

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

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Dr Maéva Clément (Osnabrück University) GENDERING COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION: Transnational peacebuilding discourses and practices

ABSTRACT: Dr. Clément will present ongoing research into peacebuilding discourses and practices that have emerged since the early 2000s around community reconciliation. Specifically, she explores three central discourses that interact to produce specific understandings of reconciliation: a transnational discourse of expert reconcilers, a peacebuilding discourse on community interventions, and a discourse on women's participation in peacebuilding aligning with the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. She argues that, where these discourses intersect, particular gendered understandings of community reconciliation have emerged, marginalizing alternative meanings. Such understandings have enabled the expansion of peacebuilding practices centering on individual and social healing, as exemplified in MHPSS and memorialization interventions. Using a double analytical lens – feminist peace research and emotion research in International Relations – she interrogates critically the transformative potential of such developments.

Dr Maéva Clément is a Lecturer in International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies at the Institute of Social Sciences, Osnabrück University, Germany. She teaches and researches topics at the intersection of collective emotions, gender, violence and peace. Her monograph *Collective emotions and political violence* was published by Manchester University Press in 2023. Previously, she co-edited the volume *Armed non-state actors and the politics of recognition* (2021) and a methodological volume entitled *Researching emotions in International Relations* (2018). Her current project seeks to understand the gender transformative potential of community reconciliation when it is understood, practiced and experienced as a transformation of emotions.