

Day 1

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE



12:00–13:30

Lunch

12:30–13:30

Registration

13:30–14:00

Welcome speeches

14:00–15:30

Opening session

WITNESSES OF THE RECONCILIATION PROCESSES

What form did past negotiations take? What symbolic gestures of reconciliation were used in the paths to reconciliation? Did generational affiliation and personal experiences in wars and conflicts of the actors in these negotiations play any significant role during the reconciliation talks? How were these talks affected by broader geopolitical circumstances? What were the most difficult moments during the negotiations and how were they overcome? What can we learn from the witnesses of and participants in the reconciliation processes so far?

Moderator:

- **Dr Jacqueline Hayden**
Trinity College Dublin

Panellists:

- **Dr Piotr Cywiński**
Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - **Prof. Dr Monica McWilliams** [\[online\]](#)
former Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly
 - **Markus Meckel**
former Foreign Minister of the GDR
 - **Prof. Dr Teodor Meleşcanu**
former President of the Senate of Romania
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15:30–16:00

Coffee break

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16:00–17:30

First panel discussion
**RECONCILIATION: THE CONCEPT
AND DIFFERENT MODELS**

What is reconciliation and is there only one definition of it? How can it be understood so differently by the various actors involved in this process? What paths and models of reconciliation have been developed based on past historical experiences?

Moderator:

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- **Dr Paul Ingendaay**
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Panellists:

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- **Prof. Robert Gerwarth**
University College Dublin
 - **Prof. Dr Yaroslav Hrytsak**
Ukrainian Catholic University [online]
 - **Howard Varney**
International Center for Transitional Justice
 - **Dr Ernest Wyciszkievicz**
Center for Polish-Russian Dialogue
and Understanding

17:30–18:00

Coffee break

18:00–19:00

Turbo presentations

During the turbo presentations participants showcase their organisations or projects to the symposium's audience. Each speaker has up to 90 seconds.

19:00–21:00

**Visit to the 'After the Great War' exhibition
and reception dinner at the Hard Rock
Hotel Dublin**

Day 2

THURSDAY 2 JUNE



9:30–10:00

Coffee break

10:00–11:30

Second panel discussion

ACTORS AND MULTILEVEL PROCESSES LEADING TO RECONCILIATION

What social and political actors have had the greatest influence on the course of state reconciliation processes in the past? Have only diplomats, politicians and representatives of broadly defined state institutions participated in these processes? What roles have religious institutions and grassroots social and cultural initiatives played in the processes of reconciliation, within and between nations?

Moderator:

- **Prof. Dr Valérie Rosoux**
Université catholique de Louvain

Panellists:

- **Dr Juraj Marušiak**
Slovak Academy of Sciences
- **Dr Sinéad McCool**
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts,
Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- **Agata Wąsowska-Pawlik**
International Cultural Centre

11:30–12:00

Coffee break

12:00–14:00

Case studies:

PATHS TO RECONCILIATION – PROJECT PRACTICES

During this session, coordinators of educational and social projects in the field of history share best practices related to either one of the following subjects: internal divisions and paths to reconciliation and reconciliation among neighbouring countries.

Moderators:

- **Beata Drzazga**
European Network Remembrance & Solidarity
- **Barbara Walshe**
The Glenree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation

Panellists:

- **Tiberiu Ciorba**
Țării Crișurilor Museum
- **Weronika Czyżewska-Poncyliusz**
Borderland Foundation
- **Roisin McGlone**
The Glenree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation
- **Tamara Pomoriški**
Post Bellum
- **Marek Szajda**
The Depot History Centre in Wrocław
- **Vesna Teršelič**
Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the Past

14:00–15:00

Lunch and coffee break

15:00
onwards

Cultural visits (Various venues)

- Historical guided tour including the Garden of Remembrance, the Irish National War Memorial Gardens and the Famine Memorial
 - The Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation (cultural visit with interactive workshops)
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Day 3

FRIDAY 3 JUNE



09:30–10:00

Coffee break

10:00–11:30

Third panel discussion

MEANDERING WAYS OF RECONCILIATION: WHY DO RECONCILIATION PROCESSES TAKE SO LONG AND WHY ARE THEY SO FRAGILE?

Western vs Eastern Europe: how important are the geopolitical and cultural context for reconciliation processes? Are they reversible? What political, social and cultural means of promoting reconciliation have worked best in different parts of Europe, and which have failed and why? For what reason can symbolic gestures have such a strong positive or negative impact on the reconciliation process? Does the postwar division of Europe still influence contemporary processes of rapprochement between and within states, and how?

Moderator:

- **Sergei Metlev**
Postimees

Panellists:

- **Prof. Donald Bloxham**
The University of Edinburgh [\[online\]](#)
- **Prof. Peter Shirlow**
The University of Liverpool
- **Dr Emir Suljagić**
Srebrenica Memorial Center
- **Tibor Toró**
Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania

11:30–12:00

Coffee break

12:00–14:00

Round table discussion:

THE ROLE OF CULTURE, SPORT AND ART IN RECONCILIATION

Art can provide a voice for marginalised people, allowing them to speak freely and possibly serving as a safety valve (e.g. cabarets in Poland under the communist regime). In what other ways could artists and art itself affect the processes of peacemaking and reconciliation? Consider the roles of art and pop culture as two of the most accessible tools for maintaining memory about the painful past.

Moderator:

- **Valerie Bistany**
Irish Writers Centre

Panellists:

- **Almudena Cruz Yábar**
Ministry of Presidency, Relationships with the Courts and Democratic Memory
- **Joanne Fitzpatrick**
Peace Players Northern Ireland
- **Karoline Gil**
Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen
- **Dr Dariusz Karłowicz**
Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas
- **Dr Audrey Whitty**
National Museum of Ireland

14:00

Closing remarks

14:15–15:15

Lunch and coffee break
