooperation and change, primarily in the areas of justice, education, governance, collaborative community finance and local self-determination. His innovations have inspired changes in 50 countries, from drug-gangs to corporations, in prisons, hospitals, churches, social movements, universities, police departments, militia, civil conflict and its aftermath, schools and public policy. In the mid-90s he collaborated in the development of Restorative Circles, a community-based and -owned practice for dynamic engagement with conflict that grew from conversations with residents in gang-controlled shantytown favelas in Rio de Janeiro. He adapted the practice for the Brazilian Ministry of Justice's national projects in Restorative Justice and supports its application around the world. In recent years he has supervised the mediation program for the Police Pacification Units in Rio and served as invited professor at the Standing Group for Consensual Methods of Conflict Resolution, at the High Court of Rio. A long time student and colleague of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, Dominic served as Board President of the Center for Nonviolent Communication.



Abstract

Coming soon!

5. Roundtable on restorative communities with Gian Luigi Lepri, Carla Ciavarella, Bruna Dighera, and Jasmyn Story

The conference will end with a roundtable to give visibility to different restorative-oriented community initiatives and to reflect on the role of communities as generators of dissatisfactions and conflicts as well as generators of protection and transformation.

To start with, as a "frame" for this plenary we will share the video message from the Archivio Maria Lai, the Sardinian artist that draw the image of the tree of our poster (*La Leggenda del Naufrago*), as Maria Lai (1919-2013) was experienced in activating the community with participatory art projects dedicated to conflicts as opportunities for living together.

The plenary is then dedicated to short testimonies on the role of restorative approaches in communities. The focus is the proactive role of communities to prevent and transform stereotyped visions that lead to conflicts (Tempio Pausania, Lecco) and the responsibility of communities to create injustice and harm through prejudices (the story of Jasmyn). The speakers will present different stories of conflict and different restorative approaches to work with:

- Carla Ciavarella (director of the Office of the Head of the Penitentiary Administration Department) and a person living in the prison of Nuchis, will reflect on the inspiring experience of Tempio Pausania, where a new prison for high security detainees built in 2011 has raised concerns in local citizens fearing Mafia infiltrations in the region;
- Bruna Dighera (psychologist, trainer and supervisor for L'Innominato) will present the innovative initiatives in the city of Lecco, where the "restorative scaffolding" built in past 12 years served to support the community in a restorative vision during the conflicts born out of the pandemic (e.g. between health personnel and victims of Covid-19);
- Jasmyn Elise Story (restorative justice facilitator and PhD candidate) will share their personal testimony of xenophobia while living in Italy, reflecting the needs of a larger affected community affected by prejudice and hate and proposing the importance of activating citizens in practicing restorative values.



FIELD TRIPS

Important: participants to the conference will be asked to pre-register to one of the following field trips via a webform that will be sent in the beginning of June.

Saturday 25 June afternoon

Field trips 1-2-3 depart by bus or shuttle taxi from the square in front of the music conservatory. Field trips 4-5 depart from a different address (see below)

Distance: 1,5-2 hour bus drive in two other Sardinian cities

1. Tempio Pausania Restorative City and Nuchis prison (14.00-22.00) – 50 people
2. Nuoro: restorative justice team (14.00-22.00) - 50 people

Walking distance from the music conservatory in Sassari

3. Sassari: meeting with Sardinian juvenile justice professionals (14.30-16.45) – 30 people
4. Sassari: thematic visit “Rete Thàmus” (14.30-17.00) – 25 people - Archaeological museum G.A. Sanna, Via Roma 64
5. Sassari: public dialogue “The Polarity Party” (17.00-18.30) – 70 people - University’s Aula Magna, Piazza Università

1. Tempio Pausania Restorative City and Nuchis prison

Important: ID cards and passports are needed to enter the prison of Nuchis! This field trip will be bilingual, with consecutive translation in Italian and English, for about 50 participants.

The restorative city of Tempio Pausania, well represented in the EFRJ Working Group on restorative cities, is an example of how conflicts within communities can be addressed with restorative approaches. In 2011, the new penitentiary centre of Nuchis was open and, in 2012, it was transformed into a high security prison hosting people convicted of serious crimes, mostly related to the organized criminal organisations in Campania, Calabria and Sicily. While the community members were afraid of Mafia infiltrations in the territory, the prisoners suffered the distance from their families. In 2013, an action research project was initiated with the aim see how restorative practices can be used to involve the whole community, such as schools, families, police, courts, municipalities, associations, to prevent and solve conflicts in peaceful and relational way. The final goal is to build a community based on social cohesion, as recommended by Europe 2020 and in the Agenda 2030, and to raise awareness and engagement towards restorative practices. Through a series of restorative conferences and other practices facilitated by the *Team delle Pratiche di Giustizia Riparativa* (Uniss DUMAS), Tempio Pausania became the first restorative city in Italy. Restorative practices created the opportunity to connect the worlds inside and outside the prison, to share emotions and to stop looking at the prison and its inhabitants as an isolated island. For more info visit the website: <http://giustiziariparativa.comune.tempiopausania.ot.it>

This field trip (financially supported by the Come of Tempio Pausania) will be divided in four parts:

- 1) a restorative conference in the prison of Nuchis;
- 2) a meeting in the Spazio Faber (first prison, then market, and then cultural centre of the city) with different testimonials: the vice-mayor Anna Paola Aisoni, municipality officer Piera Sotgiu, prison educator Marianna Madeddu, student Bourama Diarra, as well as volunteers from local associations, one detainee and other citizens will introduce the project;
- 3) the award ceremony of the first international Restorative Justice Art Contest launched by the Vermont School (USA) in



2020: back then three high school students from Tempio Pausania proposed "La Dea del Tempo" (the goddess of time) as an alternative image for Lady Justice, but the ceremony could not happen yet because of the pandemic;

4) an aperitive offered by the municipality in Piazza d'Italia Caffè', the bar than during the international Restorative Justice Week 2017 organised a "restorative aperitive" for the citizens.

Programme:

14:00 Departure by bus from the Music Conservatory in Sassari (1h 30m drive)

15:30 Restorative conference in the prison of Nuchis

17:30 Departure by bus from Nuchis to Tempio Pausania (15m drive+10m walk)

18:15 Meeting in the Spazio Faber for testimonials and the award ceremony

19:00 Aperitive in Piazza d'Italia Caffè'

20:00 Departure and by bus (10m walk+1h 30m drive)

21:45/22:00 Arrival at the Music Conservatory in Sassari

2. Restorative justice team in Nuoro

This field trip is also the occasion to get to know the project "*Riannodare i fili della giustizia riparativa tra reo – vittima – comunità*" (knotting again the wires of restorative justice between author, victim and community) of the social cooperative and voluntary association Ut Unum Sint. The project brings together detainees in the prison *Badu 'e Carros* in Nuoro and their families, people in alternative measures to detention and their families; non-specific, indirect victims; and the community represented by the participation of high schools' students and other citizens. These volunteers, motivated by Suor Annalisa Garofalo and Don Pietro Borrotzu, have been preparing to host the EFRJ Conference since 2020, when they sew the 350 textile bags delivered to each participant and organised the field trip.

This field trip (financially supported by Ut Unum Sint) will have five different activities:

1) a visit of the mural dedicated to victims of Covid-19 in an abandoned roundabout renovated by detainees and students (via Dessaney);

2) a visit of the social cooperative "Ut Unum Sint", located in the social centre of the parish of Beata Maria Gabriella in Nuoro (via Biasi), which promotes the social and working reintegration of people who entered in contact with the criminal justice system;

3) a meeting with the cooperative's members in a human library format, consisting of 4 "human books" sharing their testimonials in little groups;

4) launch of the aerostatic balloons with restorative justice words created by prisoners, students and family members;

5) the degustation of typical Sardinian products and food prepared by the restaurant La Torre (where 3 former detainees are working).

Programme:

14:00 Departure by bus from the Music Conservatory in Sassari (1h 45m drive with animation)

16:00 Visit of the Covid-19 mural

16:30 Visit of the cooperative "Ut Unum Sint",

17:00 Human library with 4 testimonials

18:00 Social moment with all citizens of Nuoro: aerostatic balloons and degustation

20:00 Departure by bus (1h 45m drive)

22:00 Arrival at the Music Conservatory in Sassari



3. Meeting with Sardinian juvenile justice professionals

The Juvenile Justice Services in Sassari are part of *Centro per la Giustizia Minorile* of the region Sardinia (CGM, centre for juvenile justice), the administrative decentralization organ of the Department of Juvenile and Community Justice at the Italian Ministry of Justice. In the fulfilment of its institutional mandate, the CGM coordinates, directs, monitors and evaluates the activities of the Juvenile Justice Services (e.g. social services, special treatment and first reception centres for minors), supports the coordination of different bodies (e.g. local, national and international authorities and institutions; social and volunteering associations) and conducts research, monitoring and analysis of the phenomenon of juvenile deviance.

This field trip includes meetings with different professionals dedicated to juvenile (restorative) justice: the director of the CGM of Sardinia (Gianpaolo Cassitta); the president of the juvenile court of Sassari (magistrate Guido Vecchione); the prosecutor of the juvenile court of Sassari (Luisella Fenu); the regional responsible for restorative justice and mediation (Caterina Perra); the director or an operator (TBC) of the *Servizi Minorili* di Sassari (services for minors), *Ufficio Servizio Sociale Minorenni – USSM* (office of social services for minors), and *Centro Diurno Polifunzionale - CDP* (multifunctional day centres).

It also includes a visit to the *CDP* (accompanying young people in their growth and development) and the murals made by the youngsters during one of their *laboratori* (group workshops to educate about legality).

Programme:

14.30 Departure by shuttle taxi from the Music Conservatory (10 min drive)

14.45 Meetings with different professionals

16.20 Visit of the *CDP* and the murals

16.45 Departure by shuttle taxi to the Music Conservatory (10 min drive)

4. Thematic visit of Sassari “Rete Thàmus”

This cultural and thematic visit of Sassari is offered by the municipality and tourist office (*Comune di Sassari - Turismo Sassari*). A guided tour is planned to visit some historical places of detention and punishment in Sassari, dating back to a period between the XIII century and XIX century. Note that it will not be possible to visit the two prisons inside because of renovation works; the tour is offered in Italian, with consecutive translation in English.

The itinerary includes a visit to historical prison sites and places in which convictions were carried out, including:

- the old prison of San Sebastiano, built in the mid-1800 following the classical canons of Savoy architecture (thick walls, solid foundation and different rows to divide and control the prisoners), famous for the numerous revolts, repression and violence committed by the prisoners. Part of the prison, the museum of memory is dedicated to the hard living conditions of prisoners;
- the Court;
- the palace of the prefecture in Piazza Italia;
- the prisons of the *Castello Aragonese* (castle) with the inquisition court from 1563 to 1707;
- the statue of the Italian jurist Alberto Azuni (1749-1827);
- the medieval prison of San Leonardo in Piazza Tola in use from 1300 to mid-1800;
- the *Palazzo di Città* (city palace) outside of which the pillory was located;
- the *Confraternita dell’Orazione e Morte* (confraternity of prayer and death) at the Church of San Giacomo, founded in Sassari by a pious association of Knights and Dames and affiliated to the *Confraternita* in 1568 which had the purpose to accompany the death sentenced prisoners at the gallows and burial and to assist their families;
- the *Casa del Boia* (house of the executioner) in Piazza Quadrato Frasso;



- the seats of the gallows in Piazza San Paolo and Via Pasquale Paoli, used for executions and to place publicly the heads of the death sentences prisoners.

Programme:

15.30 Departure by foot from the Sassari's archaeological museum Giovanni Antonio Sanna (Via Roma 64)

18.00 End of the visit in the area of the Church San Paolo (Via Enrico Besta)

5. Public dialogue “The Polarity Party”

As part of their European tour 2022, the MichaelDouglas Kollektiv (a collective group of dancers from Germany) and its participatory choreographic event “The Polarity Party” will join us in Sassari. This immersive public event uses movement, perception (or senses) and dialogue to enable a process of collective thinking dedicated to challenges which are key in our societies such as polarisation. Large groups of participants (max 120) will step into a field of action where choreography and conflict engagement meet. This artistic work is shaped by collective creative processes, in line with other practices meant to create more just, safe and connected societies, such as restorative justice. The coordinator of the European tour of the project “The art of conflict and restorative dialogues: Where choreography and conflict resolution meet” is the European Forum for Restorative Justice, funded by Perform Europe. Other partners are the Bucharest Fringe Festival (Romania) and the Malta Festival Poznań (Poland), two internationally renowned art festival with a programme dedicated to participatory approaches to arts and community building for social transformation and intercultural dialogue.

The event has no observing audience (spectators take an active role in the performance), it is bilingual (Italian/English), it is open to the wider public, and it is accessible to all as it does not require any physical skill. During this field trip, participants interact with the MDK as well as with trained local artists from Sardinia. The methodologies covered are applicable in fields ranging from social work and mediation to business and education, to the arts and public dialogue.

Programme:

17.00-18.30 Event at Sassari University's Aula Magna, Piazza Università

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

The details about the parallel workshops will be shared soon (abstracts and biographies of the authors). [Download here](#) the draft schedule of the 12 parallel workshop sessions spread in 6 different times on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June 2022. Once you download and open the pdf, you can Zoom in (Ctrl+Plus) to read all titles and speakers, if you are curious to know more about the programme and choose your preferred workshops already!





ORGANIZERS

The EFRJ traditionally co-organizes its conferences with its local members. In Sardinia, it cooperates with its members from the *Team delle Pratiche di Giustizia Riparativa* (Uniss DUMAS) and other local promoters. In Italy, the EFRJ actively cooperates with several other active EFRJ members spread across the country: get to know our co-organisers and sponsors below!

The Conference has been granted the patronage of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić), the *Università degli Studi di Sassari* (Sassari University), the *Comune di Sassari* and the *Comune di Tempio Pausania* (municipalities), and the *Associazione Italiana di Psicologia* (Italian association of psychology). The patronages of the *Presidente della Repubblica Italiana*, of the Italian *Ministero della Giustizia*, of the *Dipartimento dell'Amministrazione Penitenziaria*, of the *Dipartimento per la Giustizia Minorile e di Comunità*, and of the *Regione Autonoma della Sardegna* have been requested.

Team delle Pratiche di Giustizia Riparativa – Uniss DUMAS, Sassari (Sardinia)

The Team of restorative justice practices of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sassari (Uniss DUMAS) has been working, for over a decade, on the experimentation, development and dissemination of a community model that promotes lifestyles, prevention and management of damage and conflicts in respect of human dignity, for the well-being of people and communities. In 2014, starting from the social conflict generated by the opening in Nuchis of a new prison intended for convicted Mafia crimes, the Team started a process that led Tempio Pausania to be recognized as the first restorative city in Italy. The Co.Re. - Community of Restorative Relationships was an inspiration for other Italian restorative cities. The core *Team* is composed by Prof. Patrizia Patrizi (EFRJ Board), Gian Luigi Lepri, Ernesto Lodi, Maria Luisa Scarpa, and Lucrezia Perrella, and it is always supported by the administrative officer of Sassari University, Marco Rizzi.

CO-ORGANIZERS

Associazione Psicolus - Scuola Romana Di Psicologia Giuridica, Rome (Lazio)

The association *Psicolus* reflects the school of thought that developed from the theoretical work of Prof. Gaetano De Leo, then continued by Prof. Patrizia Patrizi and her group. This approach inspires combines legal psychology and restorative justice in the various fields of application, through research, theoretical study, training, scientific outreach, community awareness and networking. *Psicolus* has been involved throughout the all organisation of the EFRJ Conference.

Associazione Culturale Music & Movie, Sassari (Sardinia)

The cultural association *Music & Movie* was founded in Sassari in 2006. It is supported by the *FUS - Fondo Unico per lo Spettacolo* (a funding scheme for entertainment) and the Autonomous Region of Sardinia. The association is committed to tolerance, overcoming barriers, hope, critical thinking, joy, art, and entertainment. Its funder, Roberto Manca, has been a key local supporter and promoter of the EFRJ events.





SPONSORS

The conference is financially supported by the **Justice Programme of the European Commission** and it counts on additional financial or in kind support, or bursaries for experts to attend the conference. Among others:

Alta Scuola “Federico Stella” sulla Giustizia Penale (ASGP), Milan (Lombardy)

The graduate school of criminal justice ASGP was founded in 2017, as the eighth Graduate School of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. It brings together the wealth of skills, experience, and ideals that the “Federico Stella” Study Centre on Criminal Justice and Policy has created since 2008. Directed by Gabrio Forti, ASGP promotes theoretical and applied research on the problems of criminal justice and criminal policy, capitalising on methods and results of criminological research as well as on the contributions of empirical social sciences. ASGP is a “legal design lab” whose aim is twofold: analyse and discuss criminal justice practices and put forward possible policy and judicial reforms as well as best practices proposals. ASGP’s numerous studies are focused on innovative areas such as restorative justice, justice and literature, crimes against cultural heritage, environmental justice, corporate criminal law. ASGP’s higher education programmes leverage the expertise of distinguished scholars, magistrates, lawyers and other renowned experts. Thanks to ASGP sponsoring and financially supporting the participation of The Encounter of Encounters in the conference, coordinated by Prof. Claudia Mazzucato.

Associazione Italiana Psicologia (AIP) – Sezione Psicologia Sociale, Rome (Lazio)

The Italian association of psychology AIP has been the national reference point for psychologists working in universities and research institutes since 1992. The AIP-Sezione di Psicologia Sociale (section dedicated to social psychology) in 2018 awarded a prize to Prof. Patrizia Patrizi for the dissemination and social impact activities carried out by the Team delle Pratiche di Giustizia Riparativa (Uniss). The prize was dedicated to the memory of her teacher Prof. Gaetano De Leo (1940-2006), full professor of legal psychology, who anticipated restorative justice orientations on juvenile criminal proceedings in Italy. Patrizia donated this prize (consisting of two registration fees to the EFRJ Conference) to two young people under 35 who submitted an abstract to present at the Conference in 2020 (then postponed to 2022), Chiara Cappellari and Simone Grigoletto.

Cooperativa sociale UT UNUM SINT, Nuoro (Sardinia)

The social cooperative and voluntary association UT UNUM SINT are located in the social aggregation center of the parish B. Maria Gabriella of Nuoro and promote socio-occupational placements aimed at people who have entered the criminal circuit. It coordinates a restorative justice project bringing together people in prison and probation, indirect victims, their families, young students and other citizens. In the months prior to the EFRJ Conference 2020 (then postponed to 2022), these volunteers, with totally different backgrounds and stories, worked together to sew the 350 textile bags of our conference, offered their printing and financially supported and organised the field trip to Nuoro, including the bus trip and the degustation of traditional Sardinian products.

Parrocchia San Paolo Apostolo & Emporio della Solidarietà Braccia Tese, Sassari (Sardinia)

The parish of Saint Paul Apostle in Sassari was founded in 1972. Alongside everything that concerns the religious and liturgical aspects, the parish is a center of aggregation that hosts and organizes cultural initiatives on different social issues and makes its facilities available to the neighborhood free of charge. Its *Emporio* (the first Sardinian solidarity store), born in 2014, supports people living in difficult socio-economic situations by offering the opportunity to have free products. The outdoor spaces of the parish will host the social dinner of the EFRJ Conference.

Associazione Comunità Il Gabbiano, Lecco (Lombardy)

The association community Il Gabbiano (the seagull) is a non-profit organization which has been working for more than 35 years in the region Lombardy with addictions (drugs, alcohol, gambling), criminal and deviant behaviours, HIV, mental health, social vulnerabilities, and migratory routes. Il Gabbiano is promoting projects and actions to spread community-oriented restorative approaches in partnership with territorial networks and local citizens. It represents *Lecco Città Riparativa* in the



EFRJ's Working Group of Restorative Cities. This association offered one bursary to support the free participation one waiver applicant and supported the plenary on restorative communities.

Comune di Sassari - Turismo Sassari (Sardinia)

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University of Macerata (Marche)

Associazione Comunità La Collina, Sardinia – Cagliari (Sardinia)

Associazione Aleteia (Tuscany)

Centro di servizio per il volontariato Monza Lecco Sondrio (Lombardy)

Acqua Smeraldina, Tempio Pausania (Sardinia)

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

Laboratorio di Produzioni Audiovisive Offi_CINE, Sassari (Sardinia)

The laboratory of audiovisual productions Offi_CINE was born from the professorship of history and criticism of the cinema in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sassari University (Uniss DUMAS). It offers students the opportunity to deal with professional equipment and acquire skills related to digital shooting and video editing to produce audiovisual products. The laboratory also produces videos of documentation and dissemination of the activities of the DUMAS. The Offi_CINE supports the production of the videorecordings and films of the EFRJ Conference.

Catalan TV, Alghero (Sardinia)

Born in 2004, Catalan TV broadcasts locally thanks to a rule that protects linguistic minorities with the schedule consisting of programs in Italian language and in Algherese dialect (variant of the Catalan language). Catalan TV aims to make the reality of Alghero better known and to disseminate the use of dialect, but it also supports the dissemination of international events such as the EFRJ Conference.

Radio Venere, Sassari (Sardinia)

"Your city, one radio!" is the slogan that distinguishes Radio Venere. A service for the whole province of Sassari and the only radio in the territory that has in its programming DJs, speakers and journalists strictly live. It offers information and entertainment also by inviting artists and guest speakers; among others Board member Patrizia Patrizi was invited several times to talk about restorative justice and the EFRJ Conference.



ADDITIONAL TOURISTIC THEMATIC TIPS

The island of Sardinia offers many reasons to organize a beautiful holiday! We would like to share some "thematic tips", for those who wish to continue the journey on some of the topics addressed during the EFRJ Conference. Distances are meant from Sassari (thus the tips are proposed from the nearest one to the farthest one to the EFRJ Conference venue). Please note that the EFRJ will not organize any of these side trips: get in touch by clicking on the hyperlinks.

- Near Alghero, 40 min drive, the *Museo della Memoria Carceraria* (museum of prison memory) of the former agricultural penal colony *Casa Gioiosa* of **Tramariglio** is situated inside the old cells of the penitentiary, now the prestigious location of the Porto Conte Park and the protected marine area of Capo Caccia - Isola Piana. Two floors full of history and stories tell the everyday life of its past through photo galleries and objects with an important evocative function (clothes, work tools, etc.).
- The murals in the village of **Orgosolo**, 2 hours' drive, were drawn as a communication and protest tool in the second half of the 20th century.
- The uninhabited island of **Asinara**, reachable by bus and boat in 2,5 hours, hosted for almost 30 years the high security prison where many Mafia members, including the boss Totò Riina, were detained, and it is now a national park including unique wildlife such as the albino donkeys.
- The agricultural penal colony of **Isili**, 3 hours' drive, is the oldest still existing in Italy. It is a facility where inmates work outdoors as ranchers or farmers, instead of being locked in a cell. The collaboration with the inhabitants of Isili permitted that more jobs were taught to the inmates (blacksmith, baker, butcher, laborer, carpenter). The goal was a sort of autonomy of the penal colony from the outside world in which everyone could make their own contribution and, once the sentence was served, feel integrated into society.
- The association *Comunità la Collina* (the hill) di **Serdiana**, near Cagliari, 3 hours' drive, is a community hosting young adults convicted of serious crimes. Through different rehabilitation programs, it supports their desistance process and their social reintegration into the community. Differently from the traditional prison systems, La Collina fully respects the constitutional requirement that the penalty must re-educate without infringing the human rights of the offender. This association offered 3 bursaries to support the free registration to the EFRJ conference of some waiver applicants.

