



JUSTICE HEALS - PSYCHOSOCIAL CENTRES FOR REFUGEES AS HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND REHABILITATION NETWORKS

Bergbau-Museum Bochum 10th – 12th May 2023

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BAfF and MFH Bochum invites you to the annual BAfF conference in Bochum from 10th May 2023 to 12th May 2023.

For more than 20 years, MFH Bochum acts according to the “justice heals approach”. Main component of this work which were published in Torture Journal (Volume 18, No.1, p. 38 – 50) is the international fight for justice, truth and reparation.

The theoretical framework for this work originates from activists in Latin America and their fight against violent dictatorships and impunity, while advocating for rehabilitation of survivors and their family members. Similarly influential to the work of “justice heals” was the strong engagement of organizations and therapists supporting the rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors. We are pleased to welcome several international guests from this field and discuss their work and inputs with organizations in Germany!

Central aim of this conference is to shed light on current developments in rehabilitation efforts for survivors of severe human rights violations. The focus will be on political conditions facilitating torture and crimes committed against refugees and migrants on their route to Europe and later on in host countries. In line with a holistic approach to rehabilitation, the conference will focus on the social, psychological, medico-legal perspective.

Application until March 31st under: eveno.com/297095508

Due to logistical reasons, participation without pre-registration within the registration period and payment of the fee on site are not possible.

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MAY 10TH

PROGRAMME

13:00 - 13:10	Opening address	Elise Bittenbinder, President of the German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees and Victims of Torture > BAfF
13:10 - 14:00	Keynote Justice heals	Knut Rauchfuss, Bianca Schmolze > MFH-Bochum e.V.
14:00 - 14:30	Keynote Addressing the presence of collective experience of violence	Lukas Welz, Director of the German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees and Victims of Torture > BAfF e.V.
14:30 - 15:00	Break	
15:00 - 16:00	Input The psychosocial effects of effects of repression and impunity: Justice as reparation	Dario Lagos > Argentine Team of Psychosocial Work and Research EATIP
16:00 - 17:00	Keynote International standards for the rehabilitation of survivors of torture	James Lin > IRCT (International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims)
17:00 - 17:30	Break	
17:30 - 18:30	Input Legal Interventions in Ongoing Conflicts – Chances for and Limits of Accountability in International Criminal Justice	Arne Bardelle > European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights ECCHR
18:30 - 19:30	Dinner	
20:30 -	Input and discussion of research results Following historical traces of psychosocial centres for refugees and survivors of torture	

10:00 - 12:00	Panel “(Trauma-) therapy with people seeking refuge: Different therapeutical approaches in dialogue	Julia Ronge, Christiane Weber-Nelson, Dima Zito
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:00	Panel discussions pt.1	
	Forum 1 (in German) Refugees with disabilities – empowerment and human rights	Emine Kalali > Interessenvertretung Selbstbestimmt Leben in Deutschland e.V.; Gina Schmitz, curative teacher
	Forum 2 (in German) Empowerment in counseling and psychotherapy with queer refugees	Falk Wachsmann, Danijela Remmer > Schwulenberatung Berlin
	Forum 3 (in German) Approaches reflecting power within the system of psychosocial care	N.N.
	Forum 4 (in German) 30 years of ‚Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz‘ – 30 years of a law restricting people’s access to welfare and health care	Volker Gerloff, atty. Berlin; Prof. Dr. Kayvan Bozorgmehr > University Bielefeld
	Forum 5 (in German) Human rights and social work	Johanna Karpenstein, Daniela Rohleder > BumF
	Forum 6 Interdisciplinary documentation of torture	Maryia Kvitsinskaya > OMCT; James Lin > IRCT; Felix Mayer > Forensic Medicine Düsseldorf
	Forum 7 Justice and psychotherapy	Diana Kordon > EATIP Dr. David Senesh > Amcha Israel
15:00 - 15:30	Pause	
15:30 - 17:00	Panel discussions pt.2	
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner	
20:00 -	Music	

MAY 12TH

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Healing transgenerational trauma and moral injuries	Dr. David Senesh > Amcha Israel
11:00 - 12:00	Keynote Challenges for human rights defenders in the fight against torture	Prof. Dr. Şebnem Korur Fincancı President of the Turkish Medical Association (TTB)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 - 14:30	Panel Taking up space – self-narration, heteronomy and healing while talking about violence	Saki Jacqueline Aslan > artist, migration researcher, mediator Amdrita Jakupi > save space e.V.; Esther Mujawayo-Keiner > PSZ Düsseldorf (requested)
14:30 - 14:45	Closing	

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German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees and Victims of Torture (BAfF)

The German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees and Victims of Torture (BAfF) is the umbrella organisation of centres, facilities and projects for victims of human rights violations and political persecution. There are currently 47 psychosocial centers in the BAfF that are committed to the medical, psychotherapeutic and psychosocial care and rehabilitation of victims of torture and other serious violations of human rights. The BAfF represents the general concerns of the treatment centers at the local, regional, nationwide and international level vis-à-vis the public and political decision-makers.

Through the projects and activities of the BAfF, we bundle the forces of the German treatment centers for traumatized victims of torture. We promote the professional exchange of experience and knowledge among the centers, represent common concerns in terms of improving the living conditions of survivors of politically motivated violence and develop quality standards for the appropriate treatment of traumatized refugees.

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Medical Care Service for Refugees (MFH) is a non-religious, politically independent socio-medical and psychosocial Human Rights Organization. Its general aim is to improve living conditions of survivors of torture and other severe human rights violations. With its funding in 1997, MFH has dedicated its activities to provide medical assistance and psychosocial support to traumatized refugees. Since 1998, MFH is running a therapy center for survivors of torture, cruel treatment and severe human rights violations. Since 2008, MFH is one of three centers in Germany accredited by the IRCT as a therapy center for survivors of torture.

The work is based on a holistic interdisciplinary approach integrating psychotherapy, medical treatment, social and legal support as well as advocacy for Refugees and Torture Survivors. Among others, MFH is especially committed to the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Germany and the fight against impunity of torture and other severe human rights violations in the frame of its worldwide network „Justice heals“.

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