

Call for Contributions

Disappearance Studies Conference
August 30 - September 1, 2026
INCORE, Ulster University
Derry-Londonderry Campus,
Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

[INCORE](#) (International Conflict Research Institute, Ulster University), in collaboration with the [*Journal of Disappearance Studies*](#), invites contributions for its conference, scheduled to take place from August 30 to September 1, 2026, on the [Derry-Londonderry Campus of Ulster University](#).

Over the past 30 years, INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute), based at the University of Ulster and established in 1993 as an associated centre of the United Nations University, has provided an essential contribution to the work of peacebuilding, not only in Northern Ireland but across the world. By linking rigorous research with policy and practice on the ground, and by adopting a genuinely global perspective, it has advanced knowledge and action in the field. INCORE has achieved a significant international public footprint, through ground-breaking research, its major internet presence and digital resources, practice and policy initiatives, teaching and PhD programmes, conferences, study visits and international peace-oriented work.

The *Journal of Disappearance Studies*, published since 2025 by Bristol University Press and edited by scholars affiliated with the University of Bristol, Durham University, and Ulster University, offers an interdisciplinary platform to examine the phenomenon of disappearance worldwide.

The conference will convene scholars, practitioners, policymakers, artists, families of the disappeared, and advocacy organisations to explore the socio-political, cultural, and economic dimensions of disappearance.

We welcome a wide range of contributions from all regions and disciplines. Formats can include academic papers, roundtable proposals, artistic works, and policy-oriented discussions that engage with the following themes:

- Disappearances as a Human Rights Violation
- State Responsibility for Disappearances by Non-State Actors
- Legal frameworks: Domestic regimes, International Humanitarian Law, and International Human Rights Law;
- Forensic techniques in the search for the disappeared;
- Transitional justice and victims' rights to justice, truth, and reparation;
- Historical and contemporary perspectives on disappearances;
- Psychological, social, and political impacts of disappearances;
- International solidarity, activism, and resistance;
- Gender and feminist perspectives;
- Emerging dynamics of disappearance;
- Technologies of disappearance;
- Artistic and philosophical approaches to understanding disappearances.

Join us in shaping the discourse on disappearance studies and contributing to the collective search for justice, truth, and memory.

Submission Deadline: March 20, 2026

Please submit a proposal of up to 300 words with a working title of up to 25 words to incore@ulster.ac.uk

This event will be in-person. A limited number of scholarships (£800 each) will be offered to early-career scholars from the Global South to cover part of the attendance costs.

