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EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

ECHOES OF RESTORATIVE ENCOUNTERS

VOICES, EVIDENCE, AND THE RIPPLE EFFECTS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ACTION



PROGRAMME

Poznań, Poland, 11th – 13th June 2026


Social dinner
Szeląg Garden
Ugory, 97
Opening plenaries
Collegium Iuridicum
Novum, Al.
Niepodległości, 53
Main venue
SWPS University
Kutrzeby 10
Poznań
Station
Informal gathering
KontenerART
Ewangelicka, 61
Poznań
To get an idea of distances:
Between SWPS University and Szeląg Garden is 2.3 km/30 min by foot.

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WELCOME TO POZNAŃ

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Poznań, a city whose very name is rooted in a legend of connection and rediscovery. According to tradition, the name comes from the exclamation "Poznaję!" ("I recognise!"), shouted by three brothers when they met again after years of separation. While historians point to a more pragmatic founding, the story of recognition and reconnection perfectly mirrors the spirit of our gathering.

Poznań has always been a city of rational thinking and pragmatic conflict resolution. At a time when Poland had lost its sovereignty and was divided between neighbouring powers, many uprisings took place across the country. Most did not succeed, but the Greater Poland Uprising (Wielkopolskie Uprising) was a victory – you can even visit a museum dedicated to it during your stay. This spirit of pride, dignity, and pragmatism remains vibrant in the city today, making Poznań the perfect host for this conference.

Today, as we navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world, the need for authentic human connection has never been more urgent. This gathering is a unique opportunity to look at these modern challenges through the lens of solidarity and collaboration. We are thrilled to welcome you all to Poznań and invite you to join hands in this vital work: cultivating new networks of support, exchanging ideas, and strengthening the foundation of our global community.

The theme of this year's conference focuses on the far-reaching impact of restorative justice for individuals and societies. Together, we are here to explore how restorative practices can serve as a catalyst for community transformation and systemic change. This gathering builds on a rich legacy of past conferences, where we have continuously witnessed the incredible power of local communities to transform conflict, heal shared challenges, and weave stronger social fabrics.

We invite you to add your voice to this legacy. We hope this conference inspires conversations that reach beyond traditional frameworks, offering fresh perspectives and practical inspiration for everyone who believes that conflicts can be turned into opportunities for meaningful connection.

Beyond our sessions, we encourage you to step out and experience the warmth of this city. Wander through the historic Old Market Square and sample our famous St. Martin's croissants (a local pastry born out of a tradition of charity and sharing).

Savour every conversation, every new connection, and every moment of discovery.

On behalf of the Poznań conference organising team,

Aleksandra Dopierała
SWPS University

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

European Forum for Restorative Justice

The European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ), founded in 2000 and located at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) is a non-profit organisation contributing to the development of restorative justice in Europe. It is a European (and international) platform with more than 450 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 high quality restorative justice services. The EFRJ focuses on the application of restorative justice to criminal matters but also to other areas where conflicts and injustices arise, such as family, school, workplace, and community.

The EFRJ contributes to the development of restorative justice with a wide range of activities. It conducts research and publishes and translates results in reports and practice guidelines, organises international conferences, seminars, summer schools, winter academies, trainings and workshops (online and live), operates an information network, shares knowledge through many communication channels, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. On the policy level, among others, it cooperates with other large European networks, it is part of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (together with CEP – Confederation of European Probation, and Europris – European Organisationof Prison and Correctional Services), 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 and Consumers 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.

13th International EFRJ Conference

The 13th International Conference of the European Forum for Restorative Justice is organisedin in Poznań (Poland) on 11th – 13th June 2026, following previous editions in Leuven, Budapest, Oostende, Verona, Barcelona, Bilbao, Helsinki, Belfast, Leiden, Tirana, Sassari and Tallinn.

This event explores how restorative justice contributes to personal transformation and, potentially, institutional and societal change. It aims to critically examine how we understand, evaluate, and make visible the impact of restorative justice, from individual experiences to systemic developments across criminal justice, education, communities, and beyond. Central to this exploration is the question of how restorative justice supports individuals in rediscovering their own power, how such empowerment may contribute to broader social transformation, and how this change can be made visible in respectful, inclusive, and credible ways that influence practice, policy, and public understanding.

The conference programme brings together a diverse range of perspectives, combining personal stories and testimonies from people with lived experience of restorative justice with large-scale scientific studies and national evaluations on its impact at both individual and societal levels. The programme will encourage discussions on restorative-oriented methodologies for evaluating restorative justice programmes and for assessing their effectiveness in driving meaningful social change. A key aim of the conference is to highlight unheard voices and alternative methods, ensuring inclusivity in how impact is documented and interpreted. It also seeks to foster honest reflection, learning not only from successes but also from challenges and limitations in practice, research and policy work.

Conference themes

From Lived Experience to Evidence

Restorative justice begins with people: those harmed, those who caused harm, their closed networks, communities at large, and restorative practitioners. How do we translate these deeply personal experiences into credible, ethical, and useful forms of evidence, without flattening their complexity or compromising restorative justice values? This theme explores how data collection and evaluation can reflect the heart of restorative justice while informing cultural and systemic change.

From Innovation to Public Influence

Restorative justice continues to evolve, adapting to new contexts, embracing innovative methods and emerging technologies, and reimagining how its core values are practised, taught, and shared. Yet its future depends not only on how it is implemented, but also on how its meaning and impact are communicated to diverse audiences. This theme looks at how restorative justice is evolving in practice (from digital formats and culturally responsive approaches to new pedagogies, standards, and training models) and how stories, strategy, and innovation shape its public presence and influence.

From Practice to Systemic Change

Restorative justice often begins with dialogue, but it aspires to broader transformation. It holds the potential to shape not only interpersonal relationships, but also the institutions, policies, and cultures that structure our societies. This theme explores how restorative (justice) principles are being embedded (or resisted) within systems such as justice, education, governance, and civil society. It invites reflection on the difference between improving existing systems and creating truly transformative alternatives

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

	WED JUNE 10TH	THU JUNE 11TH	FRI JUNE 12TH	SAT JUNE 13TH
9AM	9 am – 4:30 pm Pre-conference Practice Day @SWPS University	9 am – 12:30 pm Conference | plenaries | @Collegium Iuridicum Novum	9 am – 5:30 pm Conference | parallel workshops | @SWPS University	9:30 am – 1 pm Conference | poster shows & plenaries | @SWPS University
11AM				
12:30 PM				
2 PM		2 pm – 5:30 pm Conference | parallel workshops | @SWPS University		
3 PM				3 pm – 6 pm Field visits @different venues
5 PM	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting & Award Ceremony			
8 PM		7:30pm – 10pm Social dinner @Szeląg Garden		
9 PM			9 pm – 11 pm Networking & music @KontenerART	

Wednesday, 10th June 2026

SWPS University, Kutrzeby 10, 61-719 Poznań — 2nd floor

08:30–09:00	*Registrations*	
09:00–16:30	Pre-conference Practice Day Two parallel workshops	A204 A206
16:30–17:00	*Registrations*	
17:00–19:00	Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership	A201
19:00–19:30	European Restorative Justice Award Ceremony & Reception	A201

Thursday, 11th June 2026

Collegium Iuridicum Novum, Al. Niepodległości 53, 61-714 Poznań — 1st–2nd floor

08:15–09:00 *Registrations*

09:00–09:15 Institutional Welcome — Auditorium Maximum UAM

Moderator: Edit Törzs, Executive Director at the European Forum for Restorative Justice

- Marceli Kwaśniewski and Aleksandra Dopierała, Local hosts on behalf of European Mediation Institute and the SWPS University
- Sławomir Pałka, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Justice of Poland
- Brunilda Pali, Chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice

09:15–09:40	Opening Addresses	Auditorium Maximum UAM
	Foundations of (Restorative) Justice: Out Of Plato's Cave. • Marek Piechowiak (Poland), Professor at the Faculty of Psychology and Law of the SWPS University	
	Polish Restorative Justice in European Perspective • Anna Matczack (The Netherlands/ Poland), Senior lecturer in Comparative Criminology at The Hague University of Applied Sciences	
09:45–10:00	Interactive Session Facilitators: EFRJ Secretariat	
10:05–10:30	Plenary I – Restorative Justice in Dark Times Moderator: Brunilda Pali (The Netherlands), Assistant Professor of Conflict Dynamics and Resolution at the University of Amsterdam • Vasilios Ioakimides (Greece), Professor of Historical and Comparative Social Work at the University of West Attica	
10:30–11:00	*Comfort break*	
11:00–12:30	Plenary II – From Lived Experience to Public Influence Moderator: Borbala Fellegi (Hungary), Founder of the Foresee Research Group and Assistant Professor at the International Institute for Restorative Practices • Luce Goutelle (France/ Belgium), Artist and independent researcher, co-founder of Loops asbl • Chen Alon & Sulaiman Khatib (Israel and Palestine), Founders of Combatants of Peace Special guest: Ailbhe Griffith (Ireland), Restorative justice ambassador, protagonist of the film "The meeting"	
12:30–13:45	*Lunch* & Go to SWPS (7 minute walk/ 450m)	

SWPS University, Kutrzeby 10, 61–719 Poznań — 2nd floor

14:00–15:30	Parallel Workshops I	A201 A202 A203
15:30–16:00	*Comfort break*	A204 A205
16:00–17:30	Parallel Workshops II	A206 A207 A208

Szeląg Garden, Ugory 97, Poznań

18:45–19:10	Group walk from B&B Old Town Hotel via Poznań Garbary station, then along the river to Szeląg Garden
19:30–22:00	Social dinner at Szeląg Garden

Friday, 12th June 2026

SWPS University, Kutrzeby 10, 61–719 Poznań — 2nd floor

08:15–09:00	Welcome	
09:00–10:30	Parallel Workshops III	A201 A202
10:30–11:00	*Comfort break*	A203 A204
11:00–12:30	Parallel Workshops IV	A205 A206
12:30–14:00	*Lunch*	A207 A208
14:00–15:30	Parallel Workshops V	
15:30–16:00	*Comfort break*	
16:00–17:30	Parallel Workshops VI	

17:30–18:15	Launch of the International Encyclopaedia of Restorative Justice & Reception by De Gruyter Brill • Audrey McMahon, Acquisitions Editor, Brill • Ivo Aertsen & Jennifer Llewellyn, General Editors of the Encyclopaedia • Frieder Dünkel & Andrea Păroşanu, Editors of the European volume	2nd floor Networking hall

KontenerART, ul. Ewangelicka 61–856 Poznań

21:00–23:00	Informal gathering at KontenerART	

Saturday, 13th June 2026

SWPS University, Kutrzeby 10, 61–719 Poznań

09:15–09:30	Welcome	2nd floor Networking hall
09:30–10:10	Posters & networking cafe	Ground floor
10:15–11:45	Plenary III – From Practice to Evidence Moderator: Fernanda Fonseca Rosenblatt (Brazil), Professor of Law at the Catholic University of Pernambuco and Associate Professor at the International Institute for Restorative Practices • Giuseppe Maglione (United Kingdom/ Italy), Lecturer at the University of Kent and Director of the Restorative Justice Clinic • Daniela Bolívar (Chile), Associate professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile • Kim Magiera (Germany) , Mediator in penal matters and lecturer and researcher at the University of Kiel • Gabor Hera (Hungary), Researcher at the ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies Special guest: Christa Pelikan (Austria), Senior researcher and founding member of the EFRJ	A005

11:50–12:10 Plenary IV – Living Restorative Values

Moderator: Edit Törzs, Executive Director at the European Forum for Restorative Justice

- John Braithwaite (Australia), Co-founder of the Center for Restorative Justice at the Australian National University

12:15–12:45 Closing reflections

- Marieta Tosheva, Legal and Policy Officer at the European Commission DG Justice
- Beata Czarnecka-Dzialuk , Former EFRJ Board member and associate emeritus professor at the Faculty of Law of the Universty of Gdańsk
- Marceli Kwaśniewski and Aleksandra Dopierała, on behalf of European Mediation Institute and the SWPS University
- Brunilda Pali and Edit Törzs, on behalf of the European Forum for Restorative Justice

12:45–14:00 *Lunch*

Various locations

15:00–18:00 Field visits

- In dialogue with Polish judges
- Visit of a restorative primary school
- In dialogue with Gdańsk and Wrocław restorative cities
- Let's play restorative games in the park!
- Talk with the Combatants of Peace at local cultural festival
- City walk on justice and urban arts

PLENARIES

To know more about the plenary sessions and our speakers, check our website through the QR code.



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What are the foundations of (restorative) justice? A short journey into Plato's philosophy.



Marek Piechowiak

Poland

Head of the Department of Public Law and Theory of Law at SWPS University in Poznań. Poland's first Commissioner for Children's Rights.

What can the Polish experience tell us about the foundations and impact of restorative justice in Europe?

Anna Matczak

The Netherlands/ Poland

Senior Lecturer in Comparative Criminology, The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Currently involved in a EFRJ project on violence against women.



Can we rethink social work and restorative justice through complicity, resistance and the politics of care?



Vasilios Ioakimidis

Greece

Professor of Social Work at the University of West Attica, Athens, and Chair of the International Federation of Social Workers–Global Education Commission.



How can personal stories transform public understanding of harm and justice? An invitation to explore restorative justice through the voices of creative activists and changemakers.

Luce Goutelle

France/ Belgium

Artist and independent researcher. Co-founder of Looops asbl, a laboratory for artistic creation and experimental research including *Traverser Transcender* on healing after sexual violence and the theatre "Les ré parations".

Sulaiman Khatib & Chen Alon

Palestine and Israel

Co-founders of Combatants of Peace, a non-violent movement against the occupation. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017-2018. Protagonists of the documentary "There is Another Way".

How can we evaluate the impact of restorative justice, and what tools do we have to do so? A "marketplace" of research methods, evaluation tools, and the many forms impact can take.











Daniela Bolívar

Chile

Associate professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, researching victims' experience in restorative justice. Featured methodology: qualitative interviews centered on the voices of victim-survivors with lived experience of restorative justice.

Gábor Héra

Hungary

Sociologist and research fellow at the ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies in Hungary. Featured methodology: participatory action research to engage practitioners and participants as co-researchers in cycles of action and reflection.

Kim Magiera

Germany

Researcher at Ulm University Medical Center in Germany, and mediator in penal matters. Featured methodology: video-based and observational research to analyse gestures, gaze, and micro-interactions during restorative justice encounters.

Giuseppe Maglione

United Kingdom/ Italy

Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Kent and Director of the Restorative Justice Clinic. Featured methodology: discourse analysis exploring how restorative justice is shaped through policy language revealing hidden power dynamics.

Christa Pelikan

Austria

Senior researcher in restorative justice and founding member of the EFRJ. Formerly based at the Institute for the Sociology of Law and Criminology in Vienna (Austria). Recipient of the European Restorative Justice Award (2016).



Can restorative justice become a holistic way of living across relationships, cultures and social wounds? A reflection on holistic restorative justice and self-evaluation of our lives.



John Braithwaite

Australia

Emeritus Distinguished Professor of the Australian National University, recipient of the 2024 Balzan Prize. Forthcoming publication: a new book on holistic restorative justice as a better way of living.

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

The programme features 48 workshop sessions proposed by participants, as well as by EFRJ Working Groups and Committees marked by the EFRJ logo .

Workshops cover topics from criminal, transitional, and social justice on issues such as gender-based violence, terrorism, environmental harm, institutional abuse, hate crime and other areas of application for restorative justice.

Parallel workshops last 80 minutes (within timeslots of 90 minutes) and include a range of formats, including panels, dialogue sessions, testimonials, skills labs, and presentations. Some sessions combine multiple contributions within the timeslot.

The following pages provide an overview of the workshops. Scan the QR code below to access abstracts, speaker biographies, and practical information on our website.



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Parallel Workshop I

Thursday, 11th June 2026

14:00 – 15:30

A201	PANEL 80' Lessons from the International Encyclopaedia of Restorative Justice: The Potential of Justice Transformations (Aertsen, BE; Begum, SG; Dünkel, DE; Llewellyn, CA; Păroşanu, DE)
A202	PRESENTATION 20' Time to Take a Step Back and Reevaluate: A German Case Study (Kunde, DE) PRESENTATION 20' Restorative Justice Act Manitoba: Insights, Critiques and Recommendations (Funk & Blaine, CA) PRESENTATION 20' Increasing Restorative Justice Referrals: The Catalan Strategy (Asensio Pedrol & de la Camara de Delas, ES) PRESENTATION 20' Coordinating Local Restorative Justice Services: A National–Local Governance Model (Ferrari, IT)
A203	TESTIMONIAL 80' Human Library Carrousel of Practitioners Working Restoratively in Prisons (Wolthuis, Claes, Graaff, van Maanen & van der Meulen, NL)
A204	PANEL 80' Beyond Recidivism: Reframing Impact Measurement for Diversionary Restorative Justice for Children and Young People (Van den Broeck, BE; Randazzo, BE; van der Spek, NL; Diallo, BE)
A205	PRESENTATION 20' How Can Restorative Justice Be Conceived on a Large Scale? Reflections on the French Commission for Recognition and Reparation (Kappelhoff–Lançon, FR) CREATIVE 60' Comparative Case Studies using Restorative Justice for Organisational Harm: The Appreciative Evaluation Tool (Varona, ES)
A206	SKILLS LAB 80' Restorative Justice Innovation: A Motivational Interviewing–Informed Model for Practice and Public Influence (Delaney, IE)
A207	PRESENTATION 20' Addressing the Needs of Sexual Violence Victims through Restorative Justice in Nepal (Prapoosa, NZ) DIALOGUE 60' Listening to Survivor's Testimonies about Restorative Justice in Cases of Sexual Harm (Cochrane, UK; Zinsstag, UK; Madsen, DK; Johanson, EE) – EFRJ Working Group
A208	CREATIVE 80' An Ancient Restorative Dialogue? A Workshop on Art and Conflict Transformation Based on the Iliad (Reggio & Crosera, IT)

Parallel Workshop II

Thursday, 11th June 2026
16:00– 17:30

A201	DIALOGUE 80' Guiding Lights in Practice: Using Core Principles and Values to Promote Good Practice (Christen-Schneider, CH; Törzs, BE; Quine, UK) – EFRJ Committee
A202	OPEN ROOM TO REST, RECHARGE, REFLECT & CONNECT
A203	DIALOGUE 80' Holding Space for LGBTQIA+ Restorative Professionals (Madsen, DK; Bevington, UK)
A204	SKILLS LAB 80' Youth Participation in Restorative Justice: Transforming Systems Through Intergenerational Constellations (Bligh Manchester, US; Omosowho, UK)
A205	DIALOGUE 40' Restorative Justice and the Societal Mandate of Schools: Opportunities, Risks, and Systemic Tensions (Van den Broeck & Radstake, NL) PANEL 40' Restorative Practices in Academia: Successes, Tensions, and Prospects for the Future (Sweeney & Twyman-Ghoshal, UK; Gregory, FR)
A206	SKILLS LAB 40' Action-learning: Fatherhood That Stays in Prison (Kamphuis, Thomas, Stam & Claes, NL) PANEL 40' Restorative Justice in Prisons and Probation: From Local Practice to Systemic Change Through Cross-National Dialogue (Hobson, UK; Lillis, IE; Solodov, EE; Wolthuis, NL)
A207	DIALOGUE 80' Reconnecting and Cultivating Response-ability Through Storytelling During a Genocide (Pali, NL; Fellegi, HU)
A208	SKILLS LAB 80' Rehearsing the Dialogue: ArtsBased Tools for Restorative Justice Practitioners (Goutelle, FR/BE)

Parallel Workshop III

Friday, 12th June 2026

09:00– 10:30

A201	PANEL 80' Exploring Restorative Justice as a Relational Framework for Justice and Peace Making in Transitions (Llewellyn, CA; Parmentier, BE; Umaña, ES/CO; Zinsstag, UK) – EFRJ Working Group
A202	TESTIMONIAL 80' Invisible Online: University Students' Perspectives on Restorative Responses to Digital Harm (Mazzucato & 11 students, IT)
A203	PRESENTATION 20' Doing and Being Restorative: From Practice to Systemic Change in Prisons (Doolin, NZ) SKILLS LAB 60' Victim–Awareness and Restorative Training in Prison (Jooren, Kampert & Harmsen, NL)
A204	PRESENTATION 20' How to Upscale a Restorative Dialogue to a Community Level? (Luyten & Van der Stappen, BE) DIALOGUE 60' Restorative Justice in Healthcare (Carroll, UK)
A205	DIALOGUE 40' Relational Peer Mediation and the Questions of Power: Overcoming Hierarchies in the Classroom and Beyond (Warwas & Wolthuis, NL) DIALOGUE 40' How Relational and Restorative Practice can Transform the Whole School System (Hopkins, UK; Mooiman, NL) – EFRJ Working Group
A206	DIALOGUE 80' Holding the Holder: A Restorative Circle on Practitioner Wellbeing (Lapouge, FR; Scullion, UK)
A207	DIALOGUE 40' Restorative Justice in Criminal Law: Between Idealism and Reality (Gruodytė & Keturakienė, LT) PANEL 40' Strengthening Safety in Restorative Justice for Domestic Abuse Through Coercive Control Awareness (Schaller, CH; Chapman, UK)
A208	CREATIVE 80' Art Therapy and Restorative Justice: Using Art and Drama to Find a Way Forward (Liebmann, UK; Bowden, US)

Parallel Workshop IV

Friday, 12th June 2026

11:00–12:30

A201	PANEL 80' Restorative Justice and the Law: Reframing Legal Concepts for Rights-Based Criminal Justice (Schaller, CH; Mazzucato, IT) – EFRJ WG
A202	SKILLS LAB 40' Restorative Encounters Across Borders: Practical Tools for RJ Facilitators (Grabka, PL/UK) TESTIMONIAL 40' Lived Experience and Rebalancing Relations of Power and Control in Restorative Justice Practices and Training (Chapman, UK)
A203	PRESENTATION 20' Environmental Harm, Epistemic Injustice, and Restorative Possibilities in the Land of Fires in Italy (Actis Alesina, IT) DIALOGUE 60' Exploring and Debating Approaches to Implementing the Environmental Restorative Justice Practice Guide (Silva, ES; Tepper, AU; Aertsen, BE) – EFRJ Working Group
A204	PANEL 40' Transforming Child-Centered Justice by Restorative Approaches (Berger & van der Zouw, NL) DIALOGUE 40' Including Children's Perspectives in Pre-Restorative Justice for Parental Separation (Kwaśniewski, PL)
A205	PRESENTATION 20' Rethinking Media Narratives and Role through a Restorative Approach (Acconcia, IT) PRESENTATION 20' Shifting the Collective Imagination Toward Restorative Justice: Selected Examples from Italian True Crime Podcasts (Raffini, IT) PRESENTATION 20' From Lived Experience to Public Influence: Restorative Justice and Political Violence on Italian Media (Bonisoli & Russo, IT)
A206	SKILLS LAB 80' User-Centered Approaches to Practice and Policy Design: The Case Study of Victims Entering Prison (Dibanins, LV; Pakkonen, EE; Claes, BE; Arieti, IT; Moreno, ES; Solodov, EE)
A207	PRESENTATION 10' Imagining Restorative Justice to Address Intimate Partner Violence: Qualitative Insights from Australian Practitioners (Hock, AU) PRESENTATION 20' Law Reforming Proposals and Raising Awareness in Greece: Victim-Offender Mediation in Domestic Violence (Stouraiti & Chalkia, GR) PRESENTATION 20' From Harm to Healing: Understanding Change in Community-Based Restorative Justice Programme for Intimate Partner Violence (Prout & Witzel, US) PRESENTATION 20' Relational Care and Transformative Justice after Femicides in Germany (Albrecht, DE)
A208	SKILLS LAB 80' Edwin: An Ethical AI Prototype for Analysing Restorative Justice Testimonials (Berthaut & Micoulet, FR)

Parallel Workshop V

Friday, 12th June 2026

14:00–15:30

A201	PANEL 80' Institutional Violence and Restorative Justice in Emergent Fields of Application: The Challenge of Systemic Change (Aertsen, BE; Carroll, UK; Chapman, UK; Llewellyn, CA; Rocchi, IT; Sá Rabelo, PT; Stouraiti, GR) – EFRJ Working Group
A202	PANEL 80' Criminal Justice Decision-Makers and the Formerly Incarcerated Journeying Together (Ehnow, Donnelly & Chappell, US)
A203	PRESENTATION 20' Should Restorative Justice Providers Call All Victims? Balancing Privacy and Access in Victim Support (Marder, IE) PRESENTATION 20' Crime Control Fallacy: Exploring the Victims´ Need for Restorative Justice (Lozano Espina, ES) PRESENTATION 20' Enhancing Restorative Justice with AI: Empowering People, Improving Processes (Twyman & Twyman-Ghoshal, UK)
A204	PRESENTATION 20' Nuggets of Wisdom: Children and Young People's Perspectives on Restorative Justice in Scotland (Morrison & Emmerson, UK) PRESENTATION 20' Working with Children and Adolescents on Polarisation (Dell'Anno, IT; Wroldsen, NO) DIALOGUE 40' Giving Voice to Impact: How Can We Include and Learn from Children and Youth? (Holmedal & Paus, NO)
A205	PRESENTATION 20' Insights from an International Community of Practice for Restorative Evaluators and Practitioners (Vasilescu, IT) PRESENTATION 20' How can we Meaningfully Evaluate Healing? (Gjørding, DK) PRESENTATION 20' Rebuilding Trust: Qualitative Analysis of Restorative Encounters (Gaddi, ES)
A206	SKILLS LAB 80' Teaching Restorative Justice Theory: Insights from Care Ethics (Grigoletto, IT)
A207	CREATIVE 80' Stopping the Process: When Restorative Practice Must Pause in Domestic Violence Cases (Truumets, Pakkonen, Varju, Olmann & Ender, EE)
A208	DIALOGUE 80' Restorative Practices as Everyday Democratic Resistance (Pali & Laurie, NL)

Parallel Workshop VI

Friday, 12th June 2026

16:00–17:30

A201	DIALOGUE 80' The Lawyer as an Ally of Restorative Justice: Opportunities, Tensions and Systemic Transformation (Alberta, Stendardi, Passione & Amato, IT)
A202	SKILL LAB 60' Reimagining Justice Together: Participatory Foresight and Restorative Practice in Conflict-Affected Contexts (Linke, PL) PRESENTATION 20' Restorative Justice in Youth National Security and Hate Crime Contexts: Enhancing Democracy, Security, and Human Rights (Gal, IL/DE)
A203	TESTIMONIAL 80' Restorative Justice in Environment-Related Conflict: Insights and Critical Reflections from a Dialogue between Activists and Institutions (Maccarini, Franzoso & Actis Alesina, IT)
A204	PRESENTATION 20' Restorative Work in Education Viewed through a Disability-Informed Lens (Procter-Legg, UK) PRESENTATION 20' A Transformative Restorative Pedagogy for Teaching and Teaming (Lowater, UK) DIALOGUE 40' Engaging Chronically Absent Students: Breaking the Link between Absenteeism and the School to Prison Pipeline (Straker, UK)
A205	DIALOGUE 40' Restorative Justice and Social Work: Implementing Restorative Circle Practices in Sweden (Österman & Hall, SE) DIALOGUE 40' Evaluating restorative cities: what evaluation approaches and methods? (Vasilescu, IT)
A206	SKILLS LAB 80' Restoring Flow in Stuck Conflict Dynamics (Huyzentruyt & Meulemeester, BE)
A207	PANEL & TESTIMONIAL 60' VicTory Project: Restorative and Victim-Centred Approach to Mitigate Hate and (Violent) Extremism (Moreno, Borda Zumeta, Pérez García & Albaba Acosta, ES; Damas, PT; Bonisoli, IT) PRESENTATION 20' From Individual Harm to Relational Inequality: A Restorative Lens on LGBTQ+ Hate Crime (Hunter, UK)
A208	CREATIVE 80' Is Another Way Possible? The Theatre of the Oppressed in Context of War (Alon, IL; Khatib, PS)

FIELD VISITS

As part of the 13th International Conference, we continue the tradition of including local field visits in the programme – moments designed by the local organising team to connect restorative justice reflections with real-life practices on the ground. Below you will find the practical arrangements for each field visit, all scheduled on 13th June afternoon. If you forgot to pre-register, please contact the info desk.



Visit our website to learn more about each visit.

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IN DIALOGUE WITH POLISH JUDGES

Meeting point: 14:40 @SWPS ground floor

Distance: 19min walking / 20min by bus

Destination: City Hall (Blue Hall) – pl. Kolegiacki 17

Estimated time of end: 17:30 @ city centre

VISIT OF A RESTORATIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meeting point: 14:45 @SWPS 2nd floor

Distance: approx. 5 km from the city center / 35' by tram or bus – Line 160

Destination: Spark Academy, Poznań

Estimated time of end: 18:15 @ city centre

IN DIALOGUE WITH GDAŃSK AND WROCŁAW RESTORATIVE CITIES

Meeting point: 14:50 @SWPS ground floor

Distance: 19min walking / 20min by bus

Destination: City Hall (White Hall) – pl. Kolegiacki 17

Estimated time of end: 17:30 @ city centre

LET'S PLAY RESTORATIVE GAMES IN THE PARK!

Meeting point: 15:00 @SWPS 2nd floor

Distance: 5–10min walk

Destination: Park near SWPS University

Estimated time of end: 17:15 @SWPS area

Important things to remember: Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen

TALK WITH THE COMBATANTS OF PEACE AT LOCAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Meeting point: 14:15 @SWPS 2nd floor

Distance: 20min walk / 15min by bus 171

Destination: CK Zamek (Święty Marcin 80/82)

Estimated time of end: 17:30 @ city centre

Important things to remember: Entrance tickets issued by the EFRJ

CITY WALK ON JUSTICE AND URBAN ARTS

Meeting point: 15:25 @SWPS 2nd floor

Distance: 25min walk / 21min by bus

Destination: Cathedral (Ostrów Tumski 17)

Estimated time of end: 18:00 @ Old Market Square

Important things to remember: Comfortable shoes

POSTER SHOW

Posters will be displayed work throughout the 3-day event at SWPS University. Check the next page to get a glimpse of what will be presented and join the networking cafe on Saturday 13th June morning (9:30–10:10).



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- Shifting Positions: Victims and Offenders in Child Justice – Katrine Barnekow Rasmussen (Denmark)
- A Restorative Continuum for Elder Abuse: Practice Lessons and Case Studies Across a Spectrum of Dialogue-Based Interventions – Richard Dening (Australia)
- Restorative Justice for Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes: A New Practice Guide – Tomasz Filipiak – OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- Restorative Justice and Perpetrator Programmes: Potentials, Boundaries, and Ethical Pathways – Alessandra Pauncz – Work With Perpetrators European Network (WWP EN)
- Why Restorative Justice in Prison (and Closed Institutions) Matters? – EFRJ Working Group on Imprisonment
- Victim-Offender Mediation in the Czech Republic in Practice – Simona Diblikova (Czech Republic)
- Implementing Restorative Justice in Italy: Insights from the Padua Pilot Experience – Debora Provolo & Elena Cadamuro (Italy)
- Key Findings from Scotland's Restorative Justice Test Case Project 2024/25 – Lauren Emmerson (Scotland/UK)
- Restorative Justice from the Public Perspective in the Post-Socialist Czech Republic – Lenka Holá & Jan Šlesingr (Czech Republic)
- Ukraine's Juvenile Restorative Justice Programme – Oleksandr Baranov (Ukraine)
- Bergamo & Chernivtsi: Restorative Experiences Between Italy & Ukraine – Anna Cattaneo (Italy)
- Challenges and Limitations of Restorative Justice in Colombia's Transitional Justice Context – Laura Sofia Zambrano Salazar (Northern Ireland, UK)
- From Legal Conflict to Ecological Alliance: Restorative Justice in Taiwan's Wildlife Law Reform – Lanying Huang (Taiwan)
- Assessing Restorative Justice in Large-Scale Socio-Environmental Conflicts: A Dialectical Analytical Matrix Applied to the Brumadinho Dam Collapse in Brazil – Gabriela Pinheiro (Brazil/ Belgium)
- No man is an Island: The Justice of Encounter – Franco Bonisoli & Asteria Center (Italy)
- Conflict Resolution at University from a Restorative Perspective: The PRISMA Project – Federica Maggio, Gian Luigi Lepri and Patrizia Patrizi (Italy)
- Restorative Justice in Schools: Experiences Conducted by the Restorative Justice Practices Team in Sassari University – Federica Maggio, Giovanni Natale, Gian Luigi Lepri and Patrizia Patrizi (Italy)
- Beyond Punishment: A Motivational Framework for Equity and Inclusion Complaints – Madison B. Tardif (United States)
- Learning and Teaching (in) a Circle – Martina Kurowski (Czech Republic)
- Sankofa Reconciliation: Decolonizing Restorative Justice in Schools, Systems and Community – LaToya Fernandez (United States)

SOCIAL MOMENTS

Note: If you haven't had the chance to pre-register for the social dinner, kindly check in at the info desk for assistance.

European Restorative Justice Award Ceremony & Reception
10th June 19:00
SWPS University
Kutrzeby 10

Social Dinner
11th June 19:30–22:00
Szeląg Garden
Ugory 97

Launch of the International Encyclopaedia of Restorative Justice & Reception by De Gruyter Brill
12th June 17:30–18:15
SWPS University
Kutrzeby 10

Informal Gathering
12th June 21:00–23:00
KontenerART
Ewangelicka 61

Poster show & networking cafe
13 th June 09:30–10:10
SWPS University
Kutrzeby 10



The restorative story of Zbig, the owner of Szeląg Garden and KontenerART

Located near new residential buildings on the banks of the Warta River, KontenerART once became the centre of a conflict with nearby residents, who were unhappy with the crowds and loud music late at night. Instead of letting the situation escalate, Zbig organised a meeting between the residents and KontenerART and invited Marceli (our local host) to facilitate it. What could have been a confrontation became a dialogue focused on needs, listening, and the problem itself. After two hours, both sides had shared their concerns and suggested possible solutions. It is a small but powerful example of how dialogue can transform conflict into understanding.

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We are very happy to announce that we have a total of 325 participants from 36 countries joining us! In the next pages, you can find their names, institutions, and countries. The list is organised alphabetically by country.

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