

Reconciliation, Reclamation, Resurgence**A Symposium of the DFG Research Network “The Cultural Politics of Reconciliation”****July 8–9, 2026****University of Bonn****IMPULSE, Adenauerallee 131****Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

- 11:30** **Welcome Remarks**
Nathalie Aghoro and Katharina Fackler
- 12:00-13:00** **Panel 1: Reparations, Relationality, and Place I**
- Aneta Dybska** (Warsaw), “Land as Reparations”
- Sarah Earnshaw** (Eichstaett-Ingolstadt), “Reconciliation Begins with Homes: Legacies of Ruination and Unnatural Disaster in Angela Flournoy’s *The Turner House* and Sarah M. Broom’s *The Yellow House*”
- 13:00-14:00** **Break**
- 14:00-15:30** **Panel 2: Reparations, Relationality, and Place II**
- Pia Wiegink** (Bonn), “Confronting the Past, Reclaiming the Present: Forgiveness and Solidarity in the Fiction of Tiya Miles and Maura Cheeks”
- Nathalie Aghoro** (Munich), “Reckonings in Place: Revisiting the Plantation in Octavia Butler’s *Kindred* and Percival Everett’s *James*”
- Stefan Schubert** (Leipzig), “Imagining Reconciliation and Unveiling Privilege in Nineteenth-Century African American Literature” (Zoom)
- 15:30-16:00** **Break**
- 16:00-17:30** **Panel 3: Resurgent Epistemologies**
- Crystal Fraser** (Alberta), “Whose Reconciliation? Archives, Oral Histories, and the Politics of Northern Knowledge”
- Juliann Knaus** (Graz), “The Cultural Politics of Reconciliation in *Indian Act: Residential School Plays* (2018)” (Zoom)
- Stefan Benz** (Bonn), “‘Get Your Shit Together / Seriously’: Indigenous Punk Rage and the Reconciliation Lyric in the Music of Dead Pioneers”
- 17:30-18:00** **Break**
- 18:00-20:00** **Keynote Lecture**
Ho’esta Mo’e’hahne (Los Angeles), “Indigiqueer Aesthetics, More-than-Human Relations, and Decolonial Futures”



Thursday, July 9, 2026**11:30-12:30 Panel 4: Reclaiming Futures**

Ann-Sophie Vornholz (Bonn), "Reproduction in Queer Feminist Speculative Fiction – Pathways to Resistance"

Moritz Ingwersen (Dresden), "Those Who Stay: Restorative Worldmaking against Worldleavings in the Wake of Settler Colonialism and White Flight"

12:30-13:30 Break**13:30-15:00 Panel 5: Apologies and Decolonial Poetics**

Simone Knewitz (Bonn), "'But how can one apologize [...] for genocide?': Poetic and Artistic Responses to Settler State Apologies"

Mahshid Mayar (Innsbruck), "The Wound that Doesn't (Want to) Heal: Reconciliation, Refusal, and Rebuke in the Poetry of Layli Long Soldier" (Zoom)

Katharina Fackler (Bonn), "'Remembering Our Intimacies': Resurgent Poetics and the (Im-)Possibilities of Hawaiian Reconciliation"

15:00-15:30 Break**15:30-17:00 Panel 6: Reconciliation, War, and Activism**

Iris-Aya Laemmerhirt (Dortmund), "'I Do Not Wish a Foreign Army to Spill the Blood of My People': The Vietnam War (Im)Possibilities of Reconciliation"

Aaron Teo (Southern Queensland), "Between Complicity and Solidarity: Asian Australian Cultural Politics and the Re-straints/sistances of Reconciliation"

Rosario Figari-Layús (Bonn), "Post-Dictatorial and Post-Conflict Reconciliation Politics in Latin America: Struggles over Meaning, Power Imbalances, and Claims of Justice"

17:00-18:00 Break**18:00 Reconciliation, Reclamation, Resurgence: A Public Panel Discussion**

Registration

The event is free and open to the public. If you'd like to attend, we'd kindly ask you to register in advance.

If you would like **attend in person**, please send an email to Alexander Ruf: aruf@uni-bonn.de

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