

THE DUTY TO REMEMBER

PROJET DE MEMORIALISATION & D'EXPOSITION



"The Duty to Remember", in partnership with Human Rights Week, University of Geneva

Face to face: Memorialisation and the importance of remembering

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Memory refers to the way that people construct a sense or meaning from the past, and how they relate that past to their present through the act of remembering. Faced with the delicate balance of forgetting and remembering, most communities in post-conflict or post-dictatorial situations are affected by a number of factors: legal and political, cultural and moral, and the way that memories and narratives are constructed.

The passage of time gives victims and survivors a perspective on past conflict or dictatorship and what they want to remember. Through memory, we seek to promote a culture of democratisation and respect for human rights in part by creating a "#NEVER AGAIN" mentality.

This slogan has been adopted in The Gambia, which is undergoing a transitional justice process following the reign of Yahya Jammeh, marked by 22 years of human rights violations. The transitional justice process includes the creation of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC) whose mandate is to investigate and establish an impartial historical record of the nature and extent of violations committed between 1994 and 2017. In recognising that memorialisation is often a neglected aspect of the transitional justice process, ANEKED has launched "The Duty to Remember", a travelling exhibition and future memorial in The Gambia, in line with the recommendations made by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence. Indeed, with commemorations and the creation of sites of memory and the recovery of archives, there is usually a political



struggle between the forces calling for remembrance and those calling for events to be forgotten.

As part of the 8th edition of the University of Geneva's Human Rights Week, ANEKED will present **"The Duty to Remember"** to raise awareness, inform and fight against future human rights violations. "The Duty to Remember" Geneva will give rise to various activities including a talk entitled *"Face to face: memorialisation and the importance of remembering"*.



Speakers :

This discussion will feature the following two speakers:



**Nana-Jo
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Human rights activist, storyteller and gender specialist, she is the founder and executive director of ANEKED (African Network against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances), as well as one of the initiators of the Jammeh2Justice campaign. She has also worked for various NGOs and international organisations in different countries over the past ten years. Passionate about justice, women's empowerment and the expression of the socio-political identity of black people around the world, she is encouraged by those who have the courage to speak their truth.

Dr Mina. Rauschenbach is a lecturer at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lausanne and an associate researcher at the Institute of Criminology of the University of Leuven (LINC) in Belgium. She is also one of the general editors of the Transitional Justice Series at Intersentia. Her main fields of interest relate to the role of perceptions of victimisation in collective processes of memory and recognition in contexts of transitional justice and human rights violations.



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